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Environmentalism slams strip mining operations

by Bill Mason

The Piney River strip mining project of the American Metals Climax Corporation (Amax) threatens to "destroy" the effectiveness of the Tennessee Water Control Act, according to Oak Ridger researcher and author Bill Chandler.

Chandler, who is executive director of the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP), spoke Tuesday in the New Science Building.

The Tennessee Water Control Act, which Chandler described as a "very good" bill, forbids strip mining over streams, because such mining destroys the waterways and causes pollution.

Amax was denied permission to strip mine at Piney River because of the act, but has appealed the case. The case is pending before the Tennessee Wildlife Commission.

A great deal of work has already been done in preparation of the mining project, and Amax, which also operates in Japan and Mexico, plans to fight to get permission to mine in the area, Chandler said.

Usually, a mining permit is granted for 20 years, but Amax has been trying to get a 10-year permit, he said.

In the first 10-year period, Amax will not mine through streams, but

will proceed with their multimillion dollar operation, Chandler said.

During the second 10-year period, mining through streams will take place, and Amax hopes that so much work would already have been done that the second 10-year permit would almost have to be granted, he said.

The appeal has been postponed indefinitely until a suit is resolved which demands that Amax be considered for a 20-year permit rather than the usual 10-year permit.

Chandler said the determination of a 20-year permit reduces the chance that Amax will be granted permission to strip mine in the Piney River area.

"An Amax variance will set a precedent that will destroy the Tennessee Water Control Act," Chandler said.

If Amax is allowed to strip mine over streams, then other companies will also have to be granted that privilege, he said.

Amax has pledged to "get the law changed" if its appeal before the Tennessee Wildlife Commission fails, Chandler said.

Presumably, this would be done by contributing to the election campaigns of several state legislators, he added.

Chandler said Amax has the

support of Gene Blanton, the governor's brother, and of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

"TVA is interested not for the energy, but because it likes to increase barge traffic on their waterways," he said.

Coal mined by Amax in East Tennessee would probably be shipped to Japan and Europe, he said.

The Amax operation would bring 150 to 300 jobs to Tennessee, Chandler said.

At present, about 900 people are employed in strip mining in East Tennessee and about 4,000 are employed in deep mining, he said.

About 70 million tons of coal are produced by strip mining in East Tennessee each year for one percent of the national total, compared to about 75 million tons which is produced by deep mining, Chandler said.

"Strip mining could be banned

in East Tennessee without any economic impact," he said.

TCWP is opposed to the Piney River strip mining operation not only because of the danger to streams, but also because of the difficulty in reclamation.

"I have never seen a strip mining area that can support trees, except locust trees," Chandler said, and noted that locust trees succumb to blight after a few years.

Amax hopes to be able to raise cows on the land that has been strip mined, he said.

Strip mining also "pretty effectively" reduces the possibility of later deep mining, he said.

Chandler said better methods of deep mining have been developed which would make deep mining more productive than strip mining.

"I would like to see strip mining banned in East Tennessee mainly because the (strip mining) laws are not enforced," he said.

Expert cites need for new fuels

Nuclear and fossil fuels are resources that are decreasing greatly in comparison to the nation's needs, according to Oak Ridge National Laboratory staff member Ted S. Lundy.

Lundy addressed a group of MTSU students Thursday in the New Science Building.

The nuclear expert discussed various fuels available to the United States and their potential use in the future.

Natural gas and petroleum supplies are almost depleted, and current reserves, not including imports, will last only 8-29 more years, Lundy said.

Shale oil is a possible alternate source which is plentiful, but the great expense in tapping the resource might be prohibitive, he said.

Lundy said coal is abundant enough to last more than 400 years, but he said the "real problem" with coal production is destruction of the countryside.

Solar energy is already suitable for heating and cooling at a relatively inexpensive rate, but the cost of producing solar electricity may be too great for effective use, he said.

Geothermal energy presents problems because of the brine that accompanies the steam, and hydro-electric power is already tapped to its extent, Lundy said.

Waste conversion is a method of energy production that will probably become more and more useful and widespread. Opposition to nuclear power has grown because of the recent crises of Vietnam and Watergate, Lundy said.

