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Four Nashville schools are among 500 colleges nationwide with high student-loan-default rates that would be denied National Direct Student Loan funds in 1982-83 under rules approved last week by Education Secretary Terrel H.

The Nashville colleges are: Fisk University, Tennessee State University, Draughons's Junior Business College and Nashville College of Medical and Dental Assistants.

The rules would bar colleges from receiving new direct-loan capital if the default rate on loans to their students exceeded 25 percent.

MTSU's loan default rate stands at 7.89 percent, according to Winston Wrenn, director of financial aid.

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WASHINGTON - Doctors evaluating the mental condition of John W. Hinckley Jr. concluded Monday that the man who shot President Reagan is mentally disturbed and is a danger to himself and others.

The hospital report will be presented Monday to Judge Barrington Parker who must decide whether Hinckley can be released from St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the 1981 attempted assassination of Reagan.

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.

Fourth District Congressional candidate Cissy Baker vesterday responded to an opponent's distribution to churchgoers of 25,000 leaflets condemning Baker's stand on abortion, by calling it "a lastditch effort by a losing candidate."

The pamphlets on behalf of candidate Marianna Frost told churchgoers, "Your pro-life vote is crucial! Vote Frost.'

CHICAGO Phyllis Schlafly, opponent of the Equal Rights Amendment, said Monday her coalition will soon begin a campaign against a nuclear freeze and for a constitutional amendment banning abortions.

Speaking on the Donahue show, Schlafly said her 50,000member Eagle Forum supports amendments to balance the federal budget, allow prayer in schools and "cut the power of the federal courts."

WASHINGTON - An additional \$169 million in grants to college students would be provided during the 1982-83 year under a bill approved last week by the House Appropriations Committee, The Chronicle of Higher Education reports in today's issue.

The extra student-aid money includes \$140 million for Pell Grants.

BLOUNTVILLE, Tenn. -Congressman Robin Beard, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, said yesterday he does not support a \$98 billion tax increase passed by the Senate.

O'Brien seeks new attitudes on education

By DOUG MARKHAM Staff Writer

Gubernatorial hopeful Anna Belle Clement O'Brien said here last week that incumbent Governer Lamar Alexander has asked Tennesseans "to balancethe budget on the backs of the school children of today and tomorrow.

Speaking to 300 members of the Tennessee Education Association on campus, O'Brien said a change was needed in the government attitude toward education or "today's children [will suffer] socially, economically and militarily."

TEA's political action wing, the Tennnessee Political Action Committee for Education. endorsed O'Brien in June.

O'Brien asked the TEA members to help in soliciting votes for tomorrow's election.

"I really believe if two teachers would stand in every precinct in the state next Thursday it will make a great difference because you have a great influence," she said.

"THERE IS many a person who will never vote in the governer's race if you never ask them.... I wish that you would decide among yourselves that two teachers will be at every precinct."

Because the Democratic

MTSU police apprehend man for car theft

By DOUG MARKHAM

Staff Writer

A 45-year-old man was arrested yesterday for the alleged theft of a 1981 Toyota he left in the married housing parking lot after being arrested two weeks ago on another charge.

Ibraheem Abdulah, arrested here two weeks ago by the FBI on New Jersey charges of illegally possessing a weapon, returned to MTSU after apparently posting bond in Nashville and was apprehended in the married housing parking lot by university police.

ABDULAH was transported to Nashville, where he was charged with concealing stolen

The suspect was being questioned in Nashville late yesterday.

Campus police had suspected the gold Toyota was being operated by Abdulah when he was apprehended two weeks ago, but when the vehicle's license number was checked through the National Crime Information Center it did not show up as stolen, University Police Detective AllanMiller

A SECOND check on the car yesterday, using the Toyota's

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Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Anna Belle Clement O'Brien, shown during a visit here in June, accused Gov. Alexander of ignoring the state's school children.

eandidates have not publicly denounced one another, O'Brien said fewer votes would probably be east in tomorrow's guber- can bring those people to natorial balloting.

We've ran our own race separately," she said. "We've run our own positive campaign. That way we're not gonna have any trouble next Thursday night putting them [uniting the democratic parties | together."

O'BRIENsaid if she is defeated in the primaries she would back the Democratic nominee in the November general election.

Prior to addressing the TEA, O'Brien visited Lebanon and took turns with Democratic rivals Randy Tyree and Tom-McHenry in addressing almost 5,000 townspeople gathered in an outdoor political rally.

O'Brien told the rural crowd that Tenneseans are upset with the current gubernatorial administration because the state's unemployment average is above the national average, and Tennessee is ranked 12th nationally in bankruptey.

AFTER recling off her political credentials O'Brien told the partisan crowd that a governor can take action to improve the economy.

commisioner of labor," she said. "t. commisioner of employment Lebanon and Wilson County, and sit down with small business people that are not getting a fair break... and talk about the jobs this country."

"A governer can appoint a and programs they can improve

Possible budget cuts may trim personnel

By MIKE CROWDER

Staff Writer

MTSU may have to cut an additional \$290,000 in personnel costs from its current budget if the state Department of Finance and Administration deems it necessary, an administration official said Monday.

This possible reduction stems from an order earlier this year by Gov. Lamar Alexander requiring an overall 2 percent cut in personnel expenditures for all state agencies, according to William Greene, vice president for business and finance.

MTSU, however, will have to make reductions only if Finance Administration "peculiar or different interpretations" of what salaries should have been included in the budget cuts, Greene said. "We've already submitted our

budget," Greene said, "and until we hear something to the contrary, it [the budget] will be approved.

"We are assuming that we are in compliance with the 2 per-

GREENE and Jerry Tunnstill-assistant director of Business and Finance-said they

"Everyone's afraid to talk about it because they're afraid it will come true." In its annual budget for fiscal 1983 submitted in May, the university provided for a \$242,000 or a 1.3 percent decrease in salaries of full-time regular employees, including faculty and administration.

William Greene

are hoping that the additional

amounts to," Tunnstill said.

"Its in-house talk is what it

cuts will not be mandated.

THE BASE salary for the reductions was July 1, 1981. According to the plan utilized by the university, any salary increases since that date were

exempt. Alexander's decision for an overall cut meant that some state agencies could exceed the 2 percent decrease, while other agencies could go under 2 percent. The decrease for all

be 2 percent. "They used whatever formula they came up with as to how that 2 percent was to be allocated," Greene said. "Ours was 1.3 [percent]."

