GOP 'responsible' --forum voters

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by John Rawlston

A small turnout at Wednesday's campus forum voted by a margin of more than two-to-one that the Republican Party is responsible for the ethics of the Nixon Administration. Only 22 people participated in

the forum, which took place while the campus was being buffeted by rain and high winds and tornado warnings were in effect.

The final vote on the topic. "Resolved, that the Republican Party should be held responsible for the ethics of the Nixon administration," was 15 affirmative and

seven negative.

Speaking for the affirmative side of the resolution, Ken Shelton, a member of the Young Democrats, said. "I don't believe that the Republican Party should be legally responsible for the ethics of the Nixon administration, but should have a moral responsibility to the American people."

He said the Republican Party is no different from General Motors in "standing up for its product."

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This is one of the illegal slot machines which until recently were in operation at Smyrna Country Club. The machines may

become an election issue. For more details, see page five.

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Rise planned in general education hours

by Gina Jeter

Comments on a plan that would increase MTSU's general education requirements from 40 to 52 hours must be submitted by Monday to the General Education Study Committee.

It "would take some drastic information for us to change (the proposed program) basically,' committee chairman Aaron Todd

said Wednesday.

However, the committee plans "detail" changes after evaluating reponses to its tentative recommendations and before sending them to President Scarlett, Todd said.

If and when approved, the new "General Studies" program would affect new students in the fall 1975, he said.

The group's proposed changes in general education study should be accessible for reading in departcomments should be sent to Todd hours in one department. at Box 231.

The program outline shows an increase in academic areas a student must study, but a decrease in specific required courses. It in western civilization and nonalso calls for dropping of the second minor for all majors.

hours in health, physical development and recreation; 12 in natural filled in foreign language, mass man's social inheritance and political science or speech -

social responsibilities; 12 in man's creations, insights appreciations; and 12 in the organization and communication of ideas.

In the first area a two-hour "Effective Living" course and two one-hour activity courses in physical education are required.

The second area has three divisions. At least three, but no more than six hours, must come from both the biological science and the physical science divisions. No course is required in mathematics and earth sciences, and no more than three math hours and no more than three earth science hours will be counted toward the area requirement.

In the third area a student must total 12 hours by taking history, political science, business, economics, geography; psychology or sociology courses. ment and ASB offices. Written A student may not concentrate all

Area four requires six nours of literature and six hours choosing among introductory art, music, theatre or philosphy and courses western civilizations.

Students must take six hours of A student would be required cre- English composition in area five, dit in five general areas: four but high ACT scores may earn credits. The other six hours must be science and mathematics; 12 in communications, philosophy,

choosing one course in two departments.

Other recommendations are:

-To form a "General Studies Council" to implement, supervise and evaluate the program; the commitee would begin work next fall and would have faculty, administrative and student representatives.

-To encourage students to earn credit toward graduation by taking examinations that could exempt them from some courses.

To educate recruiters and a "liaison" in each department about the program to fully inform students and their advisers.

-To encourage the "council" to explore general education credit for transfer students.

-To screen incoming students for speech and reading disabilities.

To insure that instructors are prentice" graduate students w used to teach general education

The General Education Study Commitee, which has two student representatives, has met 42 times since its formation in December 1972. MTSU general education requirements have not been altered since 1953, Todd said.

Final committee recommendations should be forwarded to Scarlett by the first of May, Todd said.

City candidates discuss issues

by Michael Gigandet

Fish kills, solid waste disposal, drainage problems and fraternity houses were topics discussed at a candidates forum Tuesday night at Central Middle School.

Candidates for the mayor's office and three city council seats spoke to a small crowd at the event, which was sponsored by the Murfreesboro League of Women

Incumbent Mayor Westbrooks said he had "no plans to deviate to any great extent from the course I have followed in the past."

Westbrooks said the city is selective about bringing new industry to the community so that the needs of the citizens would be best served.

Businessman Grady Haynes, who is challenging Westbrooks for the mayor's office cited the need carefully chosen and to "ap- for "strong and vigorous leader-' in Murfreesboro.

