

photo by Larry McCormack

Harry Majors looks out the window where several students reportedly pushed him through Saturday morning. Majors was reportedly attacked by a group of 35-40 Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity members following an argument that had taken place at a Kool Club dance the previous evening.

Student is assaulted and robbed here Saturday

By DAVID COOPER
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MTSU student Harry Majors suffered several body lacerations Saturday morning when approximately 30-40 people burst into his room at 109 K-apartments and beat him with various objects before throwing him through a window, authorities report.

Majors was reportedly beaten by Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity members from MTSU as well as members from Memphis State and Tennessee State, who apparently were here for the Greek Show Saturday night.

The incident followed an argument between Majors, a Kool Club member, and KAP members who wanted entrance to a Kool

Club dance Friday night, police reports say.

The next morning two KAP members, who Majors said he knew beforehand, approached his room.

"They knocked on the door between 9 and 9:30 Saturday morning," Majors said. "I didn't see anybody else so I let them in. They started asking me what happened Friday night. They locked the door behind them and soon others started knocking on the door hollering 'let me in.'"

Majors said the two men he let in unlocked the door for the others.

At that time Majors said he went to the back room, but the assailants proceeded to throw him through the bedroom window.

Majors said he pulled himself back through the window and ran out the front door, being hit by a

chair as he was leaving. Police reports confirm he was beaten with bats, sticks and canes.

Once outside, Majors said someone in a car tried to run him down.

An anonymous source, who claimed to have witnessed the incident from the parking lot, said, "Someone tried to run over him with a car." Majors was then taken to the hospital, where he was treated for lacerations on the arms and shoulders.

Police reports indicate that a television set, stereo and approximately \$300 were stolen from Major's apartment.

No arrests have been made, according to University Police Captain Larry Nixon. Police say there are no new developments which can be released at this time.

Committee to meet with presidents

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
Sidelines Staff Writer

The ASB House of Representatives housing committee will sponsor an Interdorm President's Council meeting Wednesday at 5 p.m. in dining room B of the James Union Building, according to Randy James, speaker of the house.

The main purpose of the meeting is to acquaint members of the house and in particular the housing committee with dorm presidents and particular problems faced in residence halls.

A prime subject of concern will be maintenance problems faced by

some of the older residence halls on campus.

In the past, the Interdorm Presidents Council and the ASB have not been in close enough contact with each other on a working basis, James said.

The housing committee, chaired by Ray Pope, will begin to have these meetings at least three times a semester.

"We feel the dorm presidents are most knowledgeable on their dorm's problems and the ASB needs to lend an open ear to the dorm presidents and the on campus residents problems," he said.

James confirmed Beasley Hall

will become an athletic dorm at the end of the spring semester and said the ASB is concerned about the options of the residents at Beasley. "They should have first choice where they want to live on campus," he said.

The interdorm presidents need to concern themselves with problems such as Beasley and any future problems that might arise.

The ASB has a housing committee to which two senators and two representatives have been appointed. Kent Syler, ASB president, is to appoint two other members but as of yet has not done so.

Paranoid episodes

Miller makes sex good humor

By ALAN ROGERS
Sidelines News Editor

There was a slight chill in the Tennessee Room of the JUB last night and humorist Chris Miller was a little slow warming up parts of those who attended his Story Hour, but his explicit humor was well received.

Miller, co-author of *National Lampoon's Animal House* and writer for the *National Lampoon* magazine opened by stating that he was required by law to announce a disclaimer that his was an X-rated show.

A versatile voice accompanying his pen, and a gift for detail, Miller told the explicit sexual adventure of Benny, a young man who had come home to visit his girlfriend for Christmas.

The story illustrated Miller's detailed style and humor about frustrated sexual escapades.

"The topic here is humor which some people find offensive," Miller explained.

"We face certain inescapable realities in life by laughing at them."

Miller used as an example several

hate letters the staff of the *National Lampoon* had received about certain pieces that had been printed.

"Jesus doesn't need you," and "You are sick in the head," were a couple of references directed toward the staff.

"What happened to these people," Miller said, "was that they experienced a paranoid episode."

He explained that a paranoid episode is experienced when something shocks the conscience so badly it's scary.

"The very fact of being scared is funny and laughing lessens the scare," Miller said. This is the defense of his stories, which are explicit, shocking to someone unprepared and hilarious.

Although Miller's lecture slowed the entertainment somewhat, centered between two very funny stories, it gave Miller an opportunity to explain his college life, his background and answer audience questions.

Animal House was at first the story of Miller's fraternity days at Dartmouth, but because he didn't finish the book, it ended up being two short stories.

The movie was to come later, when he was working at *National Lampoon* and they wanted a movie script.

Conversation Piece, another Miller story, followed the questions and lecture.