The scientist said that once these issues had been resolved, the activists were looking for another cause and chose nuclear power.

Nuclear plants are safe in comparison to other forms of energy production, Lundy said.

"Comparisons I've seen indicate nuclear plants are safer than fossil plants and much safer than dams," he said.



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SOA's emphasized for freshmen week

by Mark Vick

Putting more emphasis on the Student Orientation Assistants (SOA's) could lead to a more efficient and beneficial orientation program this year, according to Rick Smith, director of student orientation.

"For the first time we've accepted written applications and have been a lot more selective in picking SOA's," Smith said.

"We're also asking the SOA's to emphasize the importance of getting involved in campus affairs to the new students," Smith said.

Registration ends for Aug. 5 voting

Today is the deadline for registering to vote in Rutherford County in time for the August 5 primary election.

Students desiring to transfer their registration or to register for the first time should go the election commission office in the courthouse or mail a registration form postmarked not later than midnight.

Students must have lived in Rutherford County 20 days to be eligible to vote.

Another precedent is being set this year, according to Smith, with the establishment of a follow-up program with the SOA's.

"We're going to interview incoming freshmen about how their SOA's did their jobs and how they think we can improve orientation," he said.

Smith said the orientation program is one which requires a lot of time and hard work both from the student government and the administration.

"I think this is a good example of the administration and student government working together for the good of the students," he added.

Smith said that the primary goal of orientation is to familiarize the new student with his surroundings and build enthusiasm for the university's programs.

The planning of an orientation program is not an easy task, according to Smith. "You must combine an informative program with an entertaining one to show the new students the more enjoyable aspects of MTSU," he said.

"So far there have been no problems," Smith said. "The administration and student programming have cooperated with us nicely and everything is running

right on, or ahead, of schedule."

Freshmen orientation starts August 26, and plans include a concert, a dance, some type of entertaining speaker, a dorm mixer and possibly a club night.

Meditation course to open tomorrow

A non-credit class called "Oriental Philosophies of Meditation" will be held tomorrow until August 4 in room 318 of the Dramatic Arts building.

The course, which includes methods and techniques of transcendental meditation, mantra meditation and zen, is a short study of meditation experience. Philosophy Chairman Harold Parker will be the instructor.

Registration for the course is \$15 and will be on a space available basis at the first class meeting. A minimum of 10 students is needed for the class to be held.

For additional information, contact the Office of Continuing Education or the department of philosophy.

Gallery to sponsor exhibit of prints

The university art gallery will sponsor an exhibit and sale of approximately 600 original prints from the famed Ferdinand Roten Galleries collection today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to Nancy Dickson of the art department.

Along with the prints by such masters as Picasso, Goya, Benier and Hogarth, works by many of today's American artists can also be seen.

Area residents are invited to browse through this outstanding collection of original graphics. A Roten representative will be on hand to answer questions about the prints and the artists and to discuss other prints not in this collection but which may be obtained from the gallery in Baltimore.

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Piney River needs saving

Anyone who has hiked near or camped by the Piney River can appreciate the beauty and serenity of mountain forest and streams. The sights, sounds and smells of the area defy the printed word.

The American Metals Climax Corporation (Amax), however, sees the Piney River as an economic resource to be raped and pillaged and squeezed for the last penny; a disposable commodity to be used and thrown away.

If Amax is granted permission by the Tennessee Wildlife Commission to strip mine the Piney River, the beauty of that stream will be lost forever. The smell of fresh air will give way to the smell of coal dust, the green scenery will fade to black and gray and the sounds of the forest will be replaced by the grind and clatter of machinery.

While some benefits will rise from the rubble, they will be short lived and concentrated in the hands of a few corporate barons. When the 20-year permit to mine the area expires, Amax will be millions richer at the expense of the public.

The Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning should be supported in its efforts to halt the destruction of our depleted resources. Allowing strip mines in the Piney regions will set a dangerous precedent that must be avoided. Unless conservationist and environmentalist concerns are given full consideration, any hope of a clean, pollution free future will be erased.

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Don't read this column!

Planning for the Bisemicentennial, or enough is enough

by Bill Mason and John Pitts

Where are we?