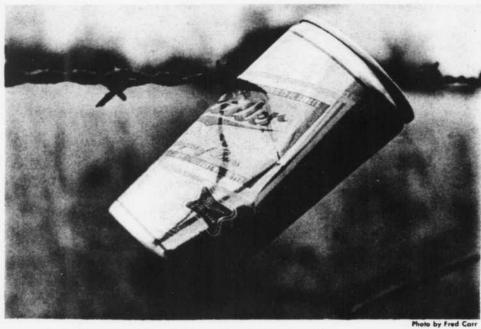
"We need to direct our attention to solid waste disposal, surface drainage, improved streets and recreation areas," Haynes said. Tom Cannon, one of seven can-

didates for city council spoke against MTSU fraternity houses.

"Fraternity houses should be relocated at MTSU," Cannon said. "MTSU officials and students would then be able to study, play

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Twisters rip through state, kill 50



A metal can impaled on barbed wire fence on Jefferson Pike hangs in mid-air as a reminder of the brutal tornadic winds which ripped through Rutherford County and the Mid-State Wednesday causing at least 50 deaths. For more details, see adjacent story. by Mike Rucker

Tornadoes with large hail and damaging winds ripped through Middle Tennessee three times during the last week causing over 50 deaths and countless millions of dollars in damages.

About 18 tornadoes were sighted last Friday night in the Mid-south. A tornado touched down at Salem, but did only minor damage. Salem is four miles southeast of Murfreesboro.

Tornadoes struck again Monday night. At least 30 funnel clouds were sighted in the Mid-South on Monday. Hardest hit was Nashville, where a reported seven tornadoes ripped through different sections of the city. Two persons were killed by the tornadoes in Nashville Monday night.

The Mid-south was hit again Wednesday night and over 200 people were killed. An NBC news broadcast said over 300 funnel clouds ripped across the eastern third of the nation on Wednesday alone. About 91 tornadoes tore through Tennessee, P.J. New, National Weather Service technician at Nashville, said.

Rutherford County was struck by five tornadoes Wednesday. No one was killed, but several people were injured.

In Murfreesboro, the Ruther ford County Civil Defense rescued three persons from flashflood waters Wednesday night. One car was washed off the road near Murfree St.

Lascassas, about 10 miles to the northeast of Murfreesboro, was hit by a tornado Wednesday night. Thirteen people were injured.

All of the victims were treated for various injuries at Rutherford Hospital.

New said the tornadoes were spawned from storm clouds in advance of a cold front and a low pressure area. The transition of winter into spring causes violent storms in March and April, he said.

This series of disasters has been the worst since 1925 when 629 people were killed by tornadoes.

"There will not be any severe storms in at least the next five to seven days, because a high pressure area will bring us cooler weather and sunny skies," New said.

-News Briefs -

Washington (AP) - President Nixon declared five states disaster areas yesterday after tornadoes struck an area stretching from Georgia to Canada late Wednesday and early yesterday, killing at least 337 persons.

Memphis (AP) - About 4,000 marchers retraced the final march of Dr. Martin Luther King on Thursday to honor the civil rights leader on the sixth anniversary of his assassination in Memphis.

Cleveland, Ohio (AP) - Eight former Ohio National Guardsmen plead innocent yesterday at their arraignment on federal charges stemming from the 1970 Kent State University shootings.

Nashville (AP) - Five more bills passed by the legislature were vetoed yesterday by Gov. Winfield Dunn. The measures would have appropriated \$3 million for a school for the deaf, authorized construction of a \$500,000 bridge in Sevier County, appropriated \$200,000 to create a fund to build bicycle trails, authorized retired circuit court judge John Gilbertson to reestablish his pension rights, and authorized a salary increase for the executive assistant to the Municipal Securities Board.



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*Candidates debate city problems

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Incumbent councilman Robert Rose pointed out the progress and many improvements he believes Murfreesboro has made while he has been in office. Rose also raised the need for a highway connecting Murfreesboro and Interstate 24.

Earl Young, another challenger, said, "I would like to see Murfreesboro go back to councilmatic districts. We are a large enough city to justify a study of this."