"Another story to send you out tonight with your mind active and your groin slightly moist," Miller said, introducing the story of Bernie who manages to have sex with his telephone, almost finishing before the phone company cuts him off for his unpaid bill.



photo by Don Harris

Chris Miller, often called America's heavyweight sexual humorist, entertained and shocked some of his audience last night during a lecture in the Tennessee Room, sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee.

Activity fee appropriations to begin

The university activity fee committee may begin appropriating funds in January, according to ASB president Kent Syler.

Funds were generated from the one dollar activity fee paid by students during fall registration.

"The reason we haven't seen immediate benefit from the activity fee money is because the university set up a committee this summer. This committee has been in charge of drawing up guidelines for distribution of the funds," Syler explained.

"They have been working on this

all semester and finally completed their work Thursday. The guidelines are now on (vice president for student affairs Robert) LaLance's desk, waiting to be approved."

The process has taken so long, Syler said, because the activity funds is an unprecedented situation. "They want to insure that distribution of the money is fair to everyone."

Misuse of stolen laser can cause blindness, cancer

By JEFF ELLIS
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Permanent blindness or cancer could result if a laser stolen prior to the Thanksgiving holiday falls into the wrong hands, according to an MTSU graduate student.

Mordecai Silberstein, an Israeli graduate student in the health, physical education, recreation and safety department, issued the warning following reports that the stolen laser had been seen in the grill in the hands of someone unaware of the possible danger.

The laser was reported missing Monday, Nov. 19, after Silberstein returned to the advanced electronics laboratory in the Industrial Arts Building to resume work on a research project. The laser had been left in the locked room Friday, Nov. 16, according to the graduate student. He declined to comment on the nature of the project.

The laser is the property of the chemistry and physics department which had lent it to the industrial arts department. J. Eldred Wiser, chairman of that department, echoed Silberstein's warning, saying, "It can ruin someone's eyes very quickly."

According to Wiser, the laser emits "a strong beam of light." That beam can cause blindness if focused on the eyes or cancer if it is focused on the skin for an extended length of time.

"If the beam is focused in your eye for even a fraction of a second, it can cause permanent blindness," Silberstein said.

Concern was expressed when one student reported in an industrial arts class that a student was seen in the grill, playing with the laser. The identity of the student is not known.

University Police officials said yesterday the laser had not been recovered and there are no new leads in the case.

Inside Sidelines today

Today in *Sidelines*, we continue our look at the '70s; Jane Mier interviews Nashville disc jockey Carl P. Mayfield; and sports looks at the OVC Tip-Off Tourney for women's basketball teams from throughout the conference.

Sidelights

Panhellenic sponsors children's party

The Panhellenic Society is sponsoring its 5th annual Christmas party for children on Murfreesboro's Classroom on Wheels Thursday, Dec. 6, at Woodmore Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

The society sent out newsletters requesting campus-affiliated organizations to sponsor individual children, spending \$20 on gifts for each child.

Approximately 22 children attending the school, which is a structured pre-school program for children 3-4 years old, are being sponsored by a Greek, religious, special interest organization or honor society. Two representatives from each organization will accompany their child as host or

hostess at the event, devoting full attention to the child they are sponsoring.

A special appearance will be made by Santa Claus, presenting the gifts and stockings filled with goodies provided by Panhellenic. Refreshments, also provided by Panhellenic, will be served.

Library hours are lengthened

Beginning Dec. 9, the library will have extended hours for people studying for final exams.

Sunday through Thursday, the library will stay open until 1 a.m. and on Friday the library will close at 4:30 p.m. The library will be closed to students on Saturday and Sunday.

The campus post office will discontinue window service on Saturday mornings, beginning Jan. 19, according to Kent Sumner, director of the campus post office.

"However, during the first few weeks of the fall and spring semesters we will have Saturday window service," Sumner said.

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Eleven killed in concert panic at stadium

CINCINNATI (AP) — Panicked fans stampeded their way into a rock concert by "The Who" on Monday night, and Fire Chief Burt Lukananni said at least 11 people were killed in the crush.

A number of persons were injured and were taken by ambulance to at least four hospitals. The number of injured was not immediately known.

Ray Schwertman, a 49-year-old usher, said the crowd surged into the 17,000-seat Riverfront Coliseum just before the gates were to open at 7 p.m.

"First, they threw a bottle through a window in the door. Then they pushed through the hole, making it bigger. Three or four of us tried to hold them back, but it was no use.

"We couldn't hold them back....They carried in one boy and laid him on a table and he

died. Others were laying out on the plaza," said Schwertman.

"I've never seen anything like it," Lukananni said. "I can't even tell you what killed them."

The concert, which was sold out, went on as scheduled after the victims were taken away.

Concertgoer Michael Jordan, 17, said: "I was in the middle. It was crazy. You had to fight to save your life."

And 15-year-old Suzanne Sudrack said: "You could see people getting hurt. People were flailing elbows and smashing noses. You could see people going down."

Cincinnati Public Safety director Richard Castellini said the victims were apparently trampled or suffocated.