Well, we're over and done with the Bicentennial. The last red, white and blue toilet seat has been stashed away, the last Bicentennial beer has been chugged and Sarah King is on vacation.

But wait! Don't despair, other events are on the horizon. Already, plans are underway for the 250th anniversary of our nation in 2026.

Major American manufacturers, under the direction of the American Bisemicentennial Committee, are already planning for the big event.

National headquarters for the celebration is in Delores, Ore., where Van West is reviewing applications for use of the Bisemicentennial symbol, designed by patients at Western State Psychiatric Hospital here in Tennessee.

One of the applications has been received from Rabbi Baruch Korff, who plans on marketing a line of rubber Richard Nixon dolls which cry "I am not a crook" when squeezed.

The big event up north will be "Operation

Spit," which will see nine million people line up along the banks of the Hudson River and try to spit on the people on the other side.

In addition, Detroit will recreate the 1965 riots in which half the city was burned. The president is expected to attend and speak at what is already billed as an old fashioned weenie roast.

Los Angeles is experimenting with the possibility of producing red, white and blue smog, but plans to cut Hawaii loose and floating it up and down the west coast have not yet been perfected.

At Arlington National Cemetery, a "name the unknown soldier" contest is hoped for.

Protests are also being planned by the People's Bisemicentennial Commission led by Rick Edmondson and Tom Wells. They will focus on commercialism of the celebration and failure to include a Eugene V. Debs memorial service in the events.

Meanwhile, what many people don't know is that some very controversial events planned for this week's Bicentennial didn't come off as

first proposed.

President Ford's plan to celebrate with a giant fireworks display using nuclear weapons over four American cities (New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Plains, Ga.) was scrapped at the last moment after his military advisers complained that the act would be costly and might force them to cut back on their hunting trips in Alaska.

A marathon speech by Senate hopeful Dave Bolin was also cancelled when he fell asleep while rehearsing his remarks.

And a takeover of the Capitol Building by the Rutherford County Coon Hunters Association fell through when they discovered that all the members of Congress had left to run for re-election. All they found was Wilbur Mills and Wayne Hays crying in their beer in the now-empty cloak room of the House.

MTSU MERRY-GO-ROUND

M.G. Scarlett is rumored to be on the list of Democratic vice presidential possibilities. A visit from nominee apparent Jimmy Carter this week would confirm the report. M.G. has been seen buying large amounts of Planter's Peanuts and Ultra-Brite...

Regent Kenneth Ezell, a Murfreesboro dentist, has volunteered to work on Jimmy Carter's teeth with his pick axe and chisel...

More details on that search for Howard Hughes' will: maintenance personnel thought they had a major find under the 35 yard line of Horace Jones Field, but instead of a Hughes will they found the last will and testament of former coach Bill Peck. The document left his his autographed picture of Grantland Rice to Melvin Daniels...

Rumors persist that Darla Child, queen of MTSU's night life, was the confidant that recommended G. Harold Carswell to Richard Nixon for the Supreme Court.

That's the way it is. So long until next week.

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Jamboree celebration continued through the rain

by Jenny Tenpenny

Despite intermittent rain that persisted throughout the day, the pickin' and singin' went on at the fifth annual Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree.

The two day affair held Friday and Saturday was expected to be the largest ever, but gray skies and

rain kept many craftsmen and observers away.

Due to a downpour late Saturday night, some of the competition was postponed until Sunday, but for the people who attended, the Jamboree offered some of the best music that has come out of Smithville in the past five years.

What makes the Smithville Jamboree worth showing crafts that took hours of labor to put together, setting in an audience or playing a valuable instrument in the rain?

It couldn't possibly be the prize money because that wouldn't pay for the gas that it took to get to Smithville in some cases. What is it that could attract such a diversified group of people—musicians and observers—such as farmers, college students, college professors, factory workers and white collar workers? Everyone gets along because all have come to admire the talents and learn from the others, coming sometimes as far away as Connecticut and Michigan.

One of the most exciting parts of this year's Jamboree was the dulcimer competition, the highlight of which was the music of Jay Round, a talented—almost gifted—young man from Grandville, Mich. Round provided the audience with a stunning display of his expertise on the hammered dulcimer, an instrument which is handcrafted and sold by his family in Michigan.

