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Every kid's dream

Frank Conley ● Staff

Children from the Northfield Boulevard Sunshine Preschool examine the fireman's helmets given to them by firemen from the Rutherford County Fire Department. The department visited the school as part of Community Helpers Week.

Kemp first professional jock to be president?

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

If Jack Kemp is elected president it will make sports and political history. He will become the first professional athlete to serve as America's executive officer.

Kemp quarterbacked the Buffalo Bills to two league championships and started what was to be the beginning of his political career when he was elected president of the NFL Players Association.

Since his glory days in the red, white and blue Bills uniforms, Kemp has had a few glory days serving the red, white and blue of the American flag as a U.S. representa-

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and key supporter of Gov. and President Ronald Reagan.

Kemp backed Reagan in both elections and co-authored the Republican platforms upon which Reagan ran and won in 1980 and 1984.

Like Reagan, Kemp has championed tax cuts, including sponsoring the Kemp-Roth tax cut which cut tax rates by 25 percent.

Recent primary results showing his commitment to a strong, conservative America and to the furthering of Reagan's policies have both helped and hurt Kemp.

He consistently places third behind Vice President George Bush

ing to Rupprecht.

National Woman's History Month was set up by a committee of interested faculty who are willing to work and coordinate the month," Rupprecht said.

This year's coordinators include Professor Sally McMillen from the history department and Chris Isley of the music department, according to Rupprecht.

"Women have felt for a long time that traditional history leaves their role in society out," Rupprecht said. "Their own experiences as women were developed on the assumption that the culture was not interested in those experiences. Women in our society, particularly before the 20th century, had very limited exposure to public life where history is traditionally concentrated."

"The tremendous explosion of interest has made such a difference," Rupprecht added, and "ten years ago, or even five or six years ago, published material on the matter of women's history was very inadequate."

"The more excited women get about discovering their own heritage and their own past, the more they want to celebrate it."

and Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole. Both of these men also place a great deal of their campaigning into insuring that Americans know they support Reagan at least 95 percent.

This has helped each candidate, including Kemp. However, Bush and Dole have a higher name recognition than Kemp, which forces him to spend more time building his name.

As a whole, Kemp is as conservative as dark blue suits, dress shoes and apple pie.

He has called the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortions a "tragedy."

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TISL to get condoms

Representative tells delegates to keep values

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

NASHVILLE — A state representative yesterday told delegates in a mock legislature here to abide by their values — while some delegates say they will distribute condoms today while lobbying for passage of a bill.

Rep. Roy Herron, D-Dresden, said the delegates to the 24th Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature meeting here this weekend need to "be aware of their values" when thinking about legislation.

Today, delegates to TISL will receive free condoms from members of the East Tennessee State University delegation. Three ETSU students and a Tennessee Tech University student sponsored legislation asking the State Board of Regents and the UT Board of Trustees to negotiate with condom machine vendors to place machines on campus.

Approximately 160 students

from 21 Tennessee colleges and universities are meeting this weekend in the Tennessee General Assembly Chambers in an effort to learn more about the legislative process.

Members of the TISL Executive Council review all legislation passed by both Houses and give the top 10 measures to the General Assembly as priority legislation.

Herron, the governor of the 10th TISL, said such legislation has had an impact in the past.

The students on the State Board of Regents and the UT Board of Trustees were placed there as a result of TISL lobbying, said Herron.

the successor to Gov. Ned McWherter's house seat.

Future politicians are also made at TISL, Herron said.

"The four years at TISL gave me a great deal more insight than I had previously as to the legislative process," Herron, a UT-Martin graduate, adding TISL "absolutely" helped him as a first term Representative.

In addition, Herron said long time friends are made at the mock legislature, which operates in the same manner as the Tennessee General Assembly.

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MTSU student runs for TISL governor

By M.A. BROWN
Editorial Editor

NASHVILLE — Tony Hays, a 30 year old graduate student at MTSU, is seeking to become governor of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislatures 25th General Assembly.

Hays will be nominated for the position in today's Joint Session of the 24th TISL General Assembly. The assembly will hold elections for the governors post during Saturday's session.

Hays, who is chairman of this year's Education Committee, said he wants to become TISL governor because he wants to attempt to increase university involvement in TISL.

Hays said that during his last year of TISL involvement in 1979 there were approximately 36 member schools. Last year, TISL had 17

member schools.

"People have become so distracted by the TISL foundation and other things that they forget about the little things like attending this [the TISL General Legislature," Hays said.

He added that the current TISL administration had begun laying the foundations for increased involvement, and he would continue these efforts if elected.

Hays said he would also attempt to sponsor workshops for TISL members involving members of the Tennessee General Assembly if elected.

