

VOTE IN THE ASB RUNOFF ELECTION-MONDAY

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MTSU President Sam Ingram greets Jennings Jones and John Seigenthaler after a press conference announcing the formation of two chairs of excellence in Jones and Seigenthaler's names. The chairs will be dedicated to the study of free enterprise and the first amendment, respectively. The search for educators to fill the chair positions is currently taking place and should be concluded by fall.

Board of Regents grants two Chairs of Excellence

From Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee State University announced the recommendation to the State Board of Regents of two Chairs of Excellence for the university during a news conference Friday, March 14.

The Jennings Jones Chair of Free Enterprise and the John Seigenthaler Chair of First Amendment Studies were approved for MTSU during the latest meeting of the Board last week.

Each chair is funded with a combination of state money and matching funds from the university and private sources. Jim Vaden vice-chancellor for business and finance said. The Board of Regents appropriation of \$625,000 must be matched by MTSU for a chair to be estab-

lished.

The Jones Chair is named for Jennings Jones, an area businessman and former mayor of Murfreesboro. Jones has been involved with Jones Locky and Murfreesboro Ready-Mixed Concrete in addition to serving on the state planning commission.

The Jennings Jones chair is dedicated to increase the students' knowledge of the economic forces which shape their lives and the well being of our country. The School of Business will administer the chair.

The Seigenthaler Chair is named for John Seigenthaler, president and publisher of *The Tennessean*. Seigenthaler is also editorial director of *USA Today* and chairman of the committee on education for the American

Society of Newspaper Editors.

The purpose of the John Seigenthaler Chair is to increase students' knowledge and understanding of the First Amendment as the driving force for intellectual freedom in the United States, and as the unique characteristic of the American form of government. The chair will be under the administration of the Department of Mass Communication.

Each chair will be filled by a teacher proficient in that area of study and will be funded by the interest accrued by investments from the endowment, Vaden said.

The search for chairholders will begin in the near future and the chairs should be filled by the fall, Dot Harrison, MTSU director of public relations said.

Students fail to attend committee meetings

By CRYSTAL NELMS
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Only seven of the 25 Middle Tennessee State University standing committee meetings are attended regularly by student members, *Sidelines* has discovered.

In the March 14 edition of *Sidelines* it was reported that only 50 of the 62 positions available for graduate and under-graduate students on standing committees are filled.

The University's standing committees make recommendations to the president of the University on a variety of issues. The committees have no absolute power. They are recommending bodies.

"Bobby [Hopkins, ASB president] has found people that are willing to attend meetings and participate in discussions," Robert Lalance, vice president for student affairs said.

"Student attendance has been a problem," Ralph Fullerton, chairman of the Computer Resources Committee, said.

Sidelines contacted Pam Norris, a student member of the Computer Resources Committee, who said that she has missed meetings due

to illness and conflicting interests.

"I do not understand what they talk about, [the Computer Resources Committee]," Norris said. "It is over my head. I take it seriously, but I feel that I can't help."

Dean Harry Hodge, chairman of the Council on Teacher Education, was contacted by *Sidelines*, and he said that students do not attend the council meetings.

"I did not get that information," Hodge said. "I did not know that students had been appointed, and I did not contact them."

When students are appointed to a university standing committee Carlene Henry, executive aide to university President Sam Ingram, sends a notice to the appropriate vice president who oversees that committee. That vice president in return must contact the committee chairperson, Henry said.

Robert Corlew, vice president for academic affairs, oversees the Council on Teacher Education. When he was contacted by *Sidelines* he said that he was "not sure when, if at all" Hodge had been contacted about student appointments to the committee he chairs.

Corlew also oversees the Instructional Evaluation and Development Committee, which is chaired by Dennis O'Neal. When asked about student attendance to his committee, O'Neal said that "this is the first I've heard about them."

"I have been on the committee for two years, and I have never seen a student," O'Neal said.

Sidelines was able to contact members of 18 of the 25 standing committees having student members.

The Honors Council, Instructional Evaluation and Development Committee, Academic Appeals Committee, Loan and Scholarship Committee, Student Publications Committee, Student Appeals Committee, University Rules Committee and the Campus and Grounds Committee all have participation by some, or all of their student members.

"Students do attend the meetings regularly," Jim Steward, University Rules Committee chairman, said. "We discuss the Rescue. They [the student members] get other students ideas, and bring them in. We appreciate their participation."

(Please see *Students*, page 2)

Reorganization bill fails

From Staff Reports

The ASB House of Representatives again voted down a bill allowing students to vote on a proposal to replace the current ASB two-house legislative branch with a unicameral legislature during its Wednesday meeting.

Senate Bill III would alter the current ASB Constitution so that the current House and Senate would be replaced with a 34 member Senate made up of 22 members elected from the various classes and 12 at-large senators if approved by students in a special election.

Constitutional amendments can be introduced in the ASB legislature or by a petition signed by 500 students, Article X of the ASB Constitution states. "Any amendment proposed by petition shall be brought to immediate vote of the student body. Amendments proposed in Congress shall be approved only by a two-thirds vote at two regular meetings. Upon approval by Congress, the proposed amendment shall be presented to the students of Middle Tennessee State University in a referendum..."

...if said amendment is approved by a two-thirds vote of the students voting, the amendment shall then become a part of this Constitution."

In passing this bill the House would only be giving the student body a chance to consider these changes, not actually changing the ASB, Herring said. "I don't see the difference between passing this and the amendment raising the student activity fee [which was voted on during the recent ASB elections]."