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MTSU was able to go under

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'Emergency' blood drive is scheduled here

By MIKE CROWDER Staff Writer

There will be a Red Cross blood drive on campus Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Forest Hall-the ROTC buildinglocated behind the University

The goal for this drive is 50 pints, according to Kay Hart, a volunteer secretary for the Red Cross here and the Rutherford County Chairperson for Service to Military Families.

"THIS SUMMER we're short of blood," Hart said. "This blood drive was just planned a couple weeks ago.

Hart added that this was an "emergency blood drive," and that no particular blood type was being sought.

"We just need blood," Hart

Hart acknowledged that the next scheduled blood drive by Red Cross will be Aug. 20 at the Tennessee Co-op. here.

"We have one [blood drive] planned every month," Hart added, "sometimes twice a month, whenever the need arises.",

Director criticizes bill seeking draft monitoring

By DOUG MARKHAM Staff Writer

The MTSU financial aid director said vesterday he opposes a proposed law requiring college officials to determine if a male student has registered for the draft before granting federal student aid.

"I certainly would be opposed to searching all our students in school on financial aid to see who has signed up for the draft," Winston Wrenn, director of financial aid said.

THE PROPOSAL, already passed by the U.S. Senate and pending in the House, would deny financial aid to male college students failing to

register for military service.

Currently, men failing to sign up for the draft are facing possible five-year prison terms and \$10,000 in fines. Wrenn said the ad-

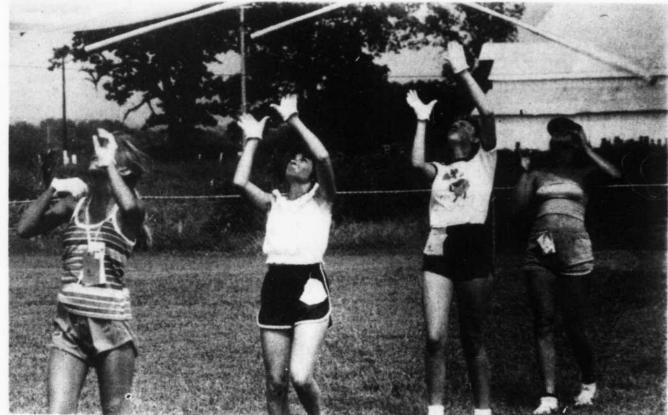
ministration would be forced to accept the measure or face the consequences of having federal aid taken away from the university. "WE WILL have to continue

to do as they [the government] say if we want to continue receiving federal aid," Wrenn

University officials have taken financial aid from students in the past, but never for a reason of this "magnitude," Wrenn

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Photo by Lesley Collins



Flying flags

Flag corp members of the Jasper High School Band from Jasper, Ind., practice their routines during band camp here this week.

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Exercise your right to vote

Recently, a Sidelines editor was discussing an upcoming birthday with her 17-year-old niece. When the editor asked the young girl if she was looking forward to being 18, the niece replied: "Nah! All you get to do when you're 18 is vote, and who cares about that?"

Unfortunately, this attitude may be all too prevalent in our society where less than 60 percent of the population participates in the election process.

MANY simply do not comprehend the importance of this decision.

Perhaps, this point was best made by state Sen. Anna Belle Clement O'Brien when she spoke to Girls' State delegates here in July.

O'Brien urged the high school seniors to vote in this country's election.

"THEN YOU can raise all the Cain you want," she said, "because [voting] is your insurance to do something about it."

Tennesseans, and Americans in general, appear to be in for a tough economic and political period.

Unless one exercises the right to vote; however, one has no right to complain about unemployment, high interest rates, lack of funding to education or government buildup of nuclear weapons.

In this issue, Sidelines has presented an overview of the issues in three important statewide political races. While we realize that because of general American apathy these articles will not be well-read, we present them because of an obligation we feel to help you make responsible decisions about your vote.



MTSU, Murfreesboro in transition; education should not deteriorate

By ROBERT WYATT

Sidelines summer adviser

Ruminating with several planners and managers about the social and economic future of Rutherford County during the past few months produced concensus on one forecast: It may take 10 years or so, but Murfreesboro will inevitably be absorbed into the Nashville metropolis.

Small-town attitudes and values will change, and Middle Tennessee State University will be drastically effected.

THE UNIVERSITY will take on more characteristics of an urban educational center, and many of its pastoral and provincial cultural values will disappear.

Already some changes are having an impact. Only about a third of the students live on campus, I'm told, while another third live off-campus, and the rest commute.

More and more faculty members may choose to live in Nashville, too. In my own department. mass communications, nearly a fourth live in Nashville (I among them), where they can be close to the heart of a major communications center.

THEIR attitudes toward the university-what they expect to

give the university and what they expect from it-are indelibly different from those of their Murfreesboro counterparts.

Faculty Perspective

Faculty members who live in Murfreesboro tend, I believe, to treat the university as a community institution. It is as integral to their lives as the church, the county government and community organizations. It is a part of the environment they live in.

They spend a great deal of extracurricular time at the university, become intensely involved in many of its noneducational facets and become dedicated to its goals and missions within the community.

COMMUTERS, on the other hand-whether faculty student-treat the university much as any other public utility: They come here to teach or learn, then go home. The center of their lives lies elsewhere.

They do not care about the football team, the student government, faculty socials or

recreational facilities. They are urban people with urban demands; the entire notion of community is foreign to them.

What they do care about, however, is the intensity and quality of the educational experience they receive during the hours of their day dedicated to education.

INEVITABLY, misunderstandings between the two groups will arise. Those who look upon MTSU as a smalltown institution often feel that the urbanites are not sufficiently involved in university life and are perhaps even disloyal to the institution.

Urbanites often feel that their small-town counterparts become preoccupied with institutional trivia which have little to do with education, and adopt paternalistic attitudes toward faculty and students alike. Urbanites are used to living anonymous lives, and they like things that way.

Such disagreements and misunderstandings inevitable in an institution in transition. But they should by no means stand in the way of the principal goal of a university, which is to be not a home away from home and not a church, but a center for learning and scholarship.

Endorsements for consideration

In the race for the Democratic nomination, Sidelines makes no endorsement because both candidates state Sen. Anna Belle Clement O'Brien and Knoxville mayor Randy Tyree—are very qualified for the job.

Both have expressed a willingness to take some action about the state's soaring unemployment rate, while the incumbent Gov. Lamar Alexander defended what he could do for the economy, saying that "the problems we've got now are based in

Washington."

O'BRIEN has a broad range of experience in state government, having served as a state legislator for eight years and having worked in the administrations of her brother, the late Gov. Frank Clement.