The coliseum where the incident occurred is the site of most rock concerts in Cincinnati, including recent appearances by the "Beach

Boys, Rod Stewart, and Fleetwood Mac."

"The Who" is among the oldest surviving British rock groups, and is featured in the recently released film, *Quadrophenia* The group wrote the rock opera *Tommy* which also became a movie.

They were among the first to smash their guitars during performances on stage — which was later picked up by many other performers and groups.

"The Who," a four-member group popular in the United States for 16 years, is led by Peter Dinklage and Roger Daltrey. One of the group's original members, drummer Keith Moon, died from an overdose of sleeping pills in September, 1978, at age 31.

The band's albums have included "Who's Next" and "Who by Numbers." The group also recorded "Quadrophenia" and "Tommy" as albums.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY

ACT Residual: UC 324, 8-noon
YESPS Department: Pre-Planning for Educational Conference, Tennessee Room, JUB, 8-noon, Luncheon; Dining Room B, JUB, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Student Teaching Seminar: UC 305, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Special Events: Mini Concert—"Contraband," Southeast corner of the Grill, noon
Film Festival Noon Cartoons: "Walt Disney," UC Theatre
National Defense Student Loans, Exit Interviews, UC 318, 3-4 p.m.

Campus Exchange

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Ideas & Issues: Speaker, Jerry Lucas, UC Theatre, 4 p.m.
Traffic Court: UC 311 & 312, 4-6 p.m.

Women's Basketball: OVC Tip-Off Tournament, Murphy Center, 6:15 and 8 p.m.

STE A Potluck Dinner: Dining Room B, JUB, 6:30-8 p.m.

Film Festival: "The Mummy," UC Theatre, 7 p.m.

Campus Interview: U.S. Navy: Officer Selection Program

WEDNESDAY

MTSU Dames Club Christmas Buffet: at the home of Mrs. James Lee, Jr., 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sigma Delta Sigma: Bake Sale, UC Basement, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Personnel Office: MTSU Service Awards, Dining Room C, JUB, 9:30 a.m.

Film Festival Noon Cartoons: "Walt Disney," UC Theatre

Graduate Test: UC 314, 1-4 p.m.

National Defense Student Loans: Exit Interviews, UC 318, 3-4 p.m.

Women's Basketball: OVC Tip-Off Tournament, Murphy Center, 6:15 and 8 p.m.

Film Festival: "Godzilla vs. the Bionic Monster," UC Theatre, 7 p.m.

Phi Mu Alpha & Delta Omicron: Christmas Concert, Tennessee Room, JUB, 7:30 p.m.

Special Events: Concert, "Spyro-Gyro," D.A. Auditorium, 8 p.m.

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Decade technology miniaturized

By ALAN ROGERS

Sidelines News Editor

The technological advancements of the 70s began with the NASA's research for the U.S. space program and led to solid state circuitry.

Solid state miniaturized circuitry was the hardware required for nearly all advancements in computers, mass communications, the telephone system, scientific instruments and consumer electronics.

Technological advances have also directly affected students and MTSU learning facilities. Within the past decade, the university has installed computer terminals for student use in all of MTSU's Schools.

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specialized computer system designed entirely for this purpose.

The speed and reliability of integrated circuitry have made touch-tone telephones available to nearly all areas of the U.S. A series of tones informs the switching system to automatically route the signal and select one telephone out of at least 120 million different numbers.

Consumer electronics are those items, which because of ever-decreasing costs of micro circuitry, have been made readily accessible to everyone with a recent Sears catalog at hand.

The cost of a Texas Instruments SR 10 hand-held calculator has dropped from its introductory price of about \$40 to less than \$10. Remember, Texas Instruments is one of the decade's greatest business successes; and

every year the quality and capacity of the product has increased while the cost has gone down.

This year's Christmas catalogs feature a variety of formats for TV games that race cars, simulate battles, play ping-pong, squash, blackjack and any endless variations on a theme.

Brighter color and wall-size television made its debut on the consumer market, bringing with it six-foot football TV in the local bar; and what TV in 1979 is complete without a video recorder?

Home video recording appeared first as the Sony Betamax less than five years ago. In the face of copyright infringement law suits, the systems have been developed to the point where up to seven-hour video tape is available. It's not even necessary to record your own TV as of this year.

The yellow-roofed Fotomat store sells and rents pre-recorded video programs, X-rated video can be bought for the home, or one can just join a video tape club.

There is no end to the list.

Every aspect of modern living has somehow been enhanced through applications developed in the last decade. Recorded music and stereo equipment, from tape to speakers, have eased our hearing and enhanced our entertainment. Digital clocks have appeared in the home and car and electronic ignition systems for the car replaced the need for points and distributor caps.

Let's not forget the four-minute appearance of Polaroid SX-70 color prints and movies, your own home computer system, Kodak pocket cameras and those electronic bugs found at the Watergate Hotel.