"The city of Murfreesboro has always supported MTSU on everything and we will continue to support them," said Don Wiseman, incumbent councilman.

"When they asked us to support their doctors program, we supported them with cash each year," Wiseman said.

Incumbent Tommy Smith stated that the most severe problem facing the city is providing services to areas recently annexed.

Smith said plans have been made to build an additional sewage treatment plant.

"I believe, based on the MTSU engineering study, that the fish kills will continue after we phase out our Broad Street plant," Smith said.

Challenger James Rowland called for more city responsibility in recreational areas. Rowland also called for "stricter laws pertaining to rezoning and housing."

Al Wilkerson cited the need for an adequate land use planning and the enforcement of zoning codes. He said the city suffers from inadequate protection for people living a developing apartment buildings and subdivisions.

Free concert planned Sunday

The combined talents of the University - Community Orchestra, conducted by T. Earl Hinton, will be displayed in a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Guest soprano soloist Mary Martin, Wyoming native, will appear at a recital tonight in the D.A. at 7 in a prelude to her presentation of Gustav Mahler's "Son of the Wayfarer" at the Sunday concert.

Martin, a professor of voice at Hillsborough Community College at Tampa, Fla., also teaches at Clearwater Christian College in Clearwater, Fla.

Vanissa Braswell, a MTSU junior, will perform Aaron Copland's "Concerto for Piano" and "Orchestra on Piano."

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Editorials

Officials must act now to enforce laws

The recent existence of slot machines in Rutherford County is a proven fact. The only thing that remains to be seen is whether or not local officials will move to halt such violations of the law.

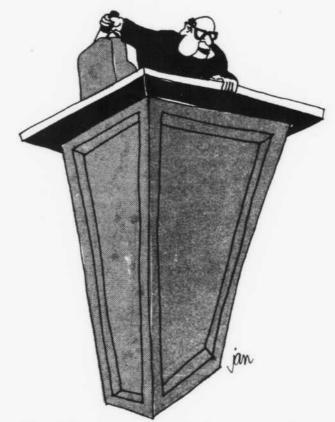
The county judge and sheriff, both seeking re-election, have been acquainted with the existence of such machines in various parts of the county. In fact, the judge is a member of one club at which machines have been found. That club is on county property.

The judge has said that the furor over illegal machines is "politically motivated." The sheriff says his department is "investigating," but refuses to comment further.

We believe that both these officials, and others who have seemed a bit reluctant to take action against such law violations, had best realize that the electorate will not condone "looking the other way" when crimes are being committed.

The cry of law and order has become more than a politician's sop. It has become a demand of the people, a demand that must be met by every level of officialdom.

Local authorities must recognize that demand and fulfill it, or step aside in favor of new officials who will.



"The defendant pleads Double-or-Nothing."

Grade system: Why bother?'

by Ray Notgrass

Understand, please, that it makes no difference to me personally because I graduate in May, but the new grading system being considered by President Scarlett after approval by the Faculty Senate and ASB is much heat and little light.

The idea behind it is to give students a better picture of how their grades stand. But the new system will be optional, and faculty members may use or ignore it.

If, therefore, a student has a 4.0 average, is that tops or merely almost so? It will depend on the instructor. Will a student get a 3.7 or a 4.0 for A-minus work in a class? Once again, it depends on the instructor.

The system may indicate performance in individual classes more accurately, but the optional part will make the overall effect hazy at best.

If the theory behind it is true, why not post grades, as many high schools do, with a 100 point grading scale? Students will know even more precisely how they stand in classes.

Barring that, if a student does A-quality work, he should get an A, a B for B work, and so forth. If you are going to quibble about points, use the 100-point scale. If you aren't, use the 4-point scale.

I really wonder if it will make that much difference in the grades. At least, will it be so much an advantage that it will offset the turmoil caused by applicants to graduate school trying to explain that a 3.7 average is straight-A or other such problems?

But a bigger question than this particular grading scale hits me: where in blue blazes are we going in education? Like literally thousands of other education students, I have sat in class and heard teachers say grades were unfair, didn't reflect true ability and ingrained failure and inequality.

