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Floyd may be TSU prez two additional years

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

A Board of Regents advisory committee has recommended that Otis Floyd, MTSU vice president for administration, remain the interim president of Tennessee State University through the 1987-88 academic year, Howell Todd, vice-chancellor of the state board of regents, announced last Friday.

The advisory committee recommended to Chancellor Thomas Garland that Floyd "remain in his position through the 1987-88 academic year with the option at the end of that two years that he be considered a candidate for the permanent presidency," Todd said.

The *Tennessean* reported Saturday that Floyd said if he was asked to stay on as president of TSU, he would.

MTSU President Sam Ingram expressed mixed feelings about the possibility of Floyd leaving MTSU.

"I will be pleased for him if he is asked to stay on at TSU," Ingram said. "However, if it does happen it will be a tremendous loss for MTSU."

Ingram is handling his own duties plus Floyd's while Floyd serves as TSU's interim president. Board of regents policy does not call for a replacement for administrators who are on leave.

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Kimberly Boyd/Special

Pop superstar Stevie Wonder performs a song during his concert in the round last Sunday at Murphy Center.

Auto burglars caught during Wonder concert

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Four people were arrested on campus and charged with thefts from automobiles during the Stevie Wonder Concert last Sunday, Patrolman Brian Grisham of campus security said.

"One adult, Robert Ellis, was arrested for larceny to auto," Grisham said. "He stole a hood bra off of a car. Another subject got away."

The other three people arrested were juveniles.

"Three juveniles were arrested for a series of auto burglaries," Grisham said. "They were all non-students around 17. They were local high school students and dropouts."

The three juveniles were part of a group of six people burglarizing cars in the parking area between Rutledge Hall and the Industrial Studies Building, Grisham said.

Three of the group got away, Grisham said.

"However, we did recover quite a bit of the stolen property," he said.

The adult arrested was also caught in the same area, Grisham said.

The juveniles will go to court Wednesday for preliminary hearings, Grisham said.

In a separate investigation by campus security, two students are being prosecuted for pulling a false fire alarm.

"After an unsuccessful and non-profitable party raid on September 9 they decided to pull a fire alarm to get attention," Grisham said.

"We want students to know we are serious about this and we will prosecute," Grisham said. "The offense is a misdemeanor that carries

a penalty up to 11-29 [11 months and 29 days in the county work house].

"They will probably do quite a bit of public service work," Grisham said.

A former MTSU student will be bound over to the grand jury in October for the alleged theft of two books from Todd Library, Grisham said.

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15 students attend ASB Retreat; Baxter says 200 invitations sent

From Staff Reports

Fifteen student leaders out of the more than 200 invited attended the annual Associated Student Body Retreat last Saturday at Tech Aqua on Center Hill Lake.

More than 200 invitations were mailed to club presidents, ASB senators and members of the ASB judicial branch, ASB President Troy Baxter said.

Although only 15 people attended, the retreat was still "a success," Baxter said.

The retreat included speeches from President Sam Ingram, Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance, and other campus administrators.

The program was highlighted by question and answer sessions, during which the student leaders present could ask the administrators questions.

The program started Jack Drugmand, chief of campus security, giving a short summary of the workings of his department, followed by Charles Pigg, director of campus planning, who outlined all of the new developments on campus including a program which will double the current size of the livestock pavilion and plans to alleviate the parking situation.

Other speakers at the event included Ivan Shewmake, housing di-

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Cantrell pushes IFC for non-alcoholic rush

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Editorial

MTSU's social fraternities may experience several weeks of rush without alcohol if the Interfraternity Council approves the Dean of Students Paul Cantrell's plans.

Fraternities that participate in rush are now allowed one night during rush when alcohol is permitted.

"Next year we're not going to have a rush like this one," Cantrell said at a recent IFC meeting. "Next semester we might see two or three weeks of dry rush."

Cantrell's plans for a dry rush will run into opposition and skepticism — at least from some fraternities.

"That proposition was brought before us because of some of the

bickering and bitching some of the bigger fraternities were doing," Russ Carmichael, president of Alpha Gamma Rho said.

"I think it will happen. I think it would cut down on Greek participation because some freshmen come here and they think that if they're going to drink, the only way is in a fraternity," Carmichael said.