Tyree, too, has demonstrated his abilities as a capable administrator in the city of Knoxville. During the campaign, he has been refreshingly frank about what he would do as governor.

Either would make a splendid governor.

IN THE election for Public Service Commissioner, the incumbent Frank Cochran should be re-elected because he has indeed proven himself "a champion of the consumer."

Throughout this campaign there have been charges and counter-charges of conflict of interest between Cochran and the challenger, state Senate Majority Leader Milton Hamilton.

Cochran has been able to justify every apparent conflict.

HAMILTON, however, appears to be too closely linked with South Central Bell, the largest utility regulated by the PSC. Hamilton, whose son is in a management position with the Bell company, has received the endorsement of the Telephone Pioneers of America (an association of retired telephone employees) and the Communications Workers of America (which includes telephone company employees).

Cochran, on the other hand, appears to be the only champion of the consumer on the three-member board.

During a recent exchange with South Central Bell attorneys, Cochran expressed his basic distrust of the huge communications company.

"I'VE LEARNED a very valuable lesson—that I can't depend on the words that are said here in this commission under oath by this company—that the ratepayers will be protected because they certainly haven't been in this instance," Cechran said.

Therefore, we recommend that Cochran be retained.

In the general election for the state Supreme Court, Sidelines recommends without hesitation that the incumbent justices be re-elected.

NO MATTER how much the Republican Party would like us to believe that they simply want a "bipartisan" Supreme Court, their motives appear to be nothing short of overtly political.

The main object of their attempt to gain a three-man majority on the fivemember court appears to be the ouster of state Attorney General William Leech. The great "sin" to justify Leech's removal appears to be that he was too bipartisan in upholding the unconstitutionality of requiring prayer at public events and fighting a licensing shortcut for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor.

The Committee to Elect a Bi-Partisan Supreme Court (classic twisting of words) also appears to be trying to alter the judicial process by demanding that Justice Ray L. Brock excuse himself from deathpenalty cases because he has ruled that the punishment is unconstitutional.

HOWEVER, that is the exact role of a Supreme Court justice—to rule on the constitutionality of government laws. To demand that he excuse himself shows a great misconception of the state Supreme Court's role.

The committee has also tried to lay blame for the salary of the court's executive secretary on the present justices, when instead his pay is set by the General Assembly.

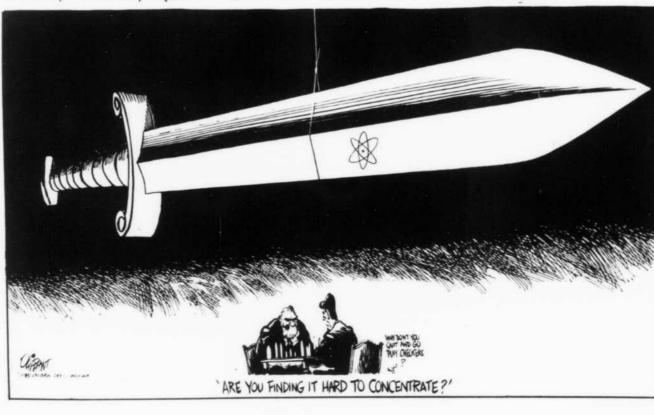
In addition, for the Republican Party to imply by their committee name that a Democratic judgeship is incapable of being fair is irresponsible. It becomes even more ludicrous, however, when you consider that the Republicans have been unable to name a single instance of a partisan Supreme Court decision.

THEREFORE, since the Republican arguments are so intellectually dishonest, and since the present justices have proven themselves very capable, they must be reelected.

In the two congressional races, U.S. Sen. Jim Sasser should receive the Democratic nomination over challenger Charles Gordon Vick, and Congressman Albert Gore Jr., who is unopposed for the nomination, should receive a vote of confidence for a job well-done.

These are our endorsements. We hope you will consider the reasoning behind the

recommendations. But whatever your decision, do vote.











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O'Brien predicting win in Democratic primary

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

Gubernatorial candidate Anna Belle Clement O'Brien will take the nomination, including Knox County, the home of opponent Randy Tyree, O'Brien's press secretary predicted yesterday.

"We are very confident," press secretary Maxey Irwin said yesterday. "We believe we're sitting on an eight-point lead state-wide.

predicted that IRWIN O'Brien would carry the rural counties in the state, and called Shelby County a tossup.

Tyree aides could not be reached for comment.

During the last days of her primary campaign, Anna Belle Clement O'Brien has scoffed at suggestions that polls show her falling behind Knoxville mayor Randy Tyree, a graduate of MTSU.

"I DON'T believe a word of it," O'Brien said recently when told that one poll showed her falling behind. "I realize polling is a modern thing to do, but I still predict I will win the primary by 57 percent."

Privately, O'Brien is saying that not only will she handily win the nomination, but that it will be easier running one-onone with Alexander than running against eight Democratic hopefuls.

In many respects, however, the campaign for the Democratic nomination has not been an O'Brien-Tyree battle, but has instead been a joint O'Brien-Tyree assault on what they see as the deficiencies within the Alexander administration.

SPEAKING to Girls' State delegates here in June, O'Brien lashed out at the governor for being unable to work with the state Legislature to improve Tennessee's ailing economy, which ranks above the national average in unemployment and twelfth in small-business bankruptey.

"Any governor has to take credit when the economy is good," she said. "But he or she also has to take responsibility when it is bad.

Speaking at a Democratic rally in Lebanon Thursday, O'Brien charged that the governor was attracting big business in from outside the state and country at the expense of the small businessman.

"THE SMALL business people are mad. They're mad because they aren't getting access roads, . . . tax breaks; [or] . . . industrial revenue bonds to help them when they are in trouble," the state senator said. "But big businesses [from] out of the state and out of the country get all of those benefits.

At a campaign stop in Cookeville Thursday, Tyree accused Alexander of not taking any action to remedy the state's sagging unemployment rate.

"The incumbent governor has said there's nothing he can do about unemployment," Tyree said. "We are not going to take that position. We are going to create jobs.'

BOTH candidates have also attacked the Alexander administration's stance on education.

In an interview with Sidelines in April, Tyree said education is "the single most important issue that we'll be faced with.

"You can't solve all the problems by throwing more money at them, but education is one area that needs more money," Tyree said Thursday.

O'BRIEN, who is chairman of the Senate Education Committee and who Tyree has called "a friend of education," said during her June visit here that one of the reasons she was running for governor was a basic difference in philosophy with Alexander about education.

"I'm not just running against the governor," she said, "I'm running for education."