Herring told the House that if

they defeated the bill, he would continue to obtain the needed signatures for a student referendum.

House members questioned the wisdom of assisting a bill which would allow students to vote them out of existence. "You'll have to work for it [passage of the bill]," House member Ed Ingram said.

The bill was defeated by a 14 to 0 vote with one abstention.

Other ASB House actions included:

- The House unanimously passed a change in the wording of the Comprehensive Election Act of 1986. The section changed, Section 2 of Article III, was found unclear by Dean of Students Paul Cantrell, O'Conner said. The new wording specifically states that a candidate will be disqualified from an election if a member of the Election Commission works for that candidate during poll hours.

- House members Ed Ingram and Terry Long volunteered for service on the committee voting on the Outstanding Senior Award.

ASB candidates rehash at third Speakout

By CHRIS BELL

Sidelines News Editor

John Conklin and Troy Baxter, candidates in the ASB Presidential runoff election, campaigned during the third and final ASB Speakout Wednesday afternoon in the Keathley University Center Grill.

Both candidates stressed their experience in student government.

"It is a fact that I have not personally sponsored any legislation in the student government," Baxter said. "The ASB President simply must have ideas and believe me, I have got the ideas that will make this the best year ever for students of this university."

"Once again I want to stress that there is no substitute for experience and I am the most experienced candidate in ASB functions," Conklin said. "Next to the ASB President...no one deals as much [with student government] as an ASB legislator."

Baxter listed his experience as Chief of Staff for current ASB President Bobby Hopkins. Conklin mentioned his two years as an ASB

House member and his membership on the Handicapped Student Programming and Campus and Grounds committees.

Both candidates supported construction of an on-campus fraternity row and usage of alcohol in that area, and agreed that non-traditional students needed better representation and that attendance in the ASB House must be strictly enforced. However, Baxter and Conklin disagreed on the idea of extending the hours at Todd Library and implementing a .5 grade

point system at MTSU.

Baxter came out against the .5 system saying that "the grade system we have now is pretty good."

Conklin defended his proposal saying it would reward extra effort and that "it's [similar] to what the University of Tennessee has right now."

"I'm sure that there are a few students that would like to make a few extra bucks," Conklin said in response to a library workers claim that present Todd Library employees would not work extra hours if the library were open later. Only if

students were willing to pay the extra money needed would he support the measure, Baxter said.

The ASB runoff election will be held Monday, March 31 in the KUC from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 3:30 to 6:15 in Peck Hall.

Computer tamperer faces charges

By BRIAN CONLEY

Sidelines Staff Writer

Former Middle Tennessee State University student Gregory Lee Haley is free on \$1,500 bond after he waived arraignment on charges that he violated the state Computer Crimes Act of 1983.

Haley allegedly accessed the MTSU mainframe computer which contains all of the records for the university. University officials refuse to acknowledge that Haley is the student that set off alarms which are triggered when restricted files are accessed.

Releasing that information would violate the Buckley Ad-

ministration, David Hays, dean of men, said.

The Buckley Amendment calls for the withdrawal of federal funds to any university which releases classified files. Disciplinary records are considered classified materials.

Haley faces a \$50,000 fine and/or 3 to 10 years in the state penitentiary for allegedly violating the Computer Crimes Act (Tennessee Annotated Code 39-3-1404).

"It was my understanding there was no misuse of the information," Dr. Robert LaLance, dean of student affairs, said to the Daily News Journal.

"Whoever intentionally and without authorization, directly or indirectly accesses, alters, damages, destroys, or attempts to damage, or destroy any computer, computer system, or computer network, or any computer software, program or data shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined no more than fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) or imprisoned not less than three (3) years nor more than ten (10) years, or both," Tennessee Code Annotated 39-3-144 (b) states.

Haley signed a waiver for his arraignment March 18. A plea date has been set for him April 7 in the Rutherford County Circuit Court.



Troy Baxter



John Conklin

Campus Capsule

FRIDAY

THE HONORS STUDENT ASSOCIATION PLAYATHON will be held in the Murphy Center auxiliary gyms on Friday, March 28, from 2 p.m. to Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. MTSU's honors students will be playing volleyball, basketball and board games for 24 hours to raise funds for the Honors Scholarship foundation. To make a pledge contact David Lee Gregor at MTSU extension 4562.

TUESDAY

A STRESS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. on April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 and 17 in room 243 of Peck Hall. The seminar is free.

WEDNESDAY

LIFE IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY, a Tennessee Homecoming '86 art and photography competition, invites amateurs and professionals to participate. All photos or paintings must depict life in Rutherford County. A first prize of \$200 will be awarded in each category. An entry fee of \$8.50 is required and includes matting/mounting by Emery's Fine Arts Gallery. All entries must be submitted to Emery's, 1601 Memorial Blvd., no later than April 2, 1986.

SUNDAY

TO CATCH A THIEF, a film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, will be the Fine Arts Film for Sunday, March 30. The film will begin at 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center Theatre and are free and open to the public.

NOTICES

APPLICATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING SENIORS are now available in the ASB office and are due back in the office by April 4, 1986. Winners will be announced and recognized at the ASB Inauguration and Awards Banquet on April 24, 1986 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT ORIENTATION ASSISTANTS for Fall Semester 1986, are now being accepted. Applications are available in room 130 of the Keathley University Center. Deadline for applying is April 4, 1986.