"But it would have little effect on our fraternity because we're agriculturally orientated."

"I think I'd be in favor of it," Craig Johnson, president of Kappa Sigma said. "You end up with a better quality of guys. You just don't have a bunch of guys who want to party."

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Classes may be longer next fall

From Staff reports

MTSU officials are reviewing a plan which would decrease the length of the semester while lengthening the amount of time students will spend in class.

Based on a plan recently put into action by Memphis State University, it would increase instructional time from 700 to 750 minutes per semester credit hour.

If adopted, the plan would go

into effect the 1987 fall semester.

750 minutes of instructional time is a standard approved by the State Board of Regents, Cliff Gillespie, MTSU dean of admissions, said.

At present the plan is being studied by the MTSU Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee. The committee will report back to the senate in its October meeting.

Bell Street flooding 'good thing': city engineer

From Staff Reports

The flooding which occurs in the area around the Bell Street parking lot is "a good situation," Cy Wiser, Murtreesboro city engineer, said.

Water often pools there when there are heavy rains, Wiser said. There are currently "no plans" to change any section of drainage in that area, he said.

Wiser's comments concerned the Sept. 4 flooding which caused extensive water damage to cars in the Bell Street parking lot and to rooms in MonSchaRey Hall.

"The drainage that caused the flooding begins near Mercury Boulevard, flows to Baird Street, then past Cope, the dorms, [Monohan complex] and into Bell Street," he said. "That is why there are no buildings in that area — it's a natural detaining area."

Without it, Wiser said, there would be flooding on West and East streets, off Bell Street, which are both residential areas.

"Our drainage system is not ideal because the land is so flat," Charles Pigg, director of campus planning,

said. "Nothing extensive can be done to prevent these problems in the future. Drainage is a complex problem and it's more inclusive than just campus," Pigg said.

Murtreesboro is checking all drainage and everything will be considered, but whatever is done must be cost effective, Wiser said.

"In the long run it may often be cheaper to pay for repairs than for

a new drainage system," he said.

Wiser said this was the worst flood on record, and that it made little sense to spend money and to build for something that may never

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Howard Ross/Staff

This lawn next to the Bell St. parking lot retains water during heavy rains and occasionally overflows into the lot.

Many standing committee openings remain unfilled

By LEANN HATCHER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Fourteen university standing committees have openings for appointments of students, Associated Student Body President Troy Baxter said.

ter said.

As a committee member, students would have a direct voice and be able to vote at the meetings. As president of the ASB, Baxter makes recommendations to the administration for the appointment of committee members.

"I am also looking for a director of student fund raising," Baxter said. The position, which

would be within the president's advisory cabinet, is needed to help raise money for the Emergency Student Loans Fund, Baxter said.

Presently the ASB has donated \$625 for loans, but Baxter said he would like to see "a great deal more given to the fund."

"Applications for the committee and fund director will be accepted until the positions are filled," Baxter said.

The open committees are: Graduate Council, Admissions and Standards, Honors Council, Instructional Evaluation and Development, Public Service, Loan and Scholarship, Student Activities, Student Publications, University Discipline, Student Appeals, Programs for Handicapped Students and the Campus and Grounds committee.

Average faculty member makes \$32,000

By KELLY ANDERSON
Sidelines Forum Editor

The average MTSU faculty member's salary of \$32,765 is \$3,587 more than the average MTSU administrator's salary, the school's 1986 budget states.

However, "many people classified as administrators are not administrators in the classical sense of the word, and are low paid," President Sam Ingram said.

"What we try to do is to compare, for example, what our vice president of student affairs makes with the vice president of student affairs in other institutions of comparable size," Ingram said.

Although the State Board of Regents encouraged the universities under the system to set salary ranges for administrators, MTSU did not adopt set salary ranges because there was controversy about the recommendation, Ingram said.

Faculty members' salaries are determined by rank, educational experience and the department in the faculty member works in, Phyllis Montgomery, director of affirmative action said.

"There is a specific formula for each department and school," Montgomery said. "Their salary will fit in with their department."

Salaries in any given department

can be higher or lower than in another department, but the faculty members are earning approximately the same amount as a faculty member in the same position at another institution, Ingram said.