The hammered dulcimer, if you can let your imagination wander for a minute, sounds like a pleasant, melodic cross between a piano,

harpichord and a dulcimer. After giving dazzling renditions of

"Mississippi Sawyer" and "Sailor's Hornpipe," Round walked away with the first place in the competition, outplaying three other finalists.

Two Murfreesboro men, Lee Tenpenny and Kenneth Tenpenny, claimed first place honors in the guitar and harmonica categories, respectively.

An English teacher from Alabama placed first in the folk singing competition with a Civil War ballad he learned from an elderly woman in south Alabama. The song told the bittersweet story of a union officer who fell in love with a southern belle, but who was later shot by a rebel soldier.

Even though the crowds were relatively small, the music was excellent as it resounded through the festival atmosphere of Smithville.

Old soldiers never die, and even the rain could not keep the fiddlers away on this jamboree weekend.

Sign language course to open

A beginning sign language course is being offered for the first time this summer at Middle Tennessee State University through the Office of Continuing Education.

The emphasis of the instruction is toward gaining skills in fingerspelling and basic manual communication and toward gaining and understanding of the implications of deafness.

Class activities include expressive and receptive reading practice, game playing, supplementary readings and discussions. Deaf people themselves also take an active role in giving the class first hand experiences.

The goal of this first sign language class is to encourage hearing people, both students and non-students to become aware of the needs of the hearing impaired community, according to instructor Cindy Voegeli of the Speech and Hearing department.

In the future, there will definitely be students attending MTSU who are dependent upon sign language, and there will be need for interpreters in the classroom. By establishing this initial course, Voegeli said, the university will be better prepared for these hearing impaired students.

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Haynes jumps from laundry room to Olympic squad

by Ed Arning
Sports Editor

Over the past few years Tommy Haynes has made quite a long jump...from the laundry room in MTSU's Murphy Center to the U.S. Olympic team.

But this month Haynes will make a jump that will hopefully be the longest of his life. If it is, it will overshadow all previous attempts, this one being in the triple jump event of the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Canada.

When Haynes first came to MTSU, Raider track coach Dean Hayes was returning a squad in which he had not lost anyone from the year before, so Haynes washed track uniforms until he could find a place to "jump" in on the team.

Haynes wanted to be a jumper on the Raider track team since he had won the long jump event in the Junior Olympics in the summer following his high school graduation.

"I started out primarily a long jumper, but after I tried the triple jump once, I started to give it more of my time," Haynes said.

"Barry McClure gave me a tremendous amount of help in the triple jump since that was his main event," Haynes added.

Haynes worked hard on getting the triple jump down pat, he did so to the point that he is the current American record holder in the triple jump with a spring of 56' 5 1/2".

Over the past year, Haynes has



Rayfield Dupree

Sheikh Faye

Tommy Haynes

been training at MTSU with Rafield Dupree, a close friend in the U.S. Army.

Haynes is presently a second Lieutenant and Dupree is classified as an E-4.

"We first met at the NCAA Track and Field Championship meet in Louisiana in 1973," Dupree said, "and we did not meet again until the NCAA's 1974 meet."

After those two meetings it seemed as if Haynes and Dupree might not cross paths again, unless at a track meet.

Oh, but what a small world it is.

One day while strolling through the weight room at Ft. Ord in California, Dupree noticed a somewhat familiar face at the weight machine and sure enough it was Tommy Haynes.

Ever since, Haynes and Dupree

have been working as a team and they both voiced the opinion that their teamwork has pushed both of them to better and better results in the triple jump.

Haynes was an odds on favorite to make the U.S. Olympic jump squad going into the trials, but Dupree was hardly considered when people talked of the possibilities.

But Dupree came through with the best jump of his life and at one time held the number two spot (on a three man team) during the trials, only to be nudged by Haynes.

Even during the trials, it was each others' jump which pushed them to winning spots on the team.

This teamwork of theirs flowed over international barriers to benefit another participant in the XXI Olympiad.

The recipient of helpful advice from Haynes and Dupree has been MTSU's Sheikh Faye who will be long jumping in the Olympics for his home country of Gambia.