Children's faces warmed the cold air Sunday during the Murfreesboro Christmas parade as Santa Claus came to town. photo by Charlie Hunt

Identifying marks help recover stolen books

This is the last of a two-part series on crime on campus. Two weeks ago I wrote about the penalties for thefts committed on campus. As you remember they were rather severe, involving suspension from the University and prosecution through criminal court.

However, any established penalty is meaningless unless the culprit is apprehended. Therefore, our theft prevention system will only be as good as our ability to catch the thief.

I won't pretend that everyone who steals is caught. They aren't. We do, however, eventually meet with the majority of our persistent miscreants.

I wrote before about the penalties for book theft. Books are the largest category of items which are stolen, and it isn't unusual that we have more prosecutions for stolen books than anything else.

When a book is reported stolen, we check both bookstores to see if it has been sold back. We continue to check for that book until it is recovered.

All the books that are sold back to either bookstore are checked at least once each semester against our "reported stolen" list.

If good records have been kept by the bookstore, like the system used by "Whicher" Phillips and Earl Harris of the University Bookstore, we can trace the thief without trouble regardless of the elapsed time. If the records are not complete, we can at least get the book back to its owner.

When we have recovered a book, we check past records to see what other books have been sold by that same person. There is a high percentage of repetition, we have found, in the theft of books.

There are two very simple things that everyone can do to reduce the theft of books. First, do not leave your books unattended unless it is absolutely necessary. That removes opportunity.

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from the editor

On-campus fraternity row will establish tradition, quality

Establishing a fraternity row on campus may be just what the doctor ordered for the overall quality of the greek system at MTSU.

Last week, ASB President Kent Syler announced a renewed plea to Murfreesboro city officials in an effort to gain their support of the plan. This week Syler and other student leaders are to meet with city officials to discuss the city's role in developing the proposed fraternity row.

The city's role is essential if the proposal is to ever be realized. Should the city agree to develop the land — paving streets and installing water and sewage systems — fraternity row will move one step closer to completion.

If the city refuses to assist in the development, it will most likely be years before fraternity row is realized. Why? Quite simply, the fraternities can't afford it to take on all the costs alone.

And they can't afford to lose fraternity row either.

The greek system has been on campus for only 11 years and for the most part those years were ambivalent ones for both greeks and independents. Feelings were mixed. Were the fraternities good for the University or were they bad? The jury appears to still be out, attempting to arrive at a verdict.

One thing is known, however. Fraternities have been providing a social life for MTSU independents since their inception. Moving the fraternities to an on-campus location will help to not only foster growth among the greek system, but to enhance the overall student life.

Further, a fraternity row will help to establish more tradition and continuity among MTSU greeks as well as reduce tension among the individual fraternities. A centralization will help to improve the town/gown relationship and in the future will have a great impact on the city as well as the campus.

IFC decision could result in repercussions for fraternities

A recent Interfraternity Council decision to limit open parties to greeks, women and specially invited independent men could result in renewed animosities between greeks and independents.

According to an IFC spokesman, the new rule will encourage independents to pledge in order to enjoy the benefits of fraternity life.

The plan's guidelines call for no advertising of parties except in women's residence halls which would include the phrase, "for greeks, girls and special guests." Greeks would be required to show proper identification. All sorority and independent women would be allowed to attend the parties as would independent men who had received invitations to attend.

But the possible repercussions of the new rule could result in far more problems than the IFC may have visualized at the beginning of discussions on the proposal. On the surface, it appears to be discriminatory to independent men and patronizing to all women.

However, the rule does have its merits from the greek standpoint. If someone wants to take advantage of fraternity benefits, then he should pledge one of the 14 national fraternities now on campus. The rule also guards against disruptive behavior among non-students.

The percentage of people who come to the parties only to drink also accounts for the recent decision. It would seem, therefore, that the IFC had good intentions when it established the new rule.

They committed a serious faux pas, however, when they limited party entrance to exclude independent men. Already simmering animosities could come to a full boil in the coming weeks as fraternities prepare for next semester's rush.

'Tis the season to be charitable throughout the whole year

Despite the approach of the holiday season, these are not the best of times.

In Iran, there is the threat of a burgeoning international crisis; hundreds of people daily die of starvation in Cambodia; and, closer to home, the poor of Appalachia sit idly by watching their children grow older and hungrier.

What can be done? Help must come for the "poor" of the world.

The problems of the world do not disappear with the approach of the holiday season. The ills of mankind are not remedied by a sudden surge of brotherhood. Rather, they persist throughout the year.

The charitable nature of people, however, seems to take a vacation from the end of one holiday season to the beginning of the next. The recent failure of Murfreesboro's United Givers' Fund to reach its goal of \$200,000 offers a prime example of the lack of charity felt prior to the beginning of the holiday season. Perhaps therein lie the roots of one of the problems of the world's poor and destitute.

The holiday season each year heralds the beginning of renewed calls by various charities for assistance from those of us who are "better off" than many of our brothers and sisters. And usually they are answered with donations of food, clothing and money.