The average MTSU professor's salary is \$39,630. Associate professors earn an average of \$32,250 a year. The average salary for an assistant professor is \$26,747.

The lowest division of faculty members (the instructors) earn an average salary of \$21,539, according to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's review of proposed 1986-87 operating budgets.

11,408

10,283

Breakdown of 1986 Fall Enrollment Figures

8,699

3,635

2,709

1,125

594

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

UNDERGRADUATES

GRADUATE STUDENTS

FULL-TIME

PART-TIME

TRANSFER STUDENTS (undergraduate)

OUT OF STATE

MTSU's total enrollment for fall 1986 is an all-time record, up 115 students from fall 1985. 3,269 of these students are enrolled at MTSU for the first time. The average ACT score of new students is 17.71, slightly higher than last year. The leading religious preference listed by students is Baptist (28 percent), followed by no preference.

Campus Capsule

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: All submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 1 p.m. Monday for Tuesday publication or 1 p.m. Wednesday for Friday publication. All submissions are printed on a space available basis, and may be edited by *Sidelines* for clarity and brevity. *Sidelines* can not guarantee submissions will be published.

Student Activity fee applications can be secured in Room 126 of the K.U.C. Any student organization desiring student activity funds for the fall semester 1986 must complete and return the application to K.U.C. Room 126 by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 19, 1986.

Non-registered voters— You will have your chance to register to vote September 18 and 19 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm in the Post Office Area of the Keathley University Center.

Ladies interested in being a contestant in Alpha Phi Alpha's 5th Annual Miss Black & Gold Pageant should contact pageant director Jon Eric Moss at ext. 3208. They should also attend a meeting tonight in Room 311 of the Keathley University Center at 7:00 pm. Organizations wishing to sponsor a contestant should have their representative at the meeting.

The Society for International Affairs will hold a meeting on September 16 Room 208 of Peck Hall. All International Relations majors and minors, and anyone with an interest in current political happenings are welcome to attend.

The deadline to return freshman senator and homecoming queen applications is tomorrow.

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, will hold a get-acquainted picnic and program, to which prospective members are invited Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the picnic pavilion between Murphy Center and Greenland Drive parking lot. Kent Flanagan, Associated Press Bureau Chief in Nashville, will be guest speaker. Present members are to bring buns, hotdogs or other picnic-type food.

The Placement Office will conduct career placement orientation for seniors and graduate students on Wednesday, September 17 at 1:00 pm and Thursday September 18 at 11:00 am in Room 324 of the Keathley University Center. Students interested in participating in the campus interview program should attend this orientation.

Homecoming packets will be available in the ASB office, Room 304 of the Keathley University Center, after 12:00 today. The packets tell all of the rules and regulations for homecoming entries. Packets must be picked up and entries submitted prior to September 29.

Floyd

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If Floyd does remain at TSU for two additional years, "MTSU will have to talk to the chancellor and to Dr. Floyd about a replacement," Ingram said.

"It is difficult to leave a job open for two years," he said.

"I miss him [Floyd]," Ingram said. "I have to do his job while he is gone."

Garland is expected to reach a decision on the committee's recommendation before next week.

Arrests

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Gregory Briggs is charged with malicious secretion of state property, Grisham said.

Grisham said Briggs has admitted to the theft of at least 24 additional books.

"He will probably serve time because I had some trouble from him before," Grisham said. "There was some recovery of the stolen property, however."

Retreat

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rector, and Winston Wrenn, director of financial aid.

Jimmy Earle announced that the upcoming football game with Georgia Southern on Saturday will be the 75th anniversary game.

"I think a lot of important and pertinent information was passed on to the students present," Baxter said.

Bell Street

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happen again.

"If the university wants to improve its drainage, it could enlarge the sewer tunnel under South Tennessee, but I doubt it would be cost effective," Wiser said.

This would drain water off the campus faster, but would still cause water to fill up the Bell Street drainage area — and under freak weather conditions this water would still flood back into MonSchaRey Hall.

Rush

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Carmichael said Cantrell will probably propose that the IFC have dry rush, but that the IFC may appeal his decision.