In June, the state senator received the backing of the Tennessee Political Action Committee for Education (T-PACE), the political action wing of the Tennessee Education Committee. In addition to a \$10,000 contribution for O'Brien coffers, the dorsement could mean the suport of 100,000 voters, according to T-PACE Executive Secretary Cavit Cheshier.

IN HER platform statement on education released in early July, O'Brien accused the Alexander administration of ignoring student-teacher ratios and the Teacher Tenure Law. She also said Alexander had tried to dismantle over \$200 million worth of planned vocational-education facilities.

Recently, Tyree also accused the governor of not being accessible to solve the problems of Tennesseans.

"I hear all over the state that nobody can get to the governor,"



The two leading contendors-Knoxville mayor Randy Tyree and state Sen. Anna Belle Clement O'Brien-tomorrow's Democratic gubernatorial primary are shown during the State Democratic Party convention in April.

Tyree said. "The single most disastrous thing an elected official can do is to get surrounded by people who won't let the public in.

SPEAKING to the Tennessee Joint State Legislative Committee, Tyree promised to establish a system whereby any Tennessean with a problem can discuss the problem with an official on a weekly basis.

Even though both have expressed dissatisfaction with the state's present tax system, the two leading contendors have differed on the issue of a state income tax.

O'Brien has said she would not be opposed to a state income tax if she found it necessary, while Tyree has said he would not support "any additional taxation" for state residents. The Knoxville mayor has proposed, however, a payroll tax for nonresidents who work in the state.

BOTH THE state senator and the Knoxville mayor have taken strong law and order stands.

Tyree, a former FBI agent and former Knoxville police intelligence officer, said he would try to get tougher penalitites for persons convicted of assaulting peace officers, recommend more money for policemen who participate in inservice training programs and do what he could to improve their working situation.

"There has never been a governor who was a police officer, and it's time for one,' Tyree told Nashville police officers last week.

TYREE HAS received the endorsement of the state Fraternal Order of Police.

In addition, both Tyree and O'Brien have promised to uphold the death penalty as a means of punishment.

Like their public statements, the media commercials of both candidates have not included any direct attacks on each other.

ON THE WHOLE, the O'Brien media campaign has taken what her aides like to call "the high road."In one television commercial, O'Brien is shown walking through a wooded area, while her voice over the picture tells listeners that she wants to improve the standard of living for the elderly and the handicapped. None of the other Democratic candidates or Alexander are mentioned.

Tyree's commercials have focused on the Knoxville mayor's contributions to his city and have made one indirect stab at O'Brien, saying it is time for a "new generation" on Capitol

O'Brien, a state legislator for eight years, is the sister of the late Gov. Frank Clement. She was widely regarded as the power behind the throne in her brother's administration.

IN CLEMENT'S 1953-59 and 1963-67 administrations, for example, O'Brien was in charge of the governor's county patronage system used to fill state jobs with political sup-

O'Brien has said she will not establish an elaborate patronage system, but would still appoint "friends" to state government positions if they are qualified.

Like the face-off between old-

blood and new-blood, the campaign appears to have also turned into the traditional battle between urban interests and

rural interests.

TYREE'S television commercials have focused on his abilities in bringing economic prosperity to the city of Knoxville, while O'Brien ads have portrayed the Crossville native in a rural atmosphere.

Likewise, O'Brien has received the endorsement of the Johnson City Press-Chronicle and the Columbia Daily Herald, while Tyree has been endorsed by the Chattanooga Times, the Jackson Sun and the Memphis Commercial Appeal.

In its endorsement, the Commercial Appeal charged that O'Brien was too tied to rural interests.

"THE Democratic campaign has boiled down to a ruralurban confrontation and Tennessee has changed," the newspaper said.

"A majority of the people of this state now live in large cities and the contiguous counties that

make up their trade areas." O'Brien, in an interview with Sidelines Thursday, said she was "not at all" disappointed by the lack of support from the state's major newspapers, adding that her brother had similar results during his first bid for governor.

THE PEOPLE who read the editorials, campaign manager Bryant Milsaps interjected, already have their minds made up. He said the undecided voters, who are perceived as the key element in this election, are the ones who read only the sports pages and the comics.

In other endorsements, O'Brien has received the support of the Tennessee Voters Council, the state's largest black political organization, the Tennessee United Auto Workers, the State Federation of Business and Professional Women, and 26 small-town mayors.

Tyree has been endorsed by prominent black state representative Harold Ford of Memphis, the Tennessee State Building and Construction Trades Council, the Knoxville Building and Construction Trades Council, the East Tennessee Building and Trades Council and the Tennessee State International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

IN SPITE of the outcome, both candidates have pledged to work together to defeat the incumbent Alexander, who is (Continued on page 4)

State Supreme Court race has unusual ingredients

Recipe for an unusual political campaign: take one election for state supreme court members, add the rule that candidates cannot lash out at each other and season with a heavy dose of party politics.

The result is what is currently happening with the campaign to elect the five-member Tennessee Supreme Court—a campaign where the main issues, fought by members of the two political parties, have been the actions of state Attorney General William Leech and Executive Secretary to the Supreme Court Cletus McWilliams.

SINCE THE candidates are prevented by judicial canons of ethics from lashing out at each other, most of the campaign rhetoric has originated from the Committee to Elect a Bi-Partisan Supreme Court.

The suggestion of bipartisan is, however, rather misleading.

Actually, the Committee to Elect a Bi-Partisan Supreme Court is composed entirely of Republicans and shares quarters with the state Republican Party.

THE organization, headed by attorney John King and state Sen. Victor Ashe, is attempting to gain a three-man majority on the Supreme Court, which has been held solely by Democrats since the election system was instituted in 1974.

Republican candidate Thomas Hull, a 56-year-old Greeneville attorney, is attempting to unseat either of the two incumbent justices who hold the court's two at-large seats: Ray L. Brock, 59, of Chattanooga and Frank Drowota III, 44, of Nashville.

Sevierville attorney John B. Waters, 52, president-elect of that: "If I could get Bell, I'd like the Tennessee Bar Association, is opposing incumbent Robert L. Cooper, 61, of Chattanooga for HAMILTON has also received the court seat reserved for an

MEMPHIS Circuit Judge America, which includes Thomas B. Avery, 52, is running against Justice William H. D. Fones, 65, of Memphis who charged that Cochran has ac-holds the West Tennessee seat.

Chief Justice William I. and has been "strong-arming" Harbison, 59, of Nashville is unopposed for his Middle Tennessee seat.

All Tennesseans elect the

court members from each district to eight-year terms which begin on Sept. 1.