TYPING QUALIFICATION EXAM for MC 171 will be given in room 204 of the James Union Building on Monday, April 28 at 11 a.m. and 2 and 7 p.m.; and on Monday June 2, at 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

THE NINETEEN FINALISTS FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF 1985-1986 ARE: David Arnold-Speech and Theatre, Dan Boyd-BDOM, Anna Burford-BDOM, Kay Garrard-Speech and Theater, Jeannette Heritage-Psychology, Ed Kimbrell-Mass Communications, Chester Parker-Psychology, Gerald Pate-Management and Marketing, Robert Phillips-Aerospace, Wayne Rollins-BDOM, John Sanborn-Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Frances Stubblefield-Mathematics and Computer Science, Jack Turner-Political Science, Beryl West-Psychology, Martha Whaley-HYPERS, Harold Wilson-Accounting, C. Wymer Wisner-Biology, and Beverly Youree-Youth Education. The announcement of the three winners will be made at the Alumni Banquet on May 3. Winners will receive an award of \$1,000 from the MTSU Foundation.

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: all submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 1 p.m. Monday for Tuesday's paper and 1 p.m. Thursday for Friday's paper. All submissions are printed on a space available basis.

Students

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John Conklin has attended every committee meeting since he was appointed, Virginia Vesper, Campus and Grounds Committee chairperson, said. He is the only student member of that committee.

"He [Conklin] has taken part, and has been an asset [to the committee]," Vesper said.

"I wish the ASB would appoint people who would take the job more seriously," Linda Badley,

Chairperson of the Student Publications Committee, said.

"Students should be represented so that fair decisions can be made," Badley said. "I should think that students would want to be on them [standing committees]."

"Students attended the meetings a couple of times in the fall, but they have not attended since," Bob Jones, chairman of the MTSU Planning Committee, said. "It is a loss when you don't have student input."

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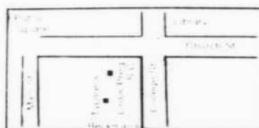
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Increase student participation in the ASB, seek internal improvements in preparation for the city of Murfreesboro to mutually achieve goals, represent the student body in the best way possible, to represent the most students possible.

PAST EXPERIENCE

2 years in the ASB House; Speaker Pro-tem of the House (1985-1986); TISL Delegate (1984); Associate Justice ASB General Sessions Court (1983-1984); worked closely with other ASB Presidents; student member of handicapped Student Programming and student member of Campus and Grounds committee; president of H Hall; Secretary of InterHall Presidents Association.



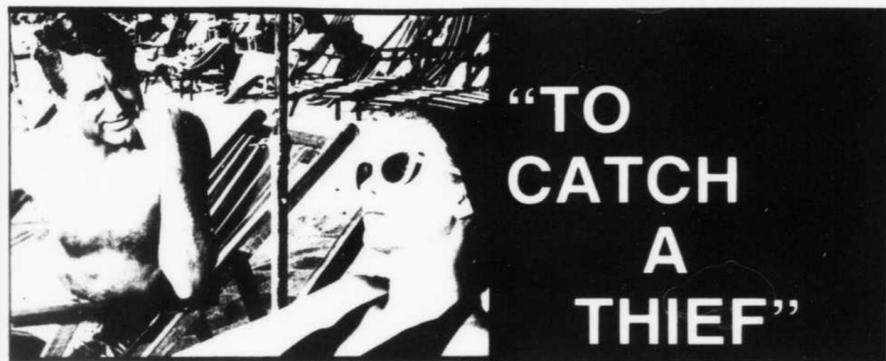
TROY BAXTER

GOALS IN OFFICE

To help the students stay in school and realize their full potential.

PAST EXPERIENCE

Student Orientation Assistant; ASB Chief-of-Staff; ASB Director of Activities and Events; vice-president and president of one of the largest organizations on campus with a budget of \$30,000.



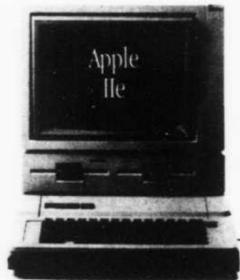
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Editorial/Forum

Libyan hostilities provoke American military action

"Hostile Libyan intentions" or "the over assertion of the protection of American rights" has put the United States in a potentially dangerous and very volatile situation.

The military confrontation that took place between the two countries on Tuesday, in which United States warships and jets destroyed two Libyan patrol boats and damaged a radar missile site, brought the fear of a reality to many people. The fear that the Libya is a hostile nation and with a badly organized attack provoked the United States into defending itself by returning fire "to preserve and protect the fleet and the men in it"; or the fear that the United States was being overly assertive and "trigger-happy" and fired at the Libyans because "they were there and representing a country that had already taken hostile action (through terrorist attacks) and...have the capability of inflicting very great damage...". A "shoot first and talk later" type of philosophy.

Either viewpoint of the situation represents the volatility of both countries to counter the other. But there have been no new incidents to report and no hostile action from Libya to retaliate. United States forces have remained outside the

international accepted definition of territorial waters, but have continued to practice military maneuvers beyond Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy's "line of death".

What follows now is undeterminable. Libya threatens to fight the U.S. beyond the Gulf of Sidra by attacking U.S. military bases across the Mediterranean. Anti-American rallies in Libya show that the Libyans back Khadafy as he rallies with them to fight. The U.S. will according to officials of the White House "take action" to defend Americans at home and abroad. A statement that seems to be backed with a considerable amount of potential. Libya's threat to attack military bases seems a puny and insignificant attempt compared to the very real damage the U.S. could inflict upon Libya and its people.