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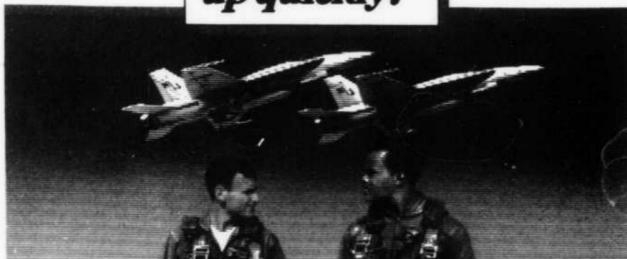
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Editorials

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ATHLETIC STUDENT BODY ...



Presidents show uncaring attitude

The events of the past few weeks have led *Sidelines* to wonder if MTSU's organizational presidents care about what happens on this campus.

First, only seven of the approximately 180 presidents of MTSU organizations attended the first meeting of the presidents' club. The president's club is an organization founded by ASB President Troy Baxter to provide a better line of communication between the ASB and the general student population.

The idea is to discuss important issues at the meetings, and then the presidents will relay the information to their respective club members. But this is hard to do

when no one shows up.

The latest example of student apathy is the ASB retreat held last Saturday at Tech Aqua on Center Hill Lake. Troy Baxter mailed invitations to approximately 200 student leaders, including every club president, ASB senator and member of the ASB's judicial branch.

Fifteen people took the time to be concerned about the campus and attend the retreat. Two were club presidents. But that figure is misleading because one of the presidents was Baxter and the other was an ASB senator. Five of the current number of 15 senators attended. The rest of the participants were members of Baxter's cabinet.

These figures are appalling. The retreat provided a

chance for student leaders and university administrators to get together and discuss one-on-one the major events and issues that affect students on this campus.

Every major administrator on campus was present, and each gave a speech about his office, followed by a question-and-answer session where students could ask them pertinent questions.

Several good things came from the retreat. Robert Lance, vice president of student affairs, promised to look into the possibility of making campus directory information available for longer hours. Jack Drugmand, chief of public safety and security, discussed the reasons behind the recent switch in decals. Phyllis Hickerson, director of

the minority affairs, discussed ways student leaders could get minority students more involved on campus.

All of these, and several more important issues relevant to campus life, were discussed in-depth by student leaders and administrators alike.

Sidelines congratulates the 15 students who showed their school pride and concern for the people they represent by attending the retreat.

For the other 165 so-called student leaders invited to attend the retreat, we ask one question: How can you call yourself a representative of an organization when you will not even take time out to learn about the issues that affect the students you are supposed to be leading?

Letter to the Editor

Founders' Day

Dear Editor
I would like to use this forum to offer my personal thanks to the 80 volunteers who assisted with the 75th anniversary cook-out last Thursday. As soon as the call for assistance went out, faculty and administrators pitched in to help with cooking, ticket collection, beverage dispensing, decorations and other activities.

of the volunteers much easier. Although a few may have felt overcome by the heat of the fires or the constant need to satisfy thirsty drinkers, no one complained! On the contrary — all who worked seemed happy to help. The volunteerism and camaraderie exemplifies the attitude of most who work here.

A special note of thanks goes to many members of Gamma Beta Phi who assisted with the event. They truly showed they are a "service" organization. Finally, the planning and execution of Doug McCallie and his ARA staff made the work

We find such activities are a great boost to morale and underscore our love of this great institution. Thanks to all!

Cliff Gillespie
Dean of Admissions and Records

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Forum

He has a mandate from the people

The other night, some friends and I were listening to Devo played backwards and playing strip Russian roulette. A newspaper was spread on the floor, opened to the classified section.

My eye was dragged to one ad in particular — *Big Futures in Spinach Control. Hard work, long hours, low pay.*

"Sounds like a job for someone with a B.S. in psychology," I thought.

We called off the game at about that time because the tape had stopped. I felt pretty lucky to still have all my clothes "and brains" left. My buddy Lars wasn't so lucky. At least he had all his clothes.

Put your sunglasses on, wear mismatched tennis shoes and be a cool freshman. Get your degree, then get a job at a Handi-Sak.

That is, if there is a Handi-Sak somewhere in the jungles of Nicaragua.

Or, buy a guitar and major in RIM. Then, nobody will expect

you to get a job. And the Army won't take you — they only want the best for cannon fodder. (Maybe that's the Marine's, I'm not sure.)

I know what you're saying.