AT THE center of the campaign rhetoric seems to be a desire to replace Leech as attorney general. The Supreme Court chooses the state attorney general, but has no authority to supervise his performance.

The committee has accused the court of being partisan in its selection of Leech, a Columbia attorney who headed the 1971 Constitutional Convention, as the state's legal head.

Ashe has called Leech "the most partisan attorney general in the history of this state," accusing him of not cooperating with the governor and of mishandling cases involving the death penalty.

The 47-year-old Leech denies having any problem with the governor.

I HAVE NEVERrd him [Alexander] say, or the responsible [Republican] leadership in the legislature say, that we have had any problems," Leech told The Tennessean recently.

Leech also rejects charges that he has overstepped his authority by handling death-penalty cases in appellate courts himself, instead of leaving the responsibility to local prosecutors.

Both the Tennessee Constitution and a state statute call for the state attorney general's office-not local prosecutorsto handle appeals of criminal matters, Leech explained.

REPUBLICANS have also charged that Leech was negligent in handling deathpenalty cases before the state Supreme Court by failing to ask Justice Brock to excuse himself from all cases involving capital punishment.

Brock has stated in a series of dissenting opinions a belief that the death penalty is unconstitutional.

The justices have argued, however, that the Republican complaints are "a transparent political ploy" and that it is unnecessary for Brock to excuse himself.

"II'S A LEGAL issue and is being used as a political gim-

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election issues: analysis

PSC race focuses on conflicts of interest

The Democratic primary for Tennessee Public Service Commissioner—probably election's most heated race-has focused not so much on the candidates' qualifications as on the proverbial "who is sleeping with whom" question.

Significant because there are no Republican candidates for this seat, the contest pits incumbent Frank Cochran against a prominent challenger, state Senate Majority Leader Milton Hamilton.

THE PURPOSE of the threemember Public Service Commission, according to the Tennessee Blue Book, is "to supervise all aspects of railroads, motor carriers and privately owned utilities that perform services within the boundaries of Tennessee."

At the center of controversy in this race has been the relationship of the two candidates to those interests that the PSC regulates.

Hamilton has charged that Cochran, a commissioner since 1976 and PSC chairman since 1980, has failed to act as a "champion of the consumer."

EVEN THOUGH on several occasions Cochran has been a lone dissenter on action · favorable to South Central Bell, Hamilton has charged that the



Milton Hamilton

Cochran has failed to exercise the proper leadership in his role as chairman of the commission.

"All rates have increased since Frank Cochran went on that board," Hamilton "They've increased despite his role as chairman. If I lost votes in the Senate as majority leader, I'd expect someone to say it was due to a lack of leadership.'

In particular, Hamilton has cited a 1981 PSC decision in which the Adamsville Telephone Co., owned by David Dickey, a friend and campaign ally of Cochran, was granted a rate increase which he says averaged

163 percent. DICKEY, who acknowledged his friendship with Cochran, defended the commissioner as "much more of a man than to pass out favors." Instead, Dickey said the rate increase represented the first time his telephone company,



which was involved in an expansion program, had been before the PSC in 13 years.

Cochran has said he would vote the same way if the question came before him again, explaining that the approval actually resulted in an average 95 percent increase. That compares to a 139 percent increase for South Central Bell for the same time period, he said.

Cochran aide Paul Allen was incensed by Hamilton's charges.

"IF THE BELL candidate [referring to Hamilton] could keep his company from raising rates for 13 years, we would all be better off," Allen said.

Like the statement made by Allen, charges have been made that Hamilton is a puppet candidate for South Central Bell, the largest utility regulated by the PSC.

Hamilton, whose son is in a management position with the

Bell company, has received the endorsement of the Telephone Pioneers of America, an association for retired telephone employees. IN A LETTER to members,

the group's Tennessee coordinator, Ed Carroll, lauds Hamilton as the one who "will be fair to the industry and to the people of Tennessee. He then urges members to contact at least 10 family members and friends, urging them to vote for Hamilton.

"As life members, we need to show our public officials that we are unified and have the strength to make a significant difference in this contest," the letter says.

Although Hamilton denies any unethical committments, he admitted to The Tennessean to have them. That's 18,000 votes I could use.

the endorsement of the Com- East Tennessean. munication Workers of telephone employees. The state senator has also

cepted the support of big labor the trucking industry to get campaign monies.

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By NITA COOK Staff Writer

Ninety of Garry Trudeau's original Doonesbury comic strips will appear for the first time in an art museum in an exhibit which opens tomorrow in Nashville's Cheekwood Hall

The exhibit, which continues through Oct. 31. is titled "Garry Trudeau: Doonesbury, A Ten Year Retrospective."

SIXTY-FIVE of the 90 black-and-white drawings drawn and lettered by this master of social commentary were done as daily comic strips and 25 as Sunday comic strips.

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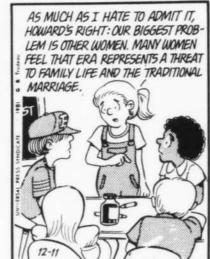
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peared in commercial art galleries in Boston, Chicago, Scottsdale and San Francisco, and an exhibit will go to New Orleans with a collection of Daumier prints in the near

The show is jointly sponsored by Cheekwood and The Tennessean.

"Trudeau is the Daumier of our time and our country," Kevin Grogan, Cheekwood fine arts director, told The Tennessean. "He's a wonderful draftsman whose comments on the current scene are insightful, incisive and vividly telling.

"TRUDEAU doesn't observe with a mean or



bitter eye. He consistently works on a plane rarely equaled by social commentators who rely solely on the printed word."

Trudeau is from an upstate New York family with a tradition of entering

the medical profession. He is the only descendantto

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career. He graduated from Yale and lives and works in New York City. Trudeau began drawing

cartoons about 10 years ago

O'Brien-Tyree

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nomination.

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"I believe with all my heart

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pursue a different kind of

while still a student. His first show appeared in Jane Haslem's gallery in Washington, D.C. in 1973. Haslem is the leading purveyor of comic and cartoon art in the country.

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"SUCCESS hasn't

changed him," says Haslem of Trudeau. "He's a warm, pleasant, nice human being. He doesn't give interviews or statements to the press. He hopes that his cartoons will speak for him."

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Cochran, endorsed by the Tennessee State Labor Council. the United Auto Workers and the Tennessee Voters Council. has also received a \$1,000 check from the Teamster Union's political action committee in Washington.

THE commissioner denies that pressure has been put on any labor or trucking interests to contribute.

Recently released campaign contribution records do show that up to July 26, Cochran had received more than \$8,000 from owners or employees of companies that have business before the PSC.