Before beginning his graduate work at MTSU, Hays spent five years working in universities across the South and Southwest. This involvement with higher education pushed him to become involved in TISL again.

ROTC Mardi Gras expedition success

By KIM HARRIS
Senior Staff Writer

Millions of people caught a glimpse of MTSU's White Berets and Blue Berets as they marched to the beat of Mardi Gras.

The drill team marched in the parades of Amor and Isis and acted as security in the Parade of Zues.

Embarking Thursday on a ten-hour bus ride, the berets finally arrived at the plush barracks of Camp Villere located in Slidell, La.

The troops practiced Friday afternoon in preparation for the night Parade of Amor. It was the first time both teams had practiced with all members present.

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The trip wasn't all work and no play. While in New Orleans, the

berets became temporary cajuns by sampling crawfish, oysters, shrimp, dirty rice and other foods.

Halfway through the trip, the berets had a running bet on how many times Sergeant Bohrer was going to mention that "fine cayenne pepper."

While Murfreesboro was reeling from approximately four inches of snow Saturday, the troops were picnicking in 70 degree weather under blue skies.

The rowdy berets also danced and held hula hoop contests and scavenger hunts in the mess hall after performing for the New Orleans crowd.

These were just the preliminaries for Sunday's visit to the French Quarter.

The group took in such famous sights as Bourbon Street, St. Anne's Street, Pat O'Brien's (famous for its hurricane) and the Jackson Brewery.

MTV was on hand to film the festivities. Sergeant Bohrer and several berets were on their candid cameras, hoping to be Hollywood's next discovery.

The troops reported no casualties as they boarded the bus at 7 p.m., just as the French Quarter

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Womens History Month enlightening: director

By SEAN STEPHENSON
Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This is the first of a two part story on the events and background of Women's History Month. Part two will appear Friday, Feb. 26.]

Women's History Month was "founded as an important date for celebrating women — it gradually developed into an interest in woman's history," Nancy Rupprecht of the history department said.

This March, MTSU will conduct an annual series of activities in honor of Women's History Month. This event marks an increasing amount of interest in the woman's place in society.

"MTSU traditionally celebrated an entire week called 'Women in the Curriculum Week,'" Rupprecht said. "That week primarily featured faculty from the MTSU campus who devoted hours to focusing on women."

There were too many activities and too much interest generated to fit into a week, so when March was declared National Women's History Month, the entire month was set aside for these projects, accord-



Wayne Cartwright ● Staff

Members of the ROTC Blue Brigade drill performance team perform in front of the Mardi Gras crowd in New Orleans Saturday.

Campus Capsule

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The MTSU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic and the Public Service Committee are sponsoring a one-day workshop on "Diagnostic and Therapeutic Methods for the School Age Stutterer" Friday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center. To register call Carolyn Shaw at 898-2661 by Feb. 19. The \$10 registration fee is waived for MTSU students.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a Lazer Tag tournament March 1. Sign-up for the tournament is Feb. 25 in the Campus Recreation Office in the Alumni Gym.

The Sigma Club will hold two ASB debates on Feb. 22 and 29, the first of which will be televised on MTSU's channel 28. The first debate will be held in Studio A in the LRC at 6 p.m. The second debate will begin at 1 p.m. in the KUC theatre. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Sigma Club will make its endorsement of a candidate on Feb. 29.

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, will be initiating new members during a short business meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in KUC Room 305. The cost for joining is \$37.50 which covers both national and local dues. For more information please call ext. 2205 or 2815.

Salter named new Midlander editor, pledges more creativity

By CHRISTOPHER BELL
Managing Editor

"I'm real tired, but I'm also very excited," said *Midlander* editor Ken Salter, new *Midlander* editor after his appointment.

Salter, a junior majoring in mass communications, was named editor of *Midlander* for the 1988-89 academic year during a Wednesday afternoon meeting of the Student Publications Committee.

"We felt more comfortable electing someone who had worked on *Midlander* in the past," Student Publications Committee Chairwoman Charisse Gendron said.

Salter worked on the yearbook as a staff writer, *Midlander* Copy Editor Laurie Jobe Watts said.

"He was the only dedicated writer I had," Watts said.

"I'm relieved," Salter said about the selection. "Especially with all the confusion and delays resulting from the committee not meeting quorum."

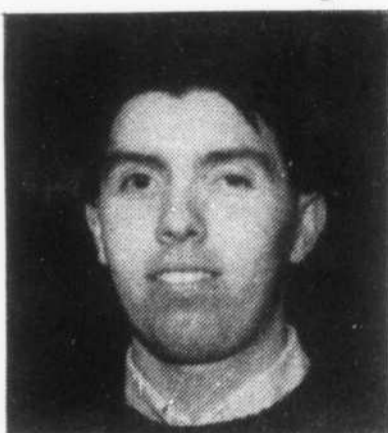
The publications committee had reset their meeting date to select the *Midlander* editor several times due to a failure to meet quorum, the minimum number of members required to attend a committee meeting before it can vote.