You're saying, "Clyde, you are just eaten up with existential anomie. Relax, take a Valium or something."

The liability insurance premium is due on our fraternity house. We don't know how we're going to scrape up \$1.5 million in the next week. Jeez, the place has only burned down twice. And the last time nobody was even in here.

I guess we better get drunk and think about it.

If I just had my Ph.D., none of this would be necessary.

Working clean-up at a blown nuclear reactor isn't really that

bad of a profession. The benefits are great and even though the most you'll make is minimum wage, I understand that you don't have to worry about a long, boring retirement.

Clyde Crawley

Clydelines

Sidelines Columnist

One big problem is, nobody takes Ronald Reagan seriously. Just because his secret plan to turn Antarctica over to the Palestinians as a new homeland fell through is no reason to think the guy is nuts.

If he says the economy is booming and there are plenty of jobs, that's good enough for me. I mean, he has the mandate from the people, right?

If you slave away for four years with a computer science major, get some weird kind of retinal deterioration from star-

ing at a video screen for hours and graduate only to find that for two years now a computer has been doing the job you were trained to do, you'll just have to buck up and "whistle a happy tune" or something. Don't forget, he got a mandate from the people!

What's the good word? Wait a second, let me guess. Futility? No, one of Mr. People's Mandate's courts has ruled that unconstitutional. Anarchy? No, no, wait — "Sophistication with a big hickey on her neck."

If you're a "bed-wetter"-liberal intellectual like me, you don't have to worry about a career. You see, ours is the "life of the mind." We soon lose all contact with reality and learn to do crafts, play games and be cooperative with the nurse at medication time.

"Does anybody know where I can get some good steroids?"

What are we doing here, anyway?

Why is a person like Bradley Stone in jail?

As I sit with pen in hand, I am reminded of a journalist in Michigan who sits in jail while criminals are roaming the streets.

His name is Bradley Stone and his crime is failure to turn over evi-

to the people a situation that is going on in their town.

These particular criminals were very cocky. On ABC's *Nightline* Thursday, the criminals were talking about how many people they

Rodney King

One for the Rest of Us

Sidelines Columnist

dence to a grand jury investigating the death of an off-duty Michigan state patrol officer.

Stone produced a documentary about Detroit gangs and received testimony from gang members. Much of this testimony was given only under the conditions of complete anonymity. Stone promised this and his documentary was shown.

A few weeks later, the District Attorney decided that some of the outtakes of Stone's report might provide a clue to the murder. Stone refused claiming that the outtakes are, in effect, his reporter's notebook and should be protected under shield laws.

Since being thrown in jail, he has appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court which refused to hear the case.

The thing that gripes me most about this case is not the fact that the District Attorney in Michigan has little respect for Stone's position. After all, if Stone gives the District Attorney the information, the gang members, who were implicated, will be very upset to say the least.

Bradley Stone could end up very dead.

But the part that gets me is the point I made at the beginning — that murderers are walking the streets while a man sits in jail who is guilty of no more than reporting

had killed and said, "You can't have no conscience in this business."

These guys are hardened criminals. They probably have long criminal records and the prospect of rehabilitation would be little more than a joke.

So why are they free to murder again while a man who showed how bad the situation really is sits in jail?

If the Michigan District Attorney wants an investigation into Detroit gangland murder, I'm sure he has a lot more men and resources at his disposal than just Bradley Stone.

In this case, the press served its function as watchdog superbly.

Lawyers will probably argue for years about whether Stone's social responsibility should outweigh his standards and ethics. That is his job, but in any case, Bradley Stone needs to be saluted for standing up and having the guts to say, "I keep my promises."

It wouldn't hurt if we had a few more like him.

Opinions needed

MTSU faculty, administration and students are encouraged to voice their opinions on the Forum page on any campus, state, national or world issue.

Editorials should be legibly written or typed. The deadline for submissions is Friday at 4 p.m.

I'll see you in Kingston, Jamaica

I was watching *Good Morning America* this past Friday and Joan Lunden was interviewing the ambassador of Great Britain. So what, you're saying. Well, the subject of "what happened last April" came up.

So, if like me, you have to think a little to catch what the conversation was supposed to be about, let me tell you.

Simply said, we bombed Beirut.