Perhaps the most interesting of the contribution statistics lies in the "\$100 or less" category.

less, a contributor's name does not have to be given on the campaign financial disclosure forms. In the past, these contributions of \$100 or less have been used to hide campaign gifts from regulated industries.

Hamilton has received \$63,789.34 in gifts of \$100 or less, while Cochran listed \$21,541 in the same category.

\$142,924.34, compared to . Cochran's \$47,059.30.



Sen. Mack Mattingly, R-Geo., and Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, R- million have complied.

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Overall, Hamilton has raised

1983," O'Brien told listeners in Lebanon Thursday. "The fact that Mrs. O'Brien and I haven't been out there beating each other over the head

is a positive sign," Tyree said recently.

IN FACT, both candidates have pledged that the winner will buy brunch Friday for all Democrats? who ran for governor.

Other candidates for the nomination are:

- · Tom Henry, former head of the Commission on Aging,
- · Luther Kindall, a psychology professor at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville,
- · John Love, former mayor of Johnson City,
- · Boyce McCall, a Knoxville electrician,
- · state Rep. Tommy McKnight of Jackson,
- · Virginia Nyabongo, a retired professor of French at Tennessee State University, and
- · James Wesley Thomas, a Lewisburg inventor.

EXPLORE NEW

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"We've had the unpleasent task of telling people they can and then can't have financial aid, but that was for financial or other reasons."

THE BILL was introduced by Calif.

"Those who are ready and willing to accept dollars from the taxpayers of our nation must at the very minimum be ready to obey the laws of this country," Mattingly said.

The Selective Service estimates that over 500,000 men have failed to register, while 7.8

Supreme Court

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mick," Brock said during a recent visit to Murfreesboro.

Justice Robert L. Cooper noted that determining the constitutionality of state laws "is one of our major tasks."

Both Leech and Justice William H.D. Fones have said the Committee to Elect a Bi-Partisan Supreme Court is using indefensible arguments.

"IF, AS LAWYERS, the three Republican candidates believe what this committee is saying, then they are not qualified to be on the Supreme Court," Leech said recently

The Republican campaign committee has also been critical of the incumbent members for not controlling expenditures by McWilliams, who as executive secretary to the court is the chief administrator of the state's judicial system.



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Candidate Waters has said the court should lobby the Legislature to cut McWilliams' salary, said to be \$73,891 a year-\$5,000 more than the governor's salary.

McWILLIAMS' salary, however, will be at that level for only July and August 1982 until a new judicial pay plan takes effect. The administrator receives the same salary as the judges on the Court of Appeals

Analysts say the ability of the incumbents to retain their positions race may give some insight into the comparative strength of the Democratic Party and, consequently, the ability of

and the Court of Criminal

Appeals, which will be \$62,500

a year as of Sept. 1.

the Democratic nominee to defeat the incumbent Lamar Alexander in the November

gubernatorial race.

Budget

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the mandated 2 percent due to "previous efforts we've made to control personnel costs for the future," Greene said.

If the prescribed reductions are not met, Finance and Administration may be forced to ask some of the state agencieswhich could include some of the colleges and universities-to make further reductions in personnel costs.

If MTSU has to make reductions, Greene said, "it would have to be salaries.

"WE COULDN'T reduce it out of other operating expenses."

Greene further said that any additional cuts in personnel costs wouldcome from leaving some positionsunfilled and hiring lower qualified individuals to occupy positions at a salary lessthan would be given to a higher qualified person.

In addition, fewer people would be hired to occupy "group positions"-graduate assistants. adjunct faculty, and temporary

"WE WOULD not have to terminate anybody," Greene

Police-

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"vehicle information number," disclosed a Nashville car rental outlet had reported the car stolen in December, Miller said.

Miller said Abdulah disclosed some information in connection with the charges, but declined comment until a trial date is set.

Abdulah offered no resistance during apprehension, the detective said.

Abdula, who said he belonged to the Moslem faith, told MTSU police he had been staying on campus because he was "religiously married" to a coed.

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MTSU Sports.

Russell Guill is hired as MTSU athletic fund-raiser

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports Editor Guill, a graduate assistant for Clemson University's successful fund-raising program, was hired Friday as MTSU's promotions and ticket manager fund-raiser position.

The hiring decision came after a month marked by indecision.

GUILL was tabbed as the front-runner in early July. Then within one week, the gears changed as Athletic Director Jimmy Earle said Guill "was the leading candidate.

Shortly afterward, the job was offered to Samuel Baker of William and Mary, who turned down the postition. University officials then began to consider hiring someone local.

Finally, Earle, MTSU president Sam Ingram and Ingram's assistant, Otis Floyd, met Wednesday and narrowed the applicants to two persons: Guill of Clemson and Beth Campbell of Auburn.

BOTH individuals were called

in for an interview with Ingram, who had not spoken with any of the finalists. Following the

'We had very fair, selection thorough sessions'—Jimmy Earle

interviews, the three university officials made the unanimous decision to hire Guill.

"We had very fair and very thorough selection session, Earle said Monday.

Prior to Ingram's interviews with the final two, he said he was "not totally enthusiastic about [Guill's and Campbell's] experience, but the committee evidently is.

SO WHAT sold Ingram on the 23-year-old graduate assistant?

"He has had much greater experience at Clemson than his resume indicated," Ingram said Monday

"I was impressed that he worked as a graduate assistant with the I-Pay-Thirty-A-Year office at one time as a volunteer."

INGRAM described Guill as a "very bright and hard-working young man who takes the initiative and is a self-starter.

"He's confident that he can do the job, and I'm excited about the young man."

Guill will be MTSU's second athletic fund-raiser. The first was Bill Stewart, a former Vanderbilt athletic official. He was dismissed in February after being at MTSU seven months.

"LACK OF success at the job" was cited as the main reason Stewart was dismissed. He raised less than \$2,000 for the athletic department during his tenure at MTSU.

Guill must now prove himself. "There will be a six-month evaluation where some immediate goals will be set," Floyd said last week.

INGRAM SAID the evaluation "involves what kind of program is developed, what's been done and what's been

"That means as much as the dollar amount raised," he said.

Ingram's expectations for Guill's first fund-raising year are that he "will raise more than what the position will cost us."

THE BLUE RAIDERS athletic director stressed that for continued funding of all athletic programs, the fund-raiser post "is very important for our

'He's confident and I'm excited'—Sam Ingram

future."

Thanks to rising costs and rampant inflation, MTSU's athletic budget has been cut in real dollars for the past three

"We've really had to tighten our belts," Floyd commented.