Such an extreme condition would not involve only Libya and the U.S., other countries would become active in the dispute. This is where the potential danger lies for all people, not only Americans and Libyans. A danger that needs to be avoided for obvious reasons.

It seems unlikely that this situation between Libya and the U.S. will be the beginning of a world war, but it is not impossible.



Final bout for ASB election

The final bout for ASB president will be fought between Troy Baxter and John Conklin. The ASB will have a run-off for the position of ASB president Monday.

A third speakout was held in the University Center Grill Wednesday, with Baxter and Conklin going at each other one more time.

Issues were argued, and tempers flared, but one question remained: will voter

turn-out be more than the average class size the day before spring-break begins.

Show your interest, let the candidates know you are concerned, and they may be so

editorial

The general opinion of the student body is that the Associated Student Body is useless.

But wait, there is a way to stop the uselessness of the ASB. Vote.

shaken that they can weasel some real power out of the boys with authority.

Do it. Vote. If you don't, the right may be taken away, and given to some orphan child in the North.

Military aid vs. diplomats

Mark Bell
Editorial columnist

At the end of the latest inning of the Central American World Series between the House of Representatives and the Presidential Administration on Capitol Hill, the score is House 1, Hill 0. The President lost his request of \$100 million for the contra "freedom fighters" of Nicaragua, though \$20 million was granted, on the grounds that diplomatic relations had not been pursued to its fullest, let alone at all. On the other side is the Republican team strategy: if we do not give the contra's the money to fight the Communist, we might have to do it ourselves.

These are the most publicized political viewpoints, but not necessarily the most accurate. A more realistic opinion might include the fact that the real concern of the United States is that a Communist regime has been established too close for comfort, and President Reagan is using the pretext of "freedom and democracy for the Nicaraguans" and the bodies of the contra's to protect American political self interest.

Another well-founded observation might include the historical fact that the players of the opposing Nicaraguan teams are either Communist or inhumane and far more corrupt than Ferdinand Marcos would have dreamed of being.

Between the years of 1931 and 1979, the United States government, the administration in particular, propped up the Somoza dynasty in Nicaragua. The Somoza government followed the wants of American policy to such an extent that it was dubbed "an American policy puppet." The Philippines

And like Marcos, in the shadow of U.S. aid and support, the Nicaraguan — Somoza government "ate the fruit of temptation" and became ultra corrupt (did Adam hear about this one?).

Torturing and murdering the opposition, the Somoza National Guard controlled virtually everything. Consequently, the Guard's tactics resulted in a sizable anti-Somoza movement that ultimately attracted the pro-human right Carter administration, which speedily moved to cut off aid to the Somoza government. In July of 1979 Somoza fled Nicaragua, which was then taken over by a five member junta, headed by Daniel Ortega, who made the U.S. a promise of a future Nicaraguan democracy.

President Reagan is now reminding the American public of the broken promise of the then/now Communist Nicaraguan government. Now we have an obligation to rid the Americas of the Communist threat of a totalitarian regime, not by diplomacy, but bloodshed. Just like in Mexico, huh Mr. President?

The underlying opinion of not only the majority, but which happens to be Democrats, and the country as a whole, is that to efficiently obtain the desired results of this Democracy, it is necessary to follow the policy of the majority; an echo of the Houses' opinion on the President's latest proposal. Maybe to follow the course of diplomacy would yield these results. Presently, Reagan is calling for the Sandinistas' government to adapt a three-point plan that would require: a reduced Sandinistas Army, the withdrawal of Soviet and Cuban military advisors and a ban on the exportation of revolutionary influ-

ence. An influence which it is currently exerting itself on neighboring Honduras. All of which is the basis of the American democratic philosophy.

Just as Reagan has pushed for military aid, the Democratic leaders should call for an increased role of non-military aid for the less hostile, and certainly less publicized democratic factors in Nicaragua. (Yes, there are people in Nicaragua who would prefer a peaceful change — we just don't hear about them.) The role of the press is that of a watchdog, to report both sides of a story or conflict. But when one side is bigger than the other, it receives more attention. Hence military aid vs. diplomatic relations or House vs. Hill.

The contras are not an exception to this rule. They are a group of untrained, illiterate (some experts say as high as 70 percent) ex-Somoza guard members, who certainly have their hands in the American cookie jar of self-interest for purposes other than supporting a democracy. The Reagan viewpoint is one that only sees or imagines a stable, workable democracy. One that is supportive of American ideology without regards to its own self-interest. President Reagan is helping the contras reach into the Nicaraguan cookie jar. (Are the contras too short, or does the President want a cookie?)

Without a doubt, there is a lack of tangible policy that is sufficient enough to deal with both American political ideology and the threat of a Communist regime.

When the President steps up to bat the next time, he will keep the ball out of rightfield.

by Berke Breathed



Letters to the Editor

ASB pitch

To the Editor:

Fellow students:

A choice remains before you concerning the selection of an ASB President. I would like to thank those who voted for me last time and yet remind you that the battle is not yet over. I need your help one more time. If you didn't, let me tell you why you should vote this time.

First of all, there is no substitute for experience, and I am the most experienced candidate. I challenge you to check out the records for yourselves.

The issues I wish to address affect our everyday activities at MTSU. Library hours must be increased. The current hours are unfair to those who study after 11 p.m. and those who work evenings to keep themselves in school. A .5 GPA standard will reward those who try a little harder to excel in their classes. Housing conditions, particularly simple maintenance can be improved.