I still feel that we shouldn't have bombed anyone. I don't care if it helped stop terrorism for a short amount of time. My deepest fear

when I heard about the bombing was that they (namely Quadaffi) were going to do to the United States for revenge.

Evidently, my fears are coming true. There is now evidence (true or not) that Quadaffi has launched a terrorism plan against the United States. If this is the case, I'm packing for Jamaica soon.

Why? Well, I have strong feelings that once something is started it's hard to stop. It is like a boulder rolling down a mountain. And of course, whatever is at the bottom of the mountain is going to be

squashed. Concrete pizza.

The United States (namely Reagan) started an aggressive attack on Beirut. Of course, Quadaffi,

Likewise, if Quadaffi has launched a terrorism plan against the United States, Reagan won't stand for it. Watch out world —

Kelly Anderson

Think About It

Forum Editor

here comes Rambo III!

I'll see what happens. I hope for all our sakes that I'm wrong. If not, I'll see you in Kingston. I always did like reggae.

Art / Entertainment

Britain's latest love story has good acting, poor film quality

By ANDREW TURMAN
Sidelines Staff Writer

Britain's latest film export to America, "A Letter to Brezhnev," is billed as a "New Wave love story from Liverpool."

The film stars Alexandra Pigg as Elaine, an unemployed English girl who falls in love with a Russian sailor named Peter, played by Peter Firth.

Elaine and her friend Theresa (Marge Clark), who makes a meager living stuffing chickens, are two lower-class "Liverpuddians" that go out one evening, trying to find some excitement. While at a sleazy pub, they manage to steal the wallet of a man who wants to pick them up. He chases them, but they manage to escape from him by ducking into a crowded disco.

Sitting at a table, drinking and having a good time, are Peter and Sergei (Alfred Molina), two Russian sailors whose ship has docked in Liverpool. Peter and Elaine make eye contact, and after a few lingering stares, the sailors make their way over to the girls' table. The four talk, dance a bit, and eventually leave the club. They walk the streets of Liverpool, discussing the similarities and differences of their lives.

The girls learn that Peter and Sergei are only in town for the night. After an argument about the extravagance of a venture, Elaine and Theresa decide that they should all spend the night in

a hotel, using the money Theresa stole as payment.

They pair-off into couples and go into separate rooms—Theresa and Sergei in one, Elaine and Peter in the other. In Sergei speaks no English; but this is not a problem, for what he and Theresa do requires no conversation. Elaine and Peter spend the night together talking, and fall in love. The next day, Elaine shows him around Liverpool, and they talk until Peter must return to his ship. Despite the cynical protests of Elaine, Peter professes his love for her, and promises that one day they will be reunited. As a reminder of him, he gives Elaine a gold necklace that belonged to his grandfather.

Weeks go by, and Elaine tries to forget about Peter. She realizes that she is miserable and cannot go on without him. With no other alternatives, Elaine writes a letter to Brezhnev explaining the situation. The letter is humble, and it expresses her desire to be with Peter.

The remainder of the movie deals with the effect of Elaine's letter, and decisions she must make.

Both Alexandra Pigg and Marge Clark do an excellent job of portraying working class Britons, struggling for meaning in their dull lives. Their bawdy, flippant wit is very entertaining, and is one of the high points of the film. Marge Clark's saucy slang was, in fact, the inspiration for the film "Educating Rita."

The screenplay, written by Clark's brother Frank, is funny and sometimes touching. He depicts life in industrialized England as monotonous and banal. Clark makes a welcomed departure from the recent movie trend of anti-Russian films, and it is clear that he holds little regard for the propagandizing that is done by the Western nations against the Soviet Union. Near the end of the film, he draws interesting parallels between life in England and Russia.

My only real criticism of this movie is that the film quality is poor. It is grainy, the colors are often muddy, and it gives the overall impression of being someone's old 16mm home movie. Given that most foreign films are not prone to the overproduction and glitz of Hollywood pictures, this can be overlooked. The real beauty of this film is in its acting and content, not its presentation.

I would not recommend this film to anyone who wants to see an action-packed adventure movie, filled with beautiful women juggling in exotic places, or commando-like heroes reeking havoc against the forces of evil. If you enjoy the wry humor of British, and you enjoy movies that contain slight social commentary which allow you to examine your own values, check it out. Perhaps you will write your own letter.