"It's hard to make a generaliza-

tion, since everyone on the committee has their own reasons," Gendron said.

"Sometimes we have to meet on very short notice," Gendron, an assistant professor in the English department, said. "Some of the committee members may not receive word in time."

The Student Publications Committee will meet again Monday, Feb. 22 at noon in the Vice President's conference room in Keathley University Center



Ken Salter

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Cable television installed in about half of dormitories

By TRACY BOYD
Assistant Sports Editor

Cable television has been installed and turned on in about half of the residence halls on campus, housing officials said.

"We're about halfway through," said Dan Sinclair, associate director of housing for facilities and maintenance.

Total completion of the installation is scheduled for the third week in March, Sinclair said, but added circumstances may cause further delay.

"We take each building individually," Sinclair said. "We have to be very cautious because of the amount of water lines, electrical lines, telephone lines and things which can make digging very tedious trying to get it to the buildings."

When installation in each building has been completed, company

service representatives are placed in the buildings and cable is made available to the residents at that time, according to Sinclair.

"All of the rooms are made cable ready," Sinclair said.

The service representatives take applications from those wishing to receive the service, he added.

All rates are set by the cable company, according to Sinclair.

The cost of basic cable is \$14.95 per month and additional packages

are available. The Deluxe Showcase package, the most expensive, runs \$45 per month.

Installation normally costs \$25, but if residents act within the first three days the service representatives are present, installation is free.

The cable company, not housing, footed the bill for the project, Sinclair said.

"It has cost housing some manpower hours," Sinclair said, "but we did not pay anything to the cable company to have it installed."

ASB candidates known

By KIM HARRIS
Senior Staff Writer

Four students have met all of the requirements to run for Associated Student Body president, said Doug Kinser, ASB election commissioner.

Larry Hall, Harry Hosey, William Newberry and Tony Stinnett will be running for the ASB's executive office.

In addition, Todd Burnett and David Yenser will run for Speaker of the House and Jim Barnes and Lan Vaughan will be vying for the Speaker of the Senate position.

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was getting wild. Police reports made the news, as usual, on Monday night and Fat Tuesday, the day before Lent.

Following the Parade of Zues Monday night, the berets were ready to get back to Murfreesboro. Throwing beads, yelling and the mention of Delchamps (the only Kroger-like store in Slidell) were taboo.

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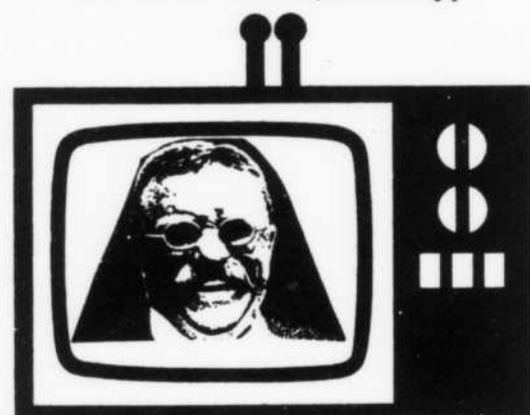
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RIMusic albums unique project: professor

By CHRISTOPHER BELL
Managing Editor

"As far as I know, we're the only one that produces an album like this on a regular basis," is how Recording Industry Management Professor Christian L. Haseleu describes MTSU's RIMusic albums.

The latest album, RIMusic VI, involving the efforts of over 100 MTSU students, was released early this month, Dr. Thom Hutcheson, a professor in the music department, said. Hutcheson and Haseleu were the executive producers of the album, and also founded the program.

"We were doing all this great music and I wanted to have it put out where people could appreciate it," Haseleu said, "and to get it on vinyl so the students could have some idea of what that process was like."

"I looked for money for several years, until I got together with Dr. Hutcheson and together we put together an instructional development request," Haseleu said. "The instructional development committee funded the first RIMusic album."

"Once we had done one, we were able to show the departments how important it was, how good it was and how useful it was," Haseleu said. "After that the department of music and mass communications took over the funding."

Of the 400 copies that have been pressed of RIMusic VI, most are intended for distribution to the students involved, radio stations and publishers, Hutcheson said. About 100 of the copies that remain are sold to students.

Copies will be available in the

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"When my father died, a friend I made at TISL drove up from Cookeville to stay with me," Herron said. "That meant a lot to me."

In the condom distribution, bill sponsors say the machines are necessary to help prevent the spread of AIDS.