UNDOUBTEDLY though, MTSU's basketball team being in the NCAA playoffs and on television has helped the athletic

"But that money goes into next year's fiscal budget," Floyd said.

In addition to the NCAA basketball money, Floyd said that over \$17,000 from this past spring's Oak Ridge Boys concert goes into the school's athletic advancement account.

MTSU Director of Student Programming Harold Smith said vesterday that the selection board of the Special Events Committee voted to have the "total profits" of the Oaks' concert donated to the athletic department.

Smith said the Committee also "specified that the money not be spent on one particular sport."

"We can't use that money unless there's a need." Floyd

"WE'D HAVE to spend our state funds first."

So it appears Guill will step into the fund-raiser post with a fairly solid financial foundation on which to build.

Earle said he hopes to have Guill on the job "by the eighth

or ninth of this month." ONE OF HIS first jobs will be helping this year's ticket drive

chairman, Steve Custin of State

'We've really had to tighten our belts'-Otis Floyd

Farm Insurance, coordinate the season football ticket sales.

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Applications for season ticket renewal for the Raiders five homes games were mailed out last month. However, Earle says the over-the-counter season ticket sales will start in about 10 days.

Last year's drive, headed by Bruce Plummer, brought in a little more than \$16,000 in season ticket sales.

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports fans, I've really been thinking about the drug situation we say we have in professional sports, with the most recently publicized cases coming from the National Football League.

You've heard that NFL club owners are pushing for a drug rehabilitation program for each team and possibly, required urinalysis tests on players to detect drug use.

"Yeah," I've heard people say, "let's get those guys to get their acts in gear."

Well, I agree—but let's don't start pointing fingers toward pro players until we step back and think a



minute about the situation.

An athlete taking, or a coach permitting, drugs is essentially no different from the student who takes pep pills to get through exams, the executive who



over lunch, the housewife on tranquilizers or diet pills, the chain cigarette smoker or, for that matter, non-stop coffee drinker.

They all feel they need a particular drug to get through their tasks, and whether they're right or wrong, moral or immoral, misguided or careless, there's nothing about their dependence on drugs which is an inherent part of

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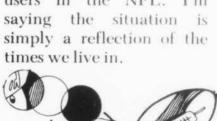
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Sports creates stressful situations of pressure and tension that can make players turn to some type of narcotic to get hyped up, to relax, or to escape from

What I'm saving is: drugs are not so much a part of sports as sports is a reflection of our society.

When cocaine became the symbol of rich indulgence, could you really expect every 20- to 30-yearold suddenly earning \$300,000 a year or more to be immuned to the lure of his wealth and independence and avoid falling prey to very sophisticated drug marketers?

I am not defending drug users in the NFL. I'm



know that prominent athletes with

their public images exert much influence on children and the parents of children. So, when it's revealed the heroes of these children are drug users, aren't they doing harm?

Yes. I think so.

Sports will continue to inevitably create heroes and role models for the public.

But let's get things in a proper perspective. Sports personalities aren't the only people in the world who are role models.

For instance, does the awareness that an athlete abuses drugs have more or less impact on more or fewer minds than the same knowledge about Marilyn Monroe? The Beatles? John Belushi? A minister? A college professor?

Wouldn't it be great if the sports world set spectacularly higher standards of behavior than the rest of us? Well, it doesn't. And to read anything more into that imperfection definitely isn't the way you increase your understanding of sports' place in the scheme

of things.

Murray State Racers hire top track and field coach

Jay Flanagan, formerly of Carthage College in Kenosha. Wis., has been named track and eross-country coach at Murray State University of the Ohio

Valley Conference.

Flanagan structured one of the nation's top NCAA Division III track and cross-country programs at Carthage College

during his 10 years there.He directed the Redmen crosscountry team to four top 10 NAIA championship finishes and was named NAIA District Coach of the Year in 1974.

FLANAGAN'S track and field teams finished in theNCAA Division III national championships twice, including 1981. He has also produced two national champions in individual competition.

Flanagan is also a member of the NCAA track and field rules committee.

"We feel fortunate to have attracted a coach with such an

Flanagan replaces Bill Cornell who resigned after 15 years as track and cross-country coach at MSU to return to athletic staff at his alma mater, Southern Illinois-Carbondale. THE possibility that men's

impressive record of success,"

said Murray State athletic

director Johnny Reagan.

track and field in the OVC may be dropped from the respective schools' athletic programs after next season could cause more OVC track coaches to leave the conference.

If the NCAA votes in January to allow the OVC to drop their sponsorship of men's sports from eight to six, it will almost certainly meanthe end of men's track and field in the OVC.

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MTSU searches for tourney sponsor

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports Editor

MTSU is in search of a sponsor for the two-night intrastate basketball tournament to be played at Murphy Center this November.

The tournament, now called the "Tennessee Classic," was played at Tennessee State University last year and was sponsored by Coors of the Cumberland. The company, now called Cumberland Beverage, will be vying against other bidders for this year's tournament sponsorship.

MTSU president Sam Ingram said last week that public opinion will be considered in the search for a sponsor.

"No matter what we do, we have to think what the general public thinks," Ingram said.

"I have some concerns about a company that sells an alcoholic beverage sponsoring an event at MTSU. And I've had some people in the community show their concern," Ingram said.

AUSTIN PEAY, U-T Chattanooga, TSU and MTSU are involved in the tournament, with the schools rotating the tourney site between each other every year.

Ideally, each of the schools are supposed to come up with some type of sponsor for the Classic when it's played at their school. Last year, Tennessee State secured Coors as the tournament sponsor.

Ingram said some people seemed to have the impression that MTSU is committed to Coors. However, that is not the case, he emphasized.

"IT'S MY understanding that MTSU is not legally bound to Coors or Coors to us," Ingram said.

"The presidents of the other schools did not have the assumption that one ponsor would always do it [the tournament]."

Sponsorship of a tourney such as the Classic can involve various agreements, but the ideal situation is one where the sponsoring company makes a financial guarantee against any losses that may be incurred.

HOWEVER, TSU Athletic Director Samuel Whitmon said last week there was no such agreement with Coors last year. A two-night tournament involving the four teams will cost approximately \$20,000, including a \$3,000 guarantee to each school. About \$2,500 must be paid to officials, plus personnel and costs of using the

MTSU basketball coach Stan Simpson said last week he has met with Coors representatives in Nashville and that "they've shown an interest in the same proposal I've given to some other people."

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant to the president Otis Floyd said, "Everybody will have an equal chance for the bid."