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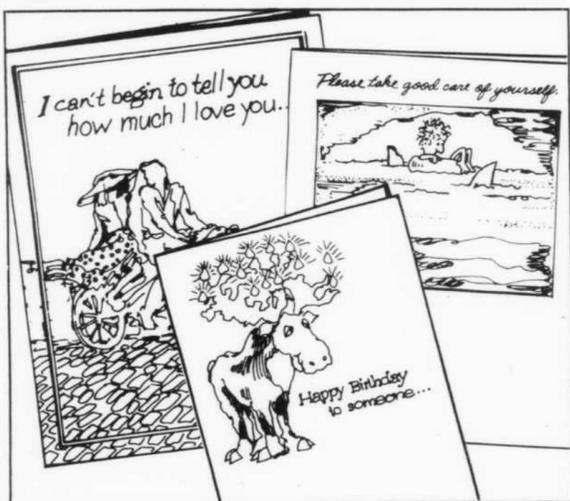
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Sports

Rugby team considers league switch

By BEVERLY KEEL
Sidelines Sports Editor

The MTSU rugby team is straddling a fence, not knowing which side of the grass would be better to step on.

The Blue Raider team competes in the club-side division of rugby, as opposed to the college-side division. Club-side teams can have graduate students playing on the team at all times. There is a NCAA club-side tournament, but it is not a letter sport, Joe Anderson, treasurer of the rugby team, said.

Graduates can still play for college-side teams, "but when it comes time for a tournament, they can't play," Anderson said. "They can play the regular matches, but they can't play when it comes time to qualify for the NCAA."

MTSU is the only college in this area, perhaps the state, that does not compete in college-side rugby. The Blue Raiders made the switch to club-side two years ago when there were not enough experienced undergraduates to have a team. That is the main reason that the five-year-old team continues to compete in club-side, according to Anderson.

"If we could put out 15 to 30 guys that were strictly undergraduates, we could travel to Baton

Rouge (and compete in college-side)," he said.

Anderson said he sees the switch-over coming next year because the turnout this year has been excellent. About 35 new players have attended a rugby practice so far, he said.

"I'm all for going to college-side," he said. "Murfreesboro has enough players to form a club-side and a college-side team."

But money might be the one thing holding the Blue Raiders back.

Rugby, along with soccer, is not funded by the school. The team must pay for all travel expenses, first aid kits, tournament fees and uniforms.

"We can't afford to run a club right now," Anderson said.

"It's quite an expense to suit a team, about \$600, not including cleats and socks."

The club has asked the school to help foot some of the bill, by the way of the student activity fee fund. The school administration allows the rugby team to use the lights on their practice field, the intramural field behind Cummings Hall, but the team must pay \$2 per hour, according to the treasurer. The student activity fee fund has helped offset that expense by pro-

viding \$40.

He estimated that it takes \$3,800 each year to run the team, which is funded entirely by the players.

Not only is MTSU the only school that still competes in club-side, it is the only college that does not receive financial support from the school administration, Anderson said. According to Anderson, Vanderbilt rugby received a lighted field complete with sprinklers, Tennessee Tech rugby was given a complete set of uniforms and the University of Tennessee awards a rugby player with a partial scholarship every semester and gives the club \$2400 annually.

"It's important that the school administration sees that 30 to 40 guys turn out, we provide an athletic service and we represent MTSU well," he said.

"We were 13-2 last year and in third out of 45 teams in a tournament in North Carolina."

Competing against teams from New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida, MTSU was beaten by the second-ranked team in the nation.

"No one knew who we were when we got there, but everyone knew who we were when we left," Anderson said proudly.



Blue Raider rugby players stick together as they pass the ball during practice Thursday at the intramural field behind Cummings Hall. The team had an unexpectedly large turnout of 20-30 rookie players at the practice.