Someone has spread rumors that I am trying to split Greeks and Independents. There is absolutely no foundation to base this rumor on. I am working to unify all students to achieve a common goal, and that goal is a better university. For anyone to try to split up the students

would be foolish. If different groups feud over something trivial, they would be unable to see or solve problems facing both groups. There is not room for me or anyone else to be "anti" anything. Rather, we should all be "pro-MTSU". We will get a lot more done that way.

My most solemn promises to the student body are to be an active president and to represent the most students the best I can. I feel I can do the job best or I wouldn't be running.

I urge you to vote for strong, competent and above all experienced leadership on March 31 and vote John Conklin for ASB president. Together, we can achieve the goal of an even greater university. John Conklin
P.O. Box 120

ASB disorganized

To the Editor:

This letter is directed at the way in which the ASB elections were run this week. I do not know who is in charge of the election process on this campus; however, I believe it has come to a change.

It has come to my attention that on that first day of the election one of the presidential candidate's named Troy Baxter, was not even on the ballot for the first half of the election. The polls did not open

until 10:30. Why were the polls not open at 8:30?

Who is in charge of this election? Whoever it is should be smart enough to check the ballots and at least not open the voting until all ballots are correct. Secondly, when the ballots are correct the polls open late.

If the campus election officials cannot run an election the right way, why bother having an election? It is no wonder to me that people do not have faith in our system are doing a half-way job. If we don't have somebody that can do the job, let's put someone in charge that can.

Larry Helton
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Features/Entertainment

Mellencamp kicks off MTSU spring break



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Spring break starts with John Cougar Mellencamp rocking MTSU.

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

Pure raw energy. Those are the words that pop into my mind when I think of the March 16 John Cougar Mellencamp concert.

His show consisted of four hours of excitement packed into a two and a half hour space. This excitement was generated without the aid of props such as smoke, lasers, or films — just good rock 'n' roll.

Soon after the opener "Smalltown," Mellencamp gave an appeal to the audience to do what they can to help the farmers in this country saying, "Your state is one of the hardest hit. There are 106 farms going under a week in this state. Write your senators and ask what the state of Tennessee is doing. That's all I'm going to say. I'm not going to ask you for money. If you get the time, write, okay?"

After that appeal he launched into "Rain On The Scarecrow" the

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strongest musical statement he has made on the farm issue.

One lucky person got the thrill of a lifetime as Mellencamp picked him out of the audience and let him sing lead during "Hand To Hold On To."

It was actions like this and the synchronized shuffle Mellencamp and his band did across the stage during "Play Guitar," that made the audience one of the rowdiest crowds I have seen in Middle Tennessee in a long time.

The audience was as diversified as Mellencamp's music, people who were of high school age were rocking right next to middle age youngsters, and everyone was having a good time.

The show's highlight came after Mellencamp's personal salute to six-

ties music, "R.O.C.K. In The U.S.A.," when Mellencamp and his band did a reprise of sixties classics. They did the Drifters' hit "Under The Boardwalk," James Brown's "Cold Sweat," and others.

After the tribute to the sixties music, the band and Mellencamp left the stage. The crowd would not

let them leave however as they demanded an encore screaming and banging on their seats until they came back and did the classic "Like a Rolling Stone."

Mellencamp earned the title "bard of blue collar rock," while starting MTSU's spring break with a bang.

'Hannah and Her Sisters' confusing

[Editor's note: A five-star rating system is used to judge these films. One being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

★★★
By JAN HEISE
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

A feeling of doom overwhelmed me as I walked in to see Woody Allen's new movie "Hannah and Her Sisters."

I knew it would put me in a violent state of confusion and I wondered just how I was ever going to write a review on it. In all actuality, I'm still wondering, but now is the moment of truth.

The movie begins with the words, "God, she's beautiful." A character named Eliot [Michael Caine] is the speaker and he is referring to Leigh, his wife Hannah's [Mia Farrow] sister. Leigh suspects his feelings, but chooses to ignore

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them until he actually admits them to her. Meanwhile, she becomes restless with her much older boyfriend, Frederick.

Then comes Mickey [Woody Allen]. He is Hannah's ex-husband and a hypochondria television producer. He convinces himself he has a brain tumor and begins searching for the true meaning of life. He even considers switching from the Jewish faith to Catholicism and then to that of the Hare Krishna.

All of the characters seem to be going through some type of identity crisis. It's as if they are psychoanalyzing their own situations in life. Maybe Allen is trying to exemplify the typical chaotic

mid-life crisis. Who knows?

The three sisters focus their attention on the same men, primarily Mickey and Eliot. Hannah's ex-husband has an affair with her other sister, Leigh, and she has obviously been heavily involved with both. Perhaps that signifies the competitive nature that characterizes Holly and Leigh. I got the feeling they always feel inferior to Hannah.

I'm still thoroughly confused about the point Allen is trying to make. Unless he's attempting to explain the outlook of the 40-50 year old age group, I'm lost.

It seems the overall philosophy of the characters changes from "it's the getting" to "it's the getting and the having." They have stability in all aspects of their lives, then they begin chasing something else only to realize they had the happiness they are searching for to start with.

Even though I found the film somewhat bizarre, I must say parts of it are entertaining. It definitely contained some humorous lines, but humor can't stand alone in proving a well-rounded movie.