"Many students live on campus and do not have a car," said ETSU student F. Scott McCarter, co-sponsor of the legislation. "Therefore, they can't go to a drugstore."

"If you are old enough to play, you should be old enough to get protected," McCarter said.

While the bill breezed through the Higher Education Committee, it still must pass both houses this weekend and be signed by the TISL governor.

The top 10 bills, as determined by the TISL Executive Council, will be sent to the Tennessee General Assembly as priority legislation.

bookstore by next week, and can also be purchased for \$5.00 from the RIM department office in Peck Hall, Room 203, according to Haseleu.

The name of the record, RIMusic, combines the names of the two primary departments, music and recording industry management, Hutcheson said. This combination has resulted in a wide range of musical compositions.

"We've always wanted to have as much variety as we could," Haseleu said. "You can find universities that record their jazz groups or choral ensembles, but we've tried for all kinds of different sounds."

Members of past and present local bands Eleven 59, Riff Rath, Boulevard Nights, The F-Particles and Tabloid Press all make appearances on the record, Haseleu said. Other contributions on the album range from jazz to soul to contemporary Christian.

"We start by asking for songs," Haseleu said. "Any MTSU student, faculty or staff member can submit songs. This year we had about 120 demo cassettes and lyric sheets that were submitted."

After songs are selected, the next step is to assemble producers, engineers and musicians for the actual recording.

The producers come from RIM 467, which is a student production

class," Haseleu said. "They go through the songs and pick out the ones they want to work on."

Engineers come from the pool of students who have completed RIM 465, advanced techniques of recording, Haseleu said. Musicians are selected from Music 385, the commercial music ensemble. Both engineers and musicians are selected by the producers.

All songs have been recorded at the Haynes House facility in the

past, Haseleu said. But with the completing of the new Studio B in the James Union Building, that will change.

"We'll be recording and mixing in the new studio," Haseleu said.

"One of our students was in a used record store in New York and found two different copies of previous RIMusic albums," Haseleu said. "Somehow they got all the way to New York!"

He also claims he will balance the budget.

Kemp appeals to the growing number of conservative Americans. He has consistently proposed legislation and voted along conservative Republican party lines.

However, he suffers a name recognition problem outside of New England. Not many people will remember Kemp as a quarterback — and as a politician.

In order for him to have a chance he needs to let voters know where he stands and why.

Otherwise, he may be sacked one more time.

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port of the president's policy."

With regard to the recent Intermediate Nuclear Forces treaty, Kemp has said it needs to be examined carefully.

"The Soviet Union has broken every arms agreement it has ever made," his papers state.

Kemp also favors the Strategic Defense Initiative, or "Star Wars," defense plan.

"However, I believe the time has come to move ahead toward early deployment of a space-based missile defense," Kemp's position papers state.

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EDITORIALS

Election system forces candidates to be the bland leading the blind



Kate Lapczynski
Columnist

You may have noticed that *Sidelines* has exhibited a decidedly political bent this semester. Both the news and editorial sections have carried articles preparing us for Super Tuesday. The political candidates of both parties have been scrutinized, analyzed and compared for our edification.

While I have appreciated the efforts made by the *Sidelines* staff to make me an informed voter, I'm afraid their efforts have been in vain. The more informed I have become, the more appalled I have become. That this particular batch of candidates represents the best and the brightest that America has to offer is a rather sobering thought.

Harry S. Truman was diametrically opposed to the state primary system for choosing a party's candidate. He felt that "a man cannot stand two strenuous campaigns — one to win the state primaries and another to run for election." Harry was wrong.

Apparently a lot of men feel per-

fectly capable of withstanding two strenuous campaigns. In fact, some men seem to thrive on it. Unfortunately, the skills required to launch and maintain a campaign and win an election aren't necessarily the same skills required for fulfilling the duties of office once elected.

We seem to have lost sight of that fact. For a person to be elected nationally these days, his image and his message have to be so homogenized that we end up with the bland leading the blind. And perversely, we seem to be completely aware that what a man says during his campaign will have no bearing whatsoever on his actions once we elect him, yet we proceed to elect him anyway.

Either Americans are perpetual optimists, hoping that whoever we elect will somehow magically possess the talents required to be a good president despite all evidence to the contrary, or McLaughlin was right and the medium has become the message.

Something in me is strongly suspicious of any man who is willing to endure the unrelenting glare of publicity and the unbending schedule that a campaign demands to become the president of the

United States.

Any man so ambitious for office that he would up-end his entire life for roughly two years must be viewed with a jaundiced eye. Frankly, I feel that anyone who actively seeks the office should be automatically disqualified for it. Naked ambition and inherent masochism should not be the criteria for high office.