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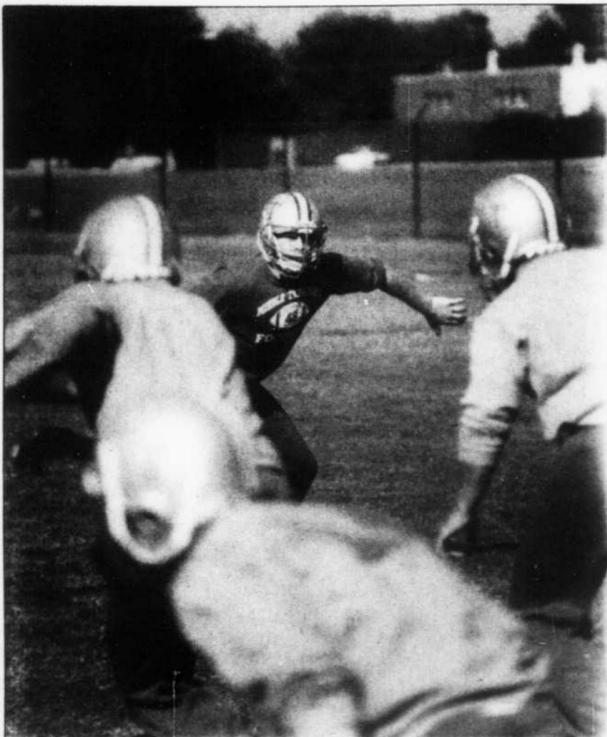
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MTSU linebacker Mick Mathis (center) goes through defensive drills during Friday's practice. Mathis, the 1984 OVC Rookie of the Year, returned to a Blue Raider uniform this year after skipping the 1985 season.

1984 Rookie of the Year makes comeback

By MAURICE PETWAY
Sidelines Sports Writer

In 1985, Mick Mathis suffered from what many coaches have termed "burnout," but he is back, alive and tackling once again.

Mathis hit the campus and the conference in 1984 with full force. After being named Ohio Valley Conference Rookie of the week several times, his successful freshman year was highlighted by being capturing the 1984 Rookie of the Year honors. But Mathis' good

luck did not continue. He returned in 1985, but not for very long. He quit the squad in 1985 before the season began.

Now Mathis is back and ready to give it another shot.

"After his first year he lost his discipline because of his success," said Boots Donnelly, head football coach. "However, it took a lot of character to come back."

Mick had been bitten by the omnipresent "burnout bug," according to the coach.

Mathis acknowledged, "I thought I was burned out, but when I went home something was missing. I didn't have my friends and the comradery with the players anymore. I just realized that I couldn't live without the game."

"My success in 1984 was due largely to the fact that I worked hard and I learned the defensive scheme very well."

Why did he quit in 1985?

"At that time I really wasn't sure I wanted to play football. I was out

of shape, then there was the surgery on my arm.

Mathis said things were just not going well at the time.

When athletes are young, they are not mentally mature, according to Donnelly. "They need to be pushed to do the right thing," Donnelly said.

The coach said Mathis is regaining his speed and strength. "He can be as good as Mick Mathis wants to be. He is what we call a very heady football player."

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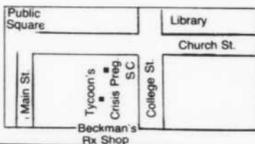
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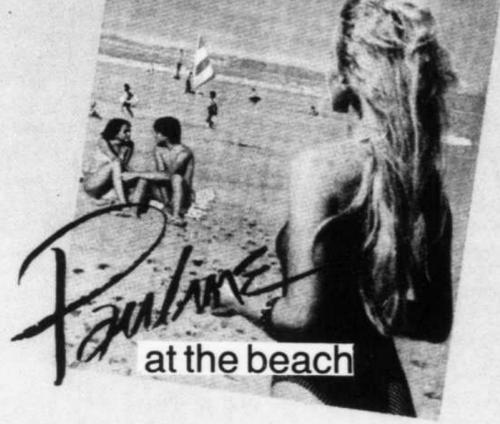
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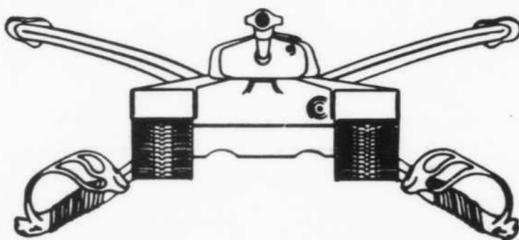
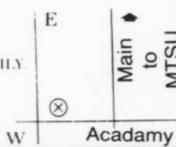
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