The conclusion also has problems in that it doesn't tie up all of the loose ends that the film creates, which is a letdown.

As far as the acting goes, the actors do as well as can be expected given what they had to work with. Maybe it is meant for an older viewer than me... someone who can relate to what the characters are experiencing.

"Hannah and Her Sisters" is rated PG-13 and is now showing at the Cinema Twin in Murfreesboro.



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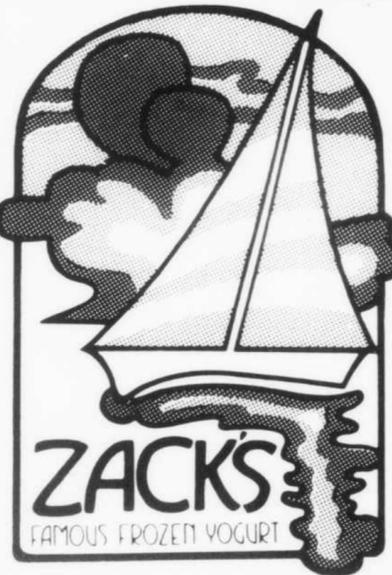
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Mellencamp's career evolves

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Staff Writer

It started when he taught himself to play guitar at the age of fourteen. Now that guitar plays to capacity audiences such as those at Madison Square Garden.

John Cougar Mellencamp's career began in 1974, at the age of 23, when, armed with a demo tape, he moved to N.Y. to make it big in the music business.

"I knew absolutely nothing about the business when I started," Mellencamp said, "except that I wanted to make one of those plastic things that went round and round, because nobody from around here had ever done it — and everybody kept saying I couldn't."

A year later Tony DeFries, ex-David Bowie manager, rechristened him "Johnny Cougar" and signed him to a contract with his MainMan company.

Cougar made an album, "Chestnut Street Incident," (1976) that sold 12,000 copies and is now considered a collectors item. The follow up effort, "The Kid Inside" (1977) was never released by MCA. However, MainMan brought the album out in 1982 five years after Cougar signed with Riva.

Cougar wasn't having any success in the U.S. so he traveled to England in 1978 and recorded "A Biography." It was never released in the U.S. but a single of the album, "I Need A Lover," went number one in Australia.

It was at this point that his career started to rise. Cougar was signed by Riva/Polygram and recorded an album for them entitled "John Cougar" (1979). The album contained "I Need A Lover."

"Lover" became a cult classic on AOR while Pat Benatar covered it and took it to number one.

Cougar then started to tour the country opening for scores of bands while releasing "Nothing Matters And What If It Did" (1981). This album got Cougar off the ground as it featured two chart singles "This Time" and "Ain't Even Done With The Night."

After "Nothing Matters" Cougar's career skyrocketed. His next album "American Fool" reached number one in 1982.

In July 1983 Mellencamp (he finally changed his name back to the original) recorded "Uh-Uh" in fifteen days. This recorded firmly established Mellencamp as one of the leaders of the blue-collar rock movement. The album itself garnered critical acclaim for its roots-oriented sound.

Mellencamp's latest effort "Scarecrow" is a product of years of hard work. It shows how Mellencamp has not forgotten his roots

as a youngster in Seymour, Ind. Mellencamp has also changed his image over the years. As a kid he was a troublemaker.

"When I was eight years old I got put in jail for breaking and entering," Mellencamp said in the Rolling Stone interview in the Jan. 30, 1986 issue. When he was in high

"...I would not let some ketchup company use 'Hurts So Good.'"

school he almost got picked up for possession of amphetamines, but he wasn't arrested because the policemen at the scene did not have a search warrant.

His image change was evident during the Dec. 6 concert at Madison Square Garden. Twenty-thousand fans paid \$17.50 a ticket to see his show and the sound system fell apart twice. After everything returned to normal he offered to give anyone their money back if they had their ticket stub.

Mellencamp has always strived

for purity in his music. He does not let companies use his songs in their commercials.

"That is a reason my last manager, Bill Gaff, and I parted company," Mellencamp said in the Rolling Stone interview. "He couldn't understand why I would not let some ketchup company use 'Hurts

So Good". It was for hot sauce. I did not write the song for that reason."

John Cougar Mellencamp's career has evolved from playing in a high school band and having a reputation for being a troublemaker to international stardom and a loyal following of millions of fans.

Mellencamp's work to aid the farmers and the lyrical content of his music definitely earns him the title "king of blue-collar roots-oriented rock 'n' roll."

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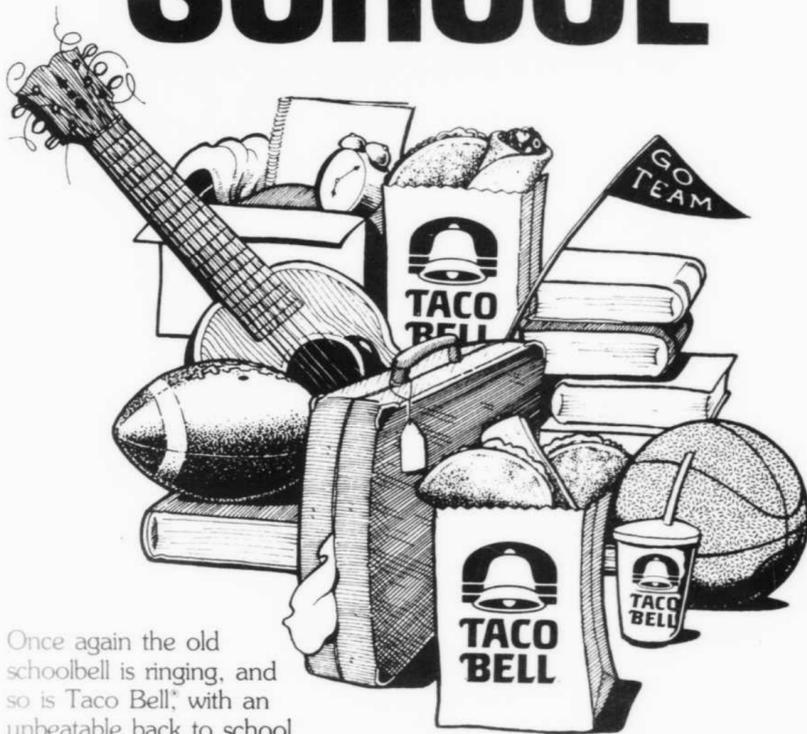
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Sports