Faye is a freshman at MTSU and will be participating in his first Olympics along with Haynes and Dupree.

Today all of the long hours of practice and conditioning come to an end as Haynes, Dupree and Faye head for Montreal where the XXI Olympiad is set to begin next week.

And you can rest assured that when they hand out the cleanly washed uniforms with "U.S.A." stitched across the front, Tommy Haynes will laughingly remember the forever gone laundry room days in Murphy Center.

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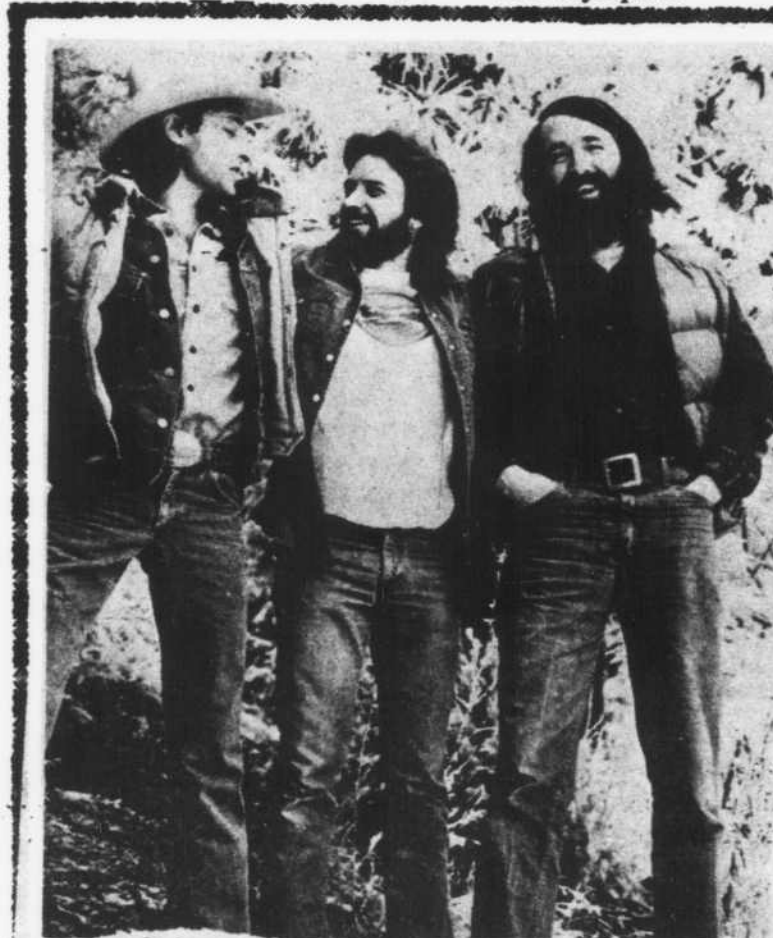
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Faculty down frat in softball action

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In other action, Married Housing whipped H Dorm 16-5, utilizing a ten-run fifth inning to put the game out of reach.

Bennie and the Jets ripped SAE 15-3, running their undefeated record to 4-0.

Martha Lou Self-Rising Power crushed The Bunch 17-1 to claim their second victory in as many games. It was reported last week that High Rise West beat York (Martha Lou Self-Rising Power) 14-13. However, that was not the case because it was later discovered that Martha Lou Self-Rising Power had won the game 21-11.

Today is the final day of intramural softball games during the first session of summer school. At 3 p.m., The Bunch plays High Rise West and Alpha Kappa Psi takes on Bennie and the Jets. At 4 p.m., SAE battles Married Housing and H Dorm plays an unannounced foe. In the final game, at 5 p.m., the Faculty faces Herron's Nuts.

The second session of play will begin sometime next week, according to Intramural Director Joe Ruffner. He said that if any new teams would like to join the league, they must contact him this week in order to be put on the schedule.

Ferguson accepts new coaching post

MTSU assistant basketball coach John Ferguson has accepted the head coaching job at Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio.

He has signed a three year contract, becoming only the third head basketball mentor at Wilmington in 33 years.

Wilmington was 3-24 last year, competing in the Hoosier Buckeye Conference.

"It will be a challenge," Ferguson commented.