The pass-fail system was going to be the savior of education. Everyone was going to be equal: you either did the work or you didn't, and personal recommendations were really going to make the difference

Now we have a move in the opposite direction: a more stringent grading scale. The pass-fail system has met with hard times in many places it has been tried (check Time a few weeks ago.)

I dunno. We've got teachers here who give a paper a lower grade because the typewriter used didn't have its letters clean, and other dip stuff like that. You think a 13-stage grading scale is going to help? Don't think change is automatically good.

My reaction to the grading proposal is: show me how it will help more than hinder; otherwise, why bother?

Readers' view

Election compliment

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous individuals who contributed their time and efforts in making the recent ASB General Elections so successful. Thanks are also due for the members of the ASB Election Commission who worked so hard and put many work hours into the mechanical process of running the election.

My thanks to Ken Whittaker, Ron Tuttle, Patti Schneider, Joni Knight, Kathy Dove, Sarah Colston, Curt Hammond, Freda Blankenship, Carol Satterfield, Sally Stammer and Jeff Combos for comprising the Election Commission and for serving the student body so well. Special recognition goes to Ann Voorhies who served as Vice-Chairman of the Commission and who much more than the position required.

I would also like to commend the candidates for office who throughout their campaigns conducted themselves with great poise and personal dignity. Their adherence to the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1974 and to the electoral policies of the Election Commission made this election the smoothest in ASB history, and hopefully have set a precedent for future campus elections.

Again, thanks for the volunteer time of the numerous poll workers, the admirable conduct of the candidates and their campaign workers, the great dedication and the great amount of work of the members of the Election Commission, and above all, thanks to the 2117 individuals who voted in the recent ASB elections.

Bill Bennett

Chairman, ASB Election Commission

Mediocrity?

To the editor:

The only thing more absurd than giving Schuyler Traughber almost half a page of the Sidelines to express his narrow personal opinions under the guise of "contributing journalism" is the fact that he's obviously convinced someone that he knows what he's talking about, or this asinine repetiton of last semester's "The Rolling Stones Can't Sing" article wouldn't have been printed.

If this mediocrity **must** continue, let it start again by having Mr. Traughber post his credentials.

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Slot machine issue threatens county pols

by Wayne Hudgens

Slot machines once blatantly displayed at Smyrna Country Club have, at least until after the elections in May, been removed--but the issues surrounding the illegal devices linger.

The machines, which sources say were in the "conference room" of the Smyrna club until recently, have become a political issue that threatens to touch the races of Knox Ridley, incumbent county judge, and incumbent Sheriff Robert Goodwin, both seeking reelection in the May Democratic primary.

Ridley, who filled the seat left vacant by the death of James Threet last summer, said this week in a published interview in the Daily News Journal that he had knowledge of the machines at the club, of which he is a member, but he said they have been removed.

Goodwin, finishing his second term, has said that his department "is investigating" the existence of such machines, but he has refused further comment.

Guy Dotson, district attorney general, said yesterday the county

grand jury is conducting an investigation into the existence of slot machines in county clubs.

Sources indicate that slot machines have been used in several clubs in both Murfreesboro and Smyrna.

Carl Montgomery, a Smyrna resident and unsuccessful candidate for mayor of that city in last year's municipal elections, was the first to expose the existence of gambling devices at the club.

Montgomery, who was defeated by Sam Ridley, brother of Knox Ridley, complained about the machines in a letter to the county grand jury in February.

The Smyrna businessman also sent a letter to Goodwin concerning the machines, but no action has been taken by the sheriff's office.

Tennessee law provides for a maximum fine of \$300 and imprisonment for not more than three months for possession of a gaming

The law dictates that "it is declared to be the duty of every judge, justice of the peace, sheriff and constable to apprehend or cause to be apprehended any person known known to him." The law demands to him ... to be guilty of this of- that any such officer failing to do fense (gaming) and to commit him so shall be removed from his post. or cause him to be committed to jail to await his trial."

State code also indicates "that a if any judicial or ministerial ofgaming or betting contrary to law and sheriff.