Yet if we are to be truly compassionate and show genuine concern for our fellow man, that compassion and concern must continue throughout the year. We must remember, at all times, that the less fortunate of the world are begging for our help.

The spirit of the holiday season should continue every day, every week and every month of the year.

Perhaps when we realize that, the times will begin to get better.

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Viewpoints



pops' people

by Larry Popelka

No machines at Leo's — built for the bowler

I never met a machine that I liked.

Parking meters run too fast. The Coke machine by my office constantly steals my nickles and dimes. And even my Timex, which is supposed to keep on running after being dropped from a high-flying airplane, never seems to work quite right.

Machines and I have never really gotten along, and I am thoroughly convinced that they have no other reason for existence than to frustrate man. You can kick them between the coin slots, but they never seem to change their obnoxious ways.

That is why I have never been overly fond of the sport of bowling. Unlike tennis, softball or ping pong, in bowling you have to deal with a feisty pin machine that will do everything in its power to beat you into submission.

Pin machines are notorious for setting up wobbly pins, returning balls late and breaking down in the middle of a perfect game.

Once I had the unfortunate experience of playing on a lane with a pin machine that insisted on resetting all the pins after every shot. Converting a spare was never so difficult.

Since then I have given up bowling. It is a sport that should be reserved for people who have a better rapport with mechanical devices.

But that was before I paid a visit to Leo's Southport Lanes in Chicago.

Leo's was built with the bowler in mind. There are no automatic pin machines, no electronic scorers, not even a mechanical device for returning your ball.

Leo's is one of the last remaining monuments of what bowling used to be. The four 58-year-old lanes are the oldest in Chicago and the third oldest in the country. The boards on the floor are six inches thick rather than the standard three inches in most alleys today.

But the best part is that there are no machines to screw up your games. Instead teen-age boys sit at the end of the lanes retrieving pins and returning balls via a long chute along the outside wall.

The quaint, four-lane alley is manned by two pinboys who jockey between lanes returning balls and picking up pins which are put in slots in a huge metal frame. The frame is lowered by the pull of a rope and the pins released in their proper places.

Operator Leo Beitz, a 53-year-old Chicago man who has been running the place for the last 17 years (his parents who sometimes tend bar own the building), is a nostalgic type. He still sponsors small neighborhood bowling leagues every weeknight and seems to relish the local gatherings.

"Most of the people who bowl here are regulars," he told me. "It's much nicer to bowl with people you know. At the big alleys you don't know anyone from Adam."

Yet the real reason Southport Lanes hasn't bloomed into a pinsetter, air blower and ball returns is economical.

Installing automatic machines would cost \$16,000 for each lane, Leo said, and another full-time employee would have to be hired to supervise their operation.

So instead of going the route of the automated air machine.

Southport Lanes has remained the only bowling alley in the city with pinboys.

Usually local high school kids are hired for 25 cents a game to pick up pins.

And although the adjacent bar remains open until 2 a.m. each night, bowling usually ends around 10 p.m. so that the pinboys can get home by the 10:30 curfew.

With the novelty of the job and the low pay, Leo often finds himself searching for additional help. In a crunch he even slides down the alleys and sets pins himself.

"I used to be a pinboy myself," Leo says with a grin. "I started when I was 17. It's good work, but it's hard work."

After watching Bob Wright, one of this pinboys set pins for a game, I had no doubts about that.

Wright, a hefty 16-year-old from a nearby high school, said he lost 50 pounds since starting work at Leo's just six months ago.

"On league nights, I'll do 30 games," he explained. "That adds up to about 600 balls and 3000 pins. After a while you start sweating."

I followed him to the back of the alley and slid under the pin racks to the small, stuffy, dimly lit area in back where he worked.

Wright stood on a wooden board between alleys three and four, lowering a large metal frame and releasing the pins on their appropriate black spots on the floor.

Soon balls and flying pins were crashing at his feet.

"I don't like bowlers who roll hard," he said, dodging a ball. "You've gotta be careful then because the pins bounce all over. Once one flew up and hit me in the

knee. It hurt real bad. It felt like I broke it."

But the next week he was back at work picking up pins. Although the pay is low, there are many benefits. During free time the pinboys get to bowl and play the pinball machines for free. There are also tips from lucky bowlers. Dollar bills sometimes come rolled up in the thumb hold of the ball.

None of the bowlers at Leo's in recent memory, however, have been lucky enough to roll a perfect game.

Perhaps that's because everyone's honest. They have to be with a pinboy watching them all the time.

"Sometimes we take a scoresheet back here and keep score ourselves," Wright told me. "A lot of times it comes out different from what people say they get."

"Some people think they can cheat us out of extra frames, too. But we keep track of them all back here. Every one."

Wright picked up the half dozen fallen pins and placed them in their appropriate slots, remembering exactly which pins were left standing. He then picked up the ball and placed it in the long chute.