Netters split pair away

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

For the MTSU Tennis Team, it's time to get it together, or pack it away for the year, according to coach Dick LaLance.

The Raiders split two matches this weekend, winning against Belmont, 9-0 and losing a close one to Trevecca, 5-4.

"This is the turning point in our season," LaLance said. "We either get it together, or fall away."

The 7-6 Blue Raiders still have a week to work on their form before their first Ohio Valley Conference match, at Eastern Kentucky, and LaLance feels the team can pull together.

"We are not in bad shape," he said. "We are really capable of being a contender this season."

The netters proved they can play

quality tennis blowing by Belmont, sweeping the match. Although the team played exceptionally well, the coach is looking for strength.

"We lose a lot of these close matches," LaLance said. "Most of the 5-4 matches we lost could be wins for us if we were a little stronger in a couple of areas."

One of the places that lacks strength is the team's doubles play, the coach said.

"If you'll look at the record books, you'll see that we lost our doubles consistently," LaLance said. "That is our biggest weakness."

Against Trevecca, the Raiders showed their weakness losing a squeaker, with four new players showing for Trevecca.

"They have four players they have imported from Sweden that

really put it to us," LaLance said. "This is the first time in 10 years that they have beat us."

Anson Chilcut, a McMinnville Senior is playing the best tennis LaLance has at the moment. He swept both of his matches this weekend, and is really playing strong, according to LaLance.

"Anson is really pulling his weight for us right now," the coach said. "He is our top performer."

LaLance's top doubles team is the duo John Carroll-Wilcox, Ken Ventimiglia.

"I am really pleased with their play," he said.

The Raiders host Western Kentucky Saturday at the Greenland Drive courts before beginning conference play, opening up against Eastern Kentucky, Akron, and Youngstown.



Howard Ross/Staff
Back at you—Blue Raider Ilmar Mutli shows his style on the court during a recent practice session.

Raiders fall to WKU in extra inning

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
and TIM BENNETT
Sidelines Sports Writers

The Middle Tennessee State baseball team dropped a heartbreaker in 10 innings last night to the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky, 8-7 at home at Reese-Smith Field.

The Blue Raiders went through four pitchers trying to preserve a win, but fell short when Alan Correll walked home the winning run for the Toppers in the top of tenth inning.

The Blue Raiders then failed to answer the run in their half of the sudden death inning and the game ended.

"We played a good game," Raider coach John Stanford said. "They just played a better game than we did."

The Blue Raiders played 16 players allowing the entire team to see action.

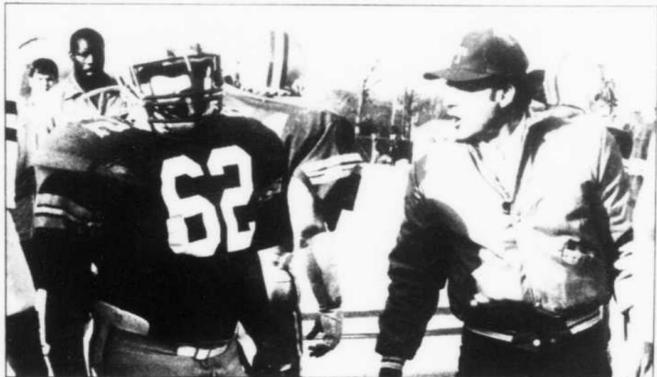
"I still want to see what we have before we get fully into conference play," Stanford said.

For the Blue Raiders, Allen Colburn knocked a home run, Anthony Holmes tripled and Barry Chandler doubled to keep the Raiders in the contest.

The regulation ended a 7-7 tie, with Troy Thompson on the mound for the Raiders. The Toppers managed a run off an Alan Correll walk, and that proved to be the difference in the game.

The Raiders drop to 13-14.

O'Neil joins Raider coaching staff, gets head start



Howard Ross/Staff
That's not how I said do it!—Head football coach Boots Donnelly reprimands one of his players during a practice this week. The Blue Raiders began spring training Monday.

Preston O'Neil, a graduate assistant at the University of Tennessee for the past two years has joined the MTSU football coaching staff, according to Blue Raider head coach Boots Donnelly.

"We are certainly glad to get a coach with Preston's background and ability," Donnelly said. "We are especially glad to have him for the spring practice. That should help give both him and the players under him a head start going into next season."

O'Neil, who is coaching the offensive backs, is a graduate of East Central Oklahoma State University, and has a master's degree from Pittsburg (Kansas) State.