Persons knowledgeable of local politics say the slot machine exposures may have some effect upon misdemeanor has been committed the judge and sheriff races, since the machines have existed under the ficer fails to give information of any current terms of the county judge

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Forum voters give guilt to GOP

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"If we're going to have a strong President." two-party system, the Republicans must share the responsibility

for Nixon," Shelton said. Charles Lea, speaking for the negative side of the resolution, said, "This whole debate, the question as it is stated, is absurd.'

Lea said the lack of ethics was demonstrated by Nixon's personal campaign staff and "the Republican Party had nothing to do with the Committee to Re-Elect the

"I'm not saying Tricky Dick is clean," Lea said.

The speeches by Shelton and Lea were followed by a period of discussion by those attending.

"Just Republicans didn't elect Nixon," said Mike Boutwell, a Shelbyville junior.

"The fact that Republicans still defend Nixon means they are responsible," Mike Hall, a Murfreesboro junior, said.

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The Sigma Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in room 322 of the UC.

The director of admissions at Meharry Medical College will speak to Phi Mu Delta at 4 p.m. Wednesday in room 100 of the New Science Building.

The Triton Club will present a water show at 8 p.m. April 9-12 at the University Pool.

Arts and crafts by local artists will be on exhibit for sale Saturday and Sunday at the Rutherford County Agricultural center. The event is sponsored by the Lion's

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ASB unknown to students \$563,097 granted

by Scott Perry

students what newly-elected ASB ferred to the ASB as "a nice little officials should try to accomplish revealed much apathy and ignorance of ASB's powers.

the student on what they can do," Donna Lewis, a Nashville junior,

for future politicians," Roy Shores, a junior mass communications major from Mt. Juliet, said.

them," he said. "Maybe a bulletin board sponsored by the ASB and kept up to date on a regular basis would show if they are doing something for the student."

A valid student union to replace or work with the ASB was suggested by Joey Rossi, a history and philosophy major from Nashville.

"We don't have government if it doesn't reflect the will of the average student," Rossi said. "Also, if the ASB doesn't stop fighting among themselves, nothing will ever be accomplished," he said.

David McCord, a current rep-A recent Sidelines survey asking resentative in the ASB house, reclub."

"I believe the ASB should strive to work for more student rights, "I think the ASB should educate instead of going through the crystal palace all the time," McCord said.

Other students voiced the opinion that the ASB should have power "My major concept of the ASB and authority to affect administrais that it is a political playground tive rule changes and override administrative veto.

Many students thought that the ASB should strive next year to "I would just like to hear from have recreation and library hours extended.

> "I think more effective lobbying in the state legislature and at the board of regents should be attempted by the ASB," Paul Carson, a Nashville junior, said.

> Some students showed a great deal of apathy in their answer to the survey.

> "I think the ASB should attempt having a car wash or a bake sale next year," Tom Shea, a junior Aerospace major from Nashville, said. "Maybe they could run these efficiently."

for programs

MTSU has received 10 grants totaling \$563,097 this fiscal year, according to E. Linnell Gentry, director of institution research and projects.

"We usually receive about 25-30 grants per year. However, grants are coming in later this year," Gen-

"Grants usually come from outside agencies to help university, programs," Gentry said.

The Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Agency donated five grants, Gentry said.

These grants were designated for the continuation of the diagnostic center operation, the criminal justice administration degree program, the law enforcement candidate assessment program and two grants for the basic police training course, Gentry said.

The total for the grants is \$401,572.

Two grants were donated for WMOT-FM, he said. These are for educational non - commercial broadcasting facilities and an experimental program in minority employment. The total amount of grants to WMOT is \$110,773.

YD's set meeting

The College Young Democrats will meet Wednesday night April 10 at 7 in room 322C of the University Center, according to club secretary Larry Harrington.

"Several of the club officers are graduating, and it's important that we get some new people who will be here to work in the fall campaign," Harrington said.

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Blue clips Tech twice; Sain blasts 3rd homer

by Reid Andrews

MTSU's baseball team extended its winning streak to five games Tuesday afternoon by sweeping a double-header from Tennessee Tech 6-3 and 16-1 in Cookeville.