At times his movements seem machine-like, but there are a lot of things pinboys can do that machines don't.

"Once this little girl was bowling with her mother and she kept crying because she could never knock all the pins down," Wright said with a grin. "So finally when her mother wasn't looking, I kicked them all down for her with my foot. The little girl turned around, smiled at her mother and yelled, 'Look Mom! I got 'em all down!'"

Try finding a machine that will do that.

reflections

by Bill Troup

Disco in danger; clearance marks end of an era

The age of flashing lights, illuminated floors, three piece white suits, silk shirts, qiana dresses

and blow-dried hair is nearing an end — Disco's days are numbered.

I have seen the end coming for some time now. I think the first sign of its oncoming doom was the success of Anita Ward's song "Ring My Bell." When that song was released, I knew that disco music had given us all it had to give.

By mid-1979, night clubs which had expanded their dance floors and added elaborate sound systems were now moving the old tables back in and bringing back those classic, little ole' rock and roll bands. And by the fall of this year, disco deejays were wandering aimlessly through the streets looking for dull parties.

Disco promoters saw that their

happiness and success were in danger, so they got a crowd of Southern California coeds together and convinced them that they could get on "American Bandstand" if they would put on roller skates and jiggle their breasts to the beat of Donna Summer. They did, and so was born the Roller-Disco fad.

The promoters thought Roller-Disco would help them out of their dilemma, but they soon found that rolling around on eight tiny wheels and "shaking your groove thing" was alright for Southern Cal coeds, but for the average person it left something to be desired.

In a last ditch effort to save Roller-Disco, the promoters

released a movie called "Skatetown U.S.A.," but all it did was prove that you can put half-a-dozen teenage idols and two million dollars worth of neon lights in a Hollywood sound stage and not get anything out of it.

I guess the thing that really convinced me that disco was on the way out occurred to me while I was in a record store. I was browsing through the bargain racks, through the old Pat Boone and Ink Spots records, and right there in between "Doris Day's Greatest Hits" and "Arnold Wilson Sings Gershwin," marked "CLEARANCE \$2.99," was the neon green album cover of the Tramp's "Disco Inferno."

I knew that it was an end of an era.

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'Bomb Iran,' song says

By JANE MIER
Sidelines Managing Editor

Proposing to drop "the one we dropped in '45" on Iran doesn't seem like it will improve the current Iran/U.S. controversy, but a Nashville disc jockey hopes it will make him rich and famous.

WKDF jockey Carl Mayfield wrote lyrics, contacted several local musicians and recorded a song of protest last Wednesday and Thursday. The song aired Friday morning at 8:20.

"The response to the song has been 99.8 percent positive," Mayfield said. "It's just overwhelming."

Mayfield was home one night, strumming his guitar and watching the evening news. Suddenly Chris Clark appeared on the screen and I decided to write a song entitled "Let's Nuke Chris Clark," but I realized that no one would know who Chris Clark is. I changed my

mind and decided to vent my frustrations on the Ayatollah."

"Aya-toll-ah once, and this is what I said, 'Khomeini, you're a rag head,'" the song begins. Another verse suggests that Iranian students who protest in the U.S. "under the golden arches . . . deserve a break today in their legs" and another line tauntingly chants that "you've got our 49, we've got your cash."

"The song was written before I knew the actual number of hostages Iran was holding," Mayfield said, explaining the "49." MTSU student Lance Harrison played piano on the tape, which has yet to be put on vinyl.

"Tom Burkes, a writing and recording partner of mine, helped Carl with the lyrics. They decided to record it and it just happened. It was a lot of fun," he added.

"Let's not shuck, let's not jive," the song demands. "Let's drop the

one we dropped in '45." The song ends with the words "J.C., it's up to you."

The song is now on a master tape, according to Mayfield. "I'm waiting for label offers now," he said. "I talked to a major label this morning and they are very interested in the song. They feel it will really sell but they have international ties and can't afford to hurt anyone's feelings."

"One of our alternatives is to record on a small label and hire a national publicity company to promote the song."

WKDF will continue to play the song as long as people request it — which they have been doing at an "incredible" rate.

"I just want to be rich and famous," the disc jockey said. "That's all. This song is just pure parody; it's all tongue in cheek."

"I don't have anything against Iranian students," he continued. "I think they make wonderful rugs."



photo by Brian Wright

Traffic along Tennessee Blvd. has been the cause of numerous complaints concerning traffic jams during rush hours. State traffic engineers will be taking another look at the intersection problems and traffic signal timings.

Winter runs will be sponsored by dept. of conservation, clubs

By JILL GREGORY
Special to Sidelines

The Tennessee Department of Conservation, along with four running clubs, will co-sponsor a series of four state park runs this winter, according to Charlie Tate, program services administrator for the Parks and Recreation Division.

Miles of scenic roadways and bike trails will be used in runs at the state parks, Tate said. Three hundred awards will be presented in the four races with different categories for male, female and age groups.