He was a graduate assistant for a year at Henderson State and was an assistant at Northeast Oklahoma Junior College for three seasons before joining the Volunteer staff in Knoxville.

"I am happy for the opportunity to join

Coach Donnelly's staff," the 29 year old O'Neil said. "MTSU has a top quality program and I appreciate the confidence they have shown in me."

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Blue Raider stand-out Bob Moorehead was rushed to Vanderbilt Hospital Wednesday following a "freak accident" in which Moorehead collided with Freeman Davis while trying to recover a fumble.

Moorehead, a 6-1 Senior from Clarksville, Tn., reported that he had no feeling in his legs and was removed from the field on a stretcher.

According to head coach Boots Donnelly, Moorehead has recovered the feeling in his legs and is expected to return to the team in the fall, but won't be back for the remainder of spring practice.

Moorehead has a history of neck problems.

Are you ready for pain?

Date set for ninth Pike Fight

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

Strap on the gloves, pull on the trunks, and update your health insurance, because it is time once again for the Pi Kappa Alpha Pike Fights.

This year the fights are April 9, 1986 in the Alumni Gym. The first bout is at 7 p.m.

The Annual event, which raises money for Big Brothers of America, one of the national philanthropies for the fraternity, features a series of amateur boxing matches pitting student against student.

"We always have a great time with the competition," Troy Baxter, president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity said. "Last year there were some problems, but we doubt if anything like that will happen again."

At the conclusion of a match last year between Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Chuck Reynolds and Blue Raider quarterback Mickey Corwin, a swarm of SAE's assended on the ring when Corwin punched Reynolds after the bell had sounded, ending the round. The football team also entered the ring and the police were summoned.

Referee Bob Ellis had to be taken to the hospital as a result of injuries incurred while trying to stop the malay.

"The brawl wasn't anybody's fault," Baxter said. "The crowd was so wild that Mickey didn't hear the bell. Chuck did and turned to go to his corner, and Mickey caught him behind the ear."

Because of the possibility of another free-for-all, the University required the Pike to hire armed guards to keep peace.

In this years matches, Tommy 'Loverboy' McEwen is pitted against Pi Kappa Alpha's Kurt Newby. McEwen has won the competition for the past two years, and Newby, who like McEwen is undefeated, is coming out of retirement for the match.

"McEwen asked for Newby, and we try to get whoever is requested," Scot Hicks, fight co-ordinator said. "This match will be the main event."

Another key match will be the re-match of Ansel Mangram, Pi Kappa Alpha and Rob Inman, Kappa Alpha.

"This event is a tough man competition," Hicks said. "We want to

know if anybody is tough enough to take it."

The matches are regulation matches with three, three minute rounds. The boxers will wear 12-ounce gloves and be allowed the option of wearing a boxing helmet.

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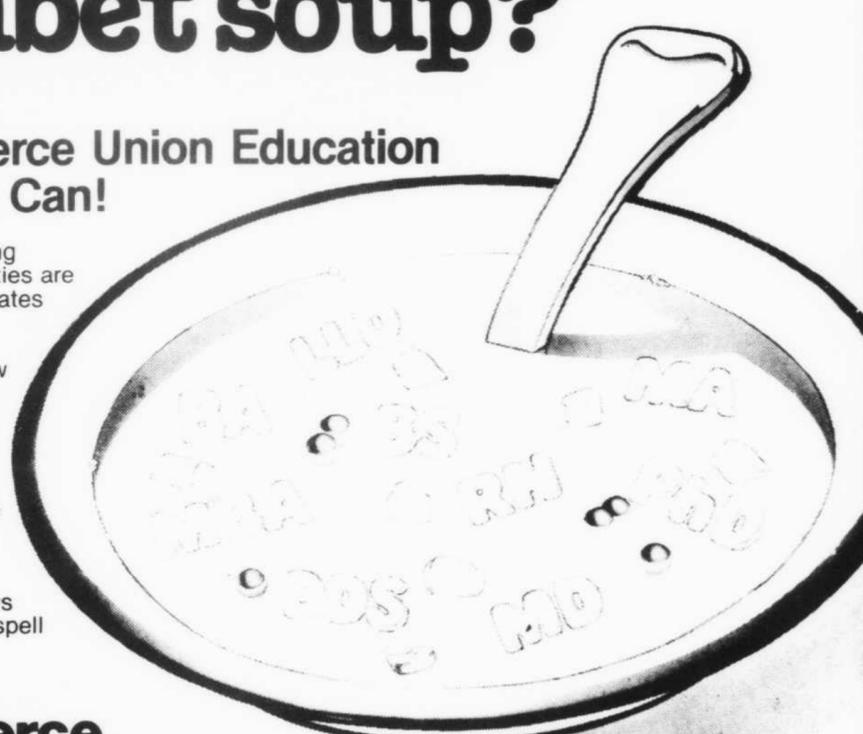
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The women's game will begin at 6 p.m. and the men's at 7:30.

The women's coaches are Janet Ross coaching the Open League Team, and Cyndi Lindley will coach the Greek Team.

The Men's coaches are James Johnson and Kerry Hammonds pitted against their teammates Kim Cooksey and Dwayne Washington.

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The Blue Raider baseball team will continue their home stand this weekend, facing-off against the University of Illinois in a four game series Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's bill is a double header. They will host Cumberland University Monday, before hitting the road at the University of Tennessee April 2, Western Kentucky April 3, the University of Kentucky, April 4, and Jacksonville State, in Jacksonville, Ala. April 6.