Ingram said, "We'll try to anticipate public reaction and financial advantage to the university if the sponsor is a bank, beer company or whatever."

However, Ingram said, "The company that offers the most money may not get the sponsorship."

ON THE OTHER hand, Simpson said MTSU is "looking for the best deal financially," and he hopes to find a company or a "state-wide banking institution" which would make a guarantee to absorb any losses.

Athletic Director Jimmy Earle said, "Well, we're all looking for the best possible sponsor.

"Coach Arnold at UTC says they may handle the sponsorship next year, and I believe Austin Peay will have some local sponsors in 1983."

INGRAM noted that MTSU "may find two or three sponsors will be better than one."

Simpson acknowledged that Coors could possibly be the sponsor again, but said that university sponsorship could not be ruled out.

"We'd have to sell about 5,000 tickets a night to have a profit, and I think it could be done," he said.

Earle said, "Yeah, we'd have to have a real good ticket push if we decide to sponsor it, and we'd probably have to get some local civic groups to help in ticket sales."

No matter what direction the sponsorship takes, Ingram said the matter "will be settled two or three months prior to the tournament."

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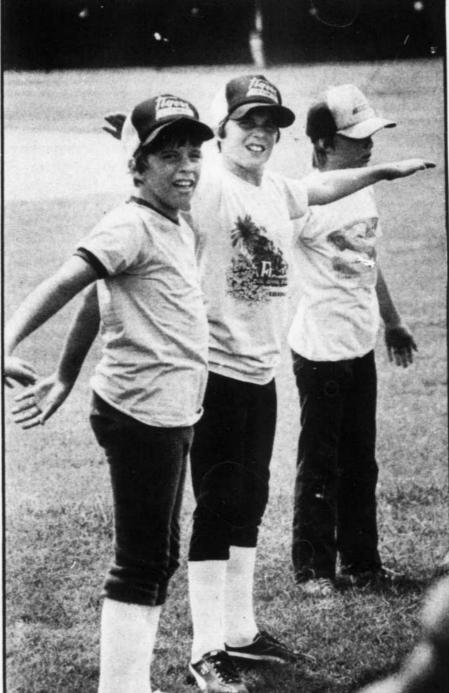
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"Officials make enough calls

the ball," Simpson said.

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oto courtesy Charlie Hunt

Future Major Leaguers?

Three young men complete stretching exercises during MTSU Coach John Stanford's baseball camp last week

an advocate of a third official."

Naturally, the cost of hiring a third official would be a big

question in the OVC with athletic budgets being so tight, he said. Simpson pointed out there would also be the question: "Can you find enough good officials?"

So the changes will affect officials, but even more importantly, how will the changes

affect players?
"IT'LL AFFECT players

psychologically because one time you, know you need to worry about the clock or the counts and the next game you won't," Simpson said.

The Raiders' head coach voiced his total feelings when he said, "We've taken a game in the height of its popularity and tried to change it.

"We've treated it like it's a broken toy—I didn't know the game was broken."

OVC Basketball coaches vote to keep count rules

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports Editor

Ohio Valley Conference basketball coaches voted in Lexington, Ky., last week to keep the 10-second mid-court rule and five-second "closely guarded" counts in effect during OVC games next season.

The counts will be used along with the 30-second shot clock and 3-point basket approved earlier this year.

THAT MEANS a team will have 10 seconds to get the basketball across the mid-court stripe and then will have 30 seconds to shoot the ball.

"I like it, but we've really put a lot on the officials," MTSU head coach Stan Simpson said

last week.

"It'll be a weird year," Simpson added. "When officials referee outside of the OVC, some nights they'll have to worry about the counts and different shot clocks and the three-point shot."

HOWEVER, keeping the 10and 5-second counts will prevent the OVC representative in the NCAA playoffs from having to readjust to the traditional counts after going through a season without them.

League coaches also agreed that the 19-foot circle for the experimental 3-shot should be measured from the front of the asket IIII.

"At the corners, the shooting circle will be six feet in, and at its arc, it'll intersect the top of the foul circle," Simpson said.

WITH THE 3-point shot circle only extending through the top of the key, Simpson predicted that fans will see "a good number of 3-pointers in the OVC," but he quickly added he did not think the 3-pointer would improve the overall shooting quality of OVC teams.

All the changes are certain to put extra pressure on the twoman officiating crews.

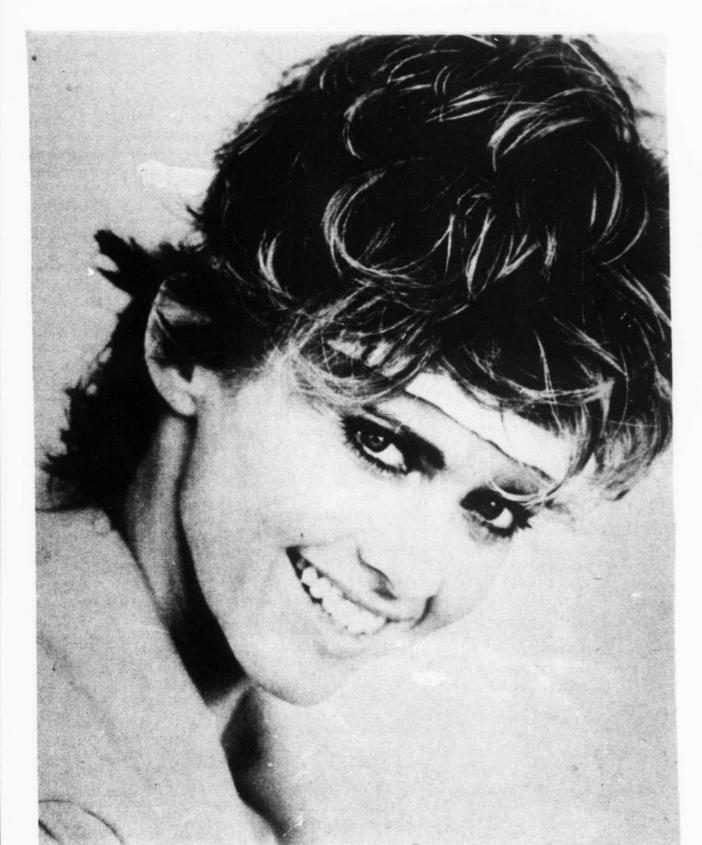
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what makes most coaches mad."

He said the addition of a third official in the OVC would be a solution to the problem.

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"WELL, you're looking at a situation where someone would usually be in position for a call," Simpson said."I haven't been previously, but I think I'm now



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