"Runners participating in all four races and placing from first to twentieth, can compile points

under the grand prix point system and become a grand winner," he explained.

The Mountaineer Run will be held at Fall Creek Falls State Park on Dec. 15. The 6.2 mile race, plus a one mile Family Fun Run, will be co-sponsored by the Eagle Country Runners, Tate said.

An eight mile course composes the second run which will be held Jan. 27 at Meeman-Shelby State Park in Memphis. The Memphis Runners Track Club will be the co-sponsors.

On Feb. 16, the Frost Bite Run will be held at Montgomery Bell State Park outside Nashville. The Nashville Striders will co-sponsor the 13.1 mile run.

The fourth run, the Fall Creek Thaw, will also be held at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Co-hosted by the Chattanooga Track Club, the run is scheduled for March 6.

"Each contestant," he explained, "will receive a T-shirt with a special logo printed on it when they pay their pre-registration fee. The fee for each regular run is \$5 per contestant and \$3 each in the Family Fun Run."

"We hope to increase the seasonal use of our state parks by having these runs," Tate said.

"We'd like to encourage more winter park use — not just running, but hiking, etc. Besides, running in the woods sure beats the aesthetics of the city."

Whitts' resignations won't hurt Business School accreditation

The resignation of Jerry and Sue Witt of the School of Business will not affect the School getting its accreditation in the year of record, according to Sue Witt, associate professor of accounting and information systems.

"MTSU has a good School of Business and it is not likely to be affected by our leaving. I don't see how two people's resignation could affect it that much," she said. "The school must meet the requirements and that's it."

"It's going to be tough but it will be done," P. William Vaught, resigning dean of the School of Business, said. "This (ac-

creditation) is one of the things that I had hoped to achieve during my term as dean."

The Witts came to MTSU in 1966 and will be leaving at the end of this semester. Jerry, professor of accounting and information systems here, will take the position Dean of the School of Management

and Sue will become a professor of accounting at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss.

The Witts have two boys and they are "as excited about moving as we are," according to Sue. "We will miss all our friends and all the students we have come to know, but we are still looking forward to relocating."

Greek show to be reset

The Omega Psi Phi "Greek Show" was cancelled by MTSU administration due to the incident that took place Saturday morning.

The Greek Show will be rescheduled before the semester is

over. All ticket holders should hold on to their tickets until further notice.

Rescheduling or ticket information will be released later this week.

No rest for the weary during holiday

Some people just don't have it made over the Christmas holidays. They have to work while the rest of us get to enjoy the holiday seasons.

The police department will be guarding the grounds on a regular 24-hour basis, with special interest on unexpected campus visitors, according to Tom Davis of the campus police department. "This is when the largest number of our break-ins usually are," he said.

Several of the offices in the Administration Building will also be open until December 21. "My work load demands that I stay on and work," Betty Harper, continuing education, said.

The Business Office will also be open until Dec. 21. Checks normally picked up on the 15 of each month will be available on Dec. 14. One office member stated they would get at least a week off.

Most of the students who work there will not be working unless they have made previous arrangements to do so.

Some of the people who also have to stay here around the clock are the people in the maintenance department. Boiler room employees are required by state law to tend to the boilers at all times. Chill plant employees will also be keeping their regular hours.

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Raiders trip Billikens in opener

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

For the first time in the history of Middle Tennessee State basketball, the Blue Raiders brought home a trophy from an invitational tournament.

After a season opening, 67-65, IPTAY tourney victory over St. Louis Friday night, MTSU bowed to tournament host Clemson, 94-61, in the finals on Saturday.

"We've got a pretty long way to go until we could be considered a good overall team, but I did see a few positive things here this weekend," Raider head coach Stan Simpson said. "We're going to have to go home and work hard to get ready for Pikeville (College) on Thursday."

The Blue Raiders had to struggle with the Billikens of St. Louis from the opening whistle as the game

was tied 10 times during the first half and ended in a 31-31 deadlock. MTSU coasted out to an 11 point lead 58-47, with 5:42 to play, but the Bill's All-Metro Seven center Kelvin Henderson almost single-handedly brought St. Louis back to within two with 26 seconds to go in the game.

But six free throws, four by guard John Denen and two by Leroy Coleman sealed the Billikens fate and pushed the Raiders into a Saturday night confrontation with Clemson's powerful Tigers.

The Tigers, who downed Siena College, 90-72 in their first round game, boast two 6-10 forwards and

a 6-11 center, which has to be one of the biggest front lines in all of college basketball.

In Saturday's finals, Clemson roared out to an 8-0 lead before Coleman put on an awesome

display of shooting, scoring six of MTSU's first eight baskets and put the Raiders within one, 17-16.

Tiger reserve Mitchell Wiggins put a damper in the Raider spirits by hitting three straight buckets and helped Clemson to a 41-29 halftime lead.