"I feel as if this is a move up the ladder in the coaching profession," he said.

Ferguson will be heading back to his home state as he is a native of Toledo, Ohio.

Wilmington is a member of the NCAA's Division II basketball alignment.

Ferguson joined the Blue Raider staff as a graduate assistant during the 1972-73 season and has served as a full time assistant coach since the 1974-75 season.

Citing his strong points in coaching, Ferguson said that recruiting would have to top the list.

Wilmington made the initial contact about the job and Ferguson said that one of the bright spots about the position is that Wilmington has good facilities for basketball.

Hurt sets first practice date

by Ed Arning
Sports Editor

Heading into his second year as head football coach at MTSU, Ben Hurt will open summer practice on August 14 with a young, but improved squad.

Even though there are only four seniors returning, the sophomore and junior dominated team gained a lot of experience last year and should be ready to play come September, according to Hurt.

"A lot of the players have been working hard this summer to stay in shape," Hurt said.

The Blue Raiders will practice for three weeks with twice daily drills the first two weeks and once daily drills in the third week.

Hurt will be attempting to add depth to each position this year, whereas last year he had to spend a majority of his time looking for starters.

"We have signed 19 real quality players for the upcoming season," Hurt said. Twelve of the freshman signees are linemen, adding depth to an area that was shorthanded for the Raiders.

Five of the signees will participate in the TSSAA Football All-Star game and one will play in the Basketball All-Star game. Two of the out-of-state signees played in

the West Virginia High School Football All-Star game this past weekend.

"Our strong suit on the team this coming season will be our offensive backfield, followed by our defensive secondary," he said.

"We will stick with our Veer offense and 4-3 defense this year," he said.

"Fortunately, we did not have any serious injuries in spring training this year," Hurt said, "and the attitude and morale was just tremendous. They are a very dedicated group of players."

MTSU's coaching staff will not be affected by the new NCAA coaching restrictions, limiting the number of coaches on a staff. The Raiders have one head coach, five assistant coaches and two graduate assistants.

Under Hurt, Bobby Baldwin is the offensive co-ordinator and offensive backfield coach; Monty Crook is the offensive line coach; Ray Hughes is in charge of the defensive line corps. Myers Parsons is the receivers coach and Jim Sypult heads the defensive backfield crew. Harry Flippen and Mike Hargis will be working with the coaching staff as graduate assistants.

Ex-Blue Raider in European roundball

by Roger Morton

What former MTSU basketball player was the star forward for the Munich Eagles?

Jimmy Powell, MTSU's two time All-OVC forward, played in the five team International Basketball Association the only year of its existence, 1974-75.

The IBA was composed of teams from Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Israel and Munich, and played under the rules of the American Basketball Association.

Powell averaged 19.6 points per game which was second on the team, and good for twelfth place in the league. He also averaged nine rebounds and five assists per game.

Powell, from Morganton, N.C., was the eighth round draft pick of the Philadelphia 76ers in 1974.

At the tryout camp, Powell met Larry Jones who was the fifth guard for the 76ers but was dropped from the team to make room for Billy Cunningham, who was returning from the ABA.

Jones immediately became the player-coach of the Munich Eagles.

"Jones remembered me from tryout camp and I became the

second round draft pick of the Eagles," Powell said.

Other names in the league were Hank Siemenkowski from Villanova, Perry Warbington of South Florida and John Vallely of UCLA who was the player-coach for the Belgium team.

The Eagles played mostly before American military audiences. Although called the Munich Eagles, the team played its home games on various military installations across Germany.

Munich finished third in the league, behind league champion Belgium and runner-up Israel.

Between practice sessions and games, Powell had a chance to mingle with the European people.

How did he like Europe?

"The society over there is so fast paced. The people are so open-minded and they leave you alone unless you bother them. But Europe does make you appreciate home," he said.

The league was forced to fold after the first season because of financial difficulties. Powell returned home in March of last year.

"I'd really like to go back and visit," Powell added, "but there's no place like home."

Blue Raiders nip Bisons 4-2

by Ed Arning
Sports Editor

MTSU vaulted into first place in the Midstate College League last night as they edged David Lipscomb 4-2 in Nashville.