In the first game, Gary Melson tossed a six hitter and Scott Sain collected two hits, one of them a homer over the centerfield fence.

MTSU trailed 3-0 going into the third inning after Tech pushed across three runs in the second.

In the third, MTSU erupted for three runs and then added two more in the fourth inning to assure the win.

In the second game, John Keller, Carter Garner, Wally Mathis, and Sain had two hits each as the Raiders pounded out 12 hits and took advantage of four Tech errors in winning 16-1.

Billy Joe Mahaffey went all the

Netters to face Murray, Western

by Scott Elliott

Initial Ohio Valley Conference tennis confrontations will take place today when MTSU squares off with Murray State at 2 p.m. on the Raider courts.

Larry Castle's team will be in action again tomorrow at 9 a.m. against undefeated Western Kentucky, and he said, "This weekend's matches should give us a good indication of where we stand in the conference."

With Austin Peay also meeting Murray and Western here this weekend, Castle said "the finest assembly of tennis players in the history of the OVC" will be competing on the MTSU courts.

"Murray has a fine team, and it will take a big effort for us to beat them," Castle said. "We don't have any easy ones left on the schedule."

Murray has a 4-2 record on the season, and MTSU is 10-0 following a 6-3 win over Vanderbilt Tuesday.

The Raiders have not fared well against Murray and Western in their previous matches, having but one victory over each opponent in 31 tries with both.

"The attitude among our players is great," Castle said. "We've scouted both teams, and we've been running six to 10 miles a day getting into shape."

"If our squad had more of the killer instinct, we would have won our previous matches with higher scores than we did," he added.

The Raiders have a couple 5-4 wins this season, going to the wire with the last doubles match determining the victor.

way in recording his second win against no defeats.

In the last five games, the pitching starters have gone the entire way, indicating the Raiders have one of the finest pitching staffs in the OVC, according to MTSU coach John Stanford.

Gary Matthews leads the Raiders in wins with a 4-0 mark. Matthews has struckout 48 batters in 30 innings.

MTSU has six men batting over .300 with three other above .290. Sain, a catcher, continues to lead the club in hitting with a .471 average. Sain also has blasted three homers and knocked in 16 runs to lead the Raiders in those departments.

MTSU will play Jacksonville State of Alabama this afternoon at 2:30 on the Raiders' home field. George Ploucher 1-0 and a ERA of 0 will be the starting pitcher. Tomorrow afternoon the Raiders will travel to Clarksville to meet Austin Peay in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

Blue-white clash cancelled

For the first time in many years the annual Blue-White intrasquad football game, which climaxes MTSU's spring practice session, will not be held, Raider coach Bill Peck said yesterday.

"The coaching staff does not feel an intrasquad game would aid in the development of our football team," Peck said, "but we will hold a final team scrimmage next Thursday afternoon." Peck said his team has "come along way" since the opening of spring drills, and added, "The kids have worked real hard, and each one has tried to improve himself with each practice."

Three coaches were added to the football staff this year, and Peck said spring drills have given the new coaches an opportunity to become familiar with the team.