Middle stayed within striking distance for only three minutes of the second half, when a four-slam spree by Clemson — two by Billy Williams and two by Larry Nance — put the Tigers up by 20, and it was lights out for the Raiders.

Coleman and Chris Harris led the Raiders in scoring both nights as they picked up 20 and 19 respectively on Friday, and 16 and 15 points on Saturday against Clemson. For the tournament, Coleman was 16 of 30 from the field while Harris was 13 of 24. Harris was also MTSU's leading rebounder with 10 against St. Louis and eight against the Tigers.

Jerry Beck added 18 points to the scoring effort for the two night tourney. Coleman was the only representative from MTSU to make the All-Tournament team. Wiggins of Clemson was named MVP.

The Blue Raiders will open their home schedule Thursday against Pikeville College. Gametime is set for 7:30 p.m.



Raider center Mike Frost battles underneath with Kelvin Henderson of St. Louis while Jerry Beck and Chris Harris look on.

Women advance in tourney

By CAROL STUART
Sidelines Sports Writer

In low-scoring action last night, the Lady Raiders shrugged off the comeback efforts of Western Kentucky to win 54-49 and gain a berth in the OVC Tipoff Tournament semi-finals here tonight.

The Lady Hilltoppers, led by junior Alicia Polson with 17 points,

outscored the MTSU team 21-18 in the second half. With three minutes remaining, Western edged within three points of the young Lady Raiders, 50-47. But a lay-up by sophomore Ileana Portik, a jump shot by freshman Ester Coleman, and turnovers caused by the pressure defense put the game away for MTSU.

Coleman, a usual starter, only entered the game for the last seven minutes of play. Slowed by a knee injury that was figured to be a factor in the Lady Raiders' outcome, the freshman star managed to score four points.

"I felt like that Celisa Polk and Jennifer Taylor, the girls that replaced her, did an excellent job. Celisa really did a super job rebounding and JT kept them pretty outside conscious," head coach Larry Inman said.

The "veteran" on the squad, Portik, led the scoring with 15 points and hit the boards for seven rebounds.

Freshman Lisa Justice, however, was the spark that ignited the fire. Continuing to provide the consistency for the Lady Raiders, Justice grabbed a total of 12 rebounds and dropped in 14 points.

"As a whole, I think she played one of her best games. Lisa's having trouble with reaching too much for the ball, but we feel like she'll come along with time," Inman commented. "She's a tremendous

athlete. She's going to be one of the finest major college players ever to play here at Middle Tennessee."

Point guard Sherry Smith added another nine points to pace the winning efforts, while Lindi Dye had six. Polk and Robin Baker scored four apiece.

Tonight the Lady Raiders will challenge the defending OVC Champion, Morehead State, in the 9 p.m. semi-final.

The Lady Eagles are led by All-American candidate Donna Murphy, fellow senior Michelle Stowers, and sophomore standout center Donna Stephens. Murphy scored 18 points in leading her team past Murray State, 58-50 last night. Stowers popped in 17 and Stevens added 14 points for the winners.

In other action tonight, Tennessee Tech, who drew a bye in the first round, will take on the Lady Gobs of Austin Peay at 7 p.m. Junior Elaine Swafford, with 20 points, paced the Gobs to a 66-65 victory over Eastern Kentucky in the opening game last night.

Eastern heads all-star team while MTSU is shut out

For the first time in Ohio Valley conference history, MTSU has failed to place at least one player on the all-conference first team.

The Raiders have had at least one first team All-OVC since MTSU entered the league in 1952.

One noticeable Raider name missing from the '79 squad is senior line-backer Stan Wright. Wright, who was an all-conference choice a year ago, was left off both the first and second teams despite leading the OVC in 99 individual tackles.

MTSU did have two second team selections. Senior tight-end Bruce Bryant and junior place-kicker Gerald Robinson were second team choices.

Bryant finished second among OVC receivers with 34 catches in ten games. Eddie Preston led the league with 39 catches in 11 outings.

Robinson was a perfect seven for seven on field goal tries this season.

Only a blocked extra point kept him from a completely perfect record. The Knoxville native wended up 10 of 11 on extra points.

Eastern Kentucky has placed a league leading seven members on this year's All-OVC team. The just announced squad also contains six players from Western Kentucky, five from Murray, three each from Morehead and Tennessee Tech and two from Austin Peay.

Defensive back Terry Love of Murray State, fullback Bernard McIntosh of Morehead, defensive tackle Richard Wozniak of Austin Peay and offensive tackle Ken Dew of Tech were the only unanimous choices on this year's team.

The OVC also announced it's most valuable offensive and defensive players of the year. Western quarterback John Hall was the offensive choice while Murray safety Terry Love was selected on defense.

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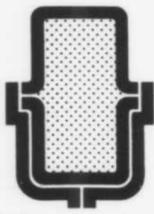
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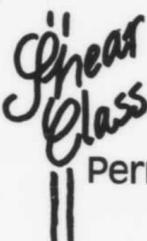
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