Steve Smith picked up the win for the Raiders, giving up six hits and striking out ten to up his record to 2-0.

"Steve had his control last night as he was in command for the nine innings," MTSU head coach John Stanford said, "but he was backed up by errorless fielders."

MTSU's Ricky Cheshire connected for the only homerun of the game, swatting a solo shot in the eighth inning with the Raiders leading 3-2.

Danny Moore went three for five for the Raiders while Cheshire went two for two coming in as a pinchhitter.

MTSU now stands 4-1 on the year.

The Raiders whipped visiting Aquinas Junior College 11-2 last Friday, as MTSU's Stanley Shanks evened his record at 1-1 in the Midstate College League.

MTSU exploded for four runs in the bottom of the first inning as they sent nine men to the plate. The inning was highlighted by Ricky Cheshire's three-run homer.

There was no letup in the second

inning as the Raiders scored four more runs to take an 8-1 lead. Ben Lankster and John Harrington singled and scored, but the big hit was Burt Fuqua's RBI triple to centerfield.

MTSU plated a run in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to cap the Raider's scoring for the game.

Danny Moore, Kerry Maxwell and Harrington swung the hot bats for MTSU. Moore went three for four, Maxwell was two for three and Harrington hit safely in three of his five trips to the plate.

Shanks went the distance in a game which was called after seven and one half innings because of darkness.

Shanks gave up five hits, struck out nine and walked three in picking up the victory.

Tommy Stephens took the loss for Aquinas as he went six innings, giving up all of the Raiders' 11 runs and 13 hits.

MTSU's game at Vanderbilt Saturday was postponed until tomorrow because of the July Fourth weekend.

MTSU's next home game is Friday at 5:30 p.m. against Belmont College.

"Things are starting to shape up all around," head Raider mentor John Stanford said. "Our young players are starting to settle down."



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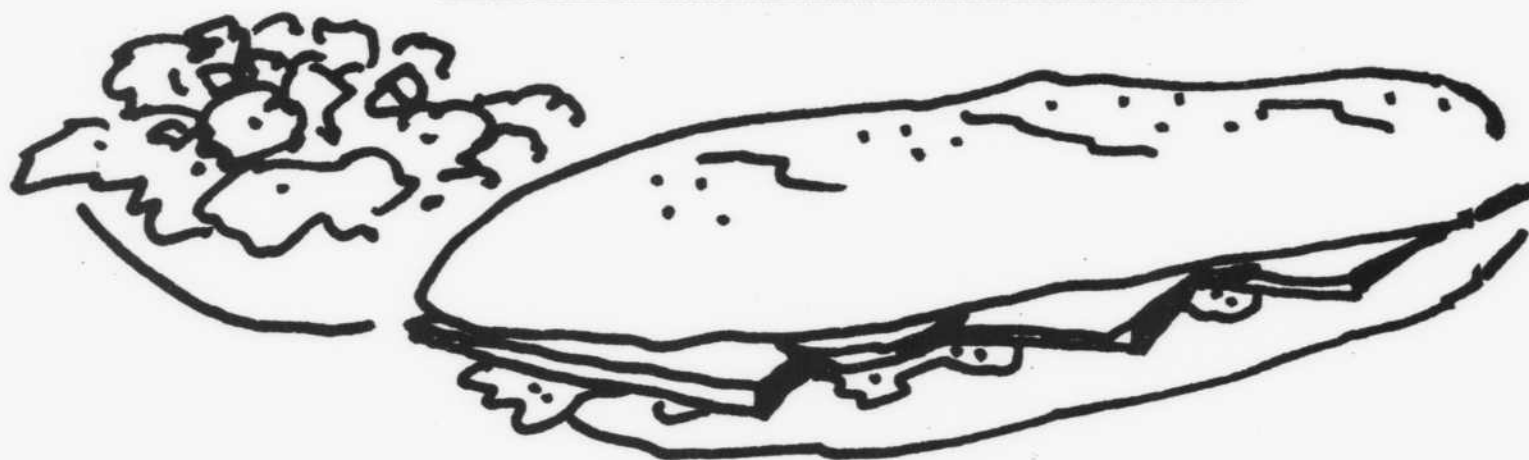
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