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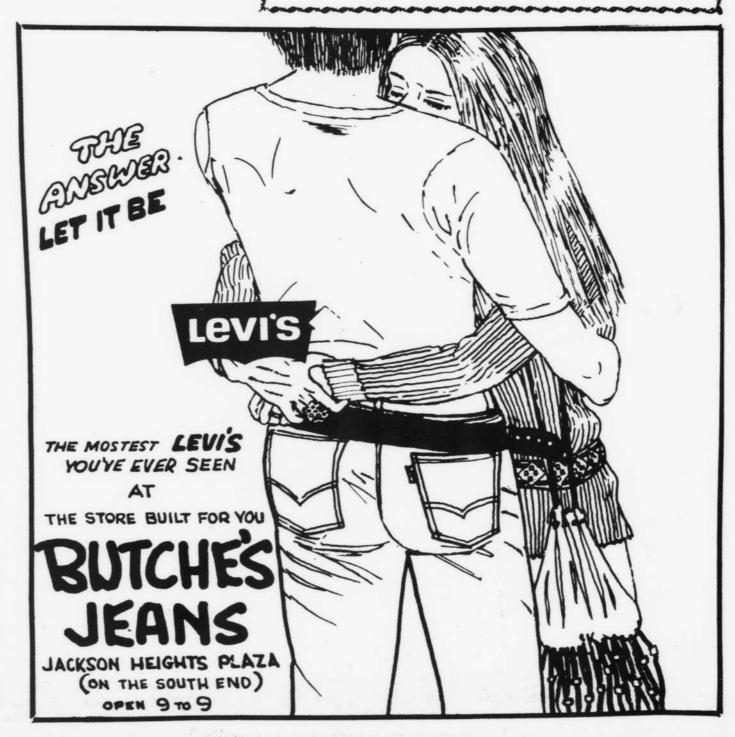
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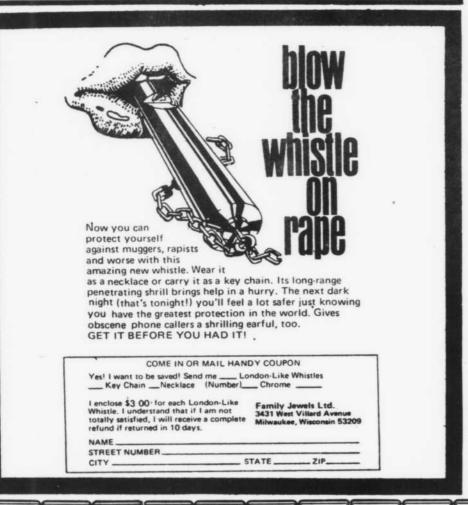


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Jones' Field track. Good bets for Bill Buck. Raider wins are All-Americanleaper Tommy Haynes in the triple and long jumps, Jesse Agnew in FOOTBALL: Raider football coach

INTRAMURALS: A fishing rodeo will be sponsored by the IM office April 12 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All MTSU staff, faculty and students are welcome to enter. Prizes will be given for the best bass string, largest bass, best panfish string, and largest rockfish. Contact IM Director Joe Ruffner for information concerning the rules of the rodeo.

In the IM all-sports point standings, the Pearls have a 94.5-94 lead over Kappa Sigma with volleyball and track remaining on the schedule. The Bros have third place with 87 points, while Phi Kappa Alpha holds fourth with 81. The eventual winner will be rewarded with the Patrick McBride Memorial Award.

TRACK: Dean Hayes' Raider track GOLF: The Blue Raider golf team, team will put its undefeated dual re- coached by E.K. Patty, will tee off cord to the test tomorrow against today in the Mid-South Classic at Central Michigan, Northern Illinois Crocket Springs. Leading the squad and Cincinnati universities on the will be Jim Hurt, Gary Sharber and

the high jump, Keith Cromartie or Bill Peck said he favors the entry Nate Porter in the hurdles events, of UT-Chattanooga into the Ohio' John Johnson in the 440-yard dash Valley Conference. "I'd like to see and Dwaine Copeland in the sprints. both UTC and Louisville get in the OVC," he said. However, Peck pointed out that UTC does not have a track team and would need to field one if permitted to enter the

WOMEN'S TENNIS: Winning only two doubles matches, the Raiderette tennis team took a 7-2 beating at the hands of the University of the South at Sewanee Wednesday. In the squad's first loss of the year only the doubles' teams of Margi Nix-Sandy McMillen and Laur Davis - Nancy Allen were victorious The lady netters next outing is this weekend in a Tennessee Techhosted tournament.

Aaron equals Bambino's mark

Cincinnati (AP) -- Hank Aaron, Atlanta's icy-nerved 40-year-old slugger, earned his niche among baseball's immortals yesterday when he smashed the 714th home run of his illustrious career, tying the all-time record held by the legendary Babe Ruth.

Ralph Garr opened the game with a walk, and Mike Lum followed with a single to left field. After Darrell Evans flied out, Aaron approached the plate to a loudovation. He took two balls outside, then a called strike letter high and then another ball before lining the next pitch over the fence, a total distance of 380 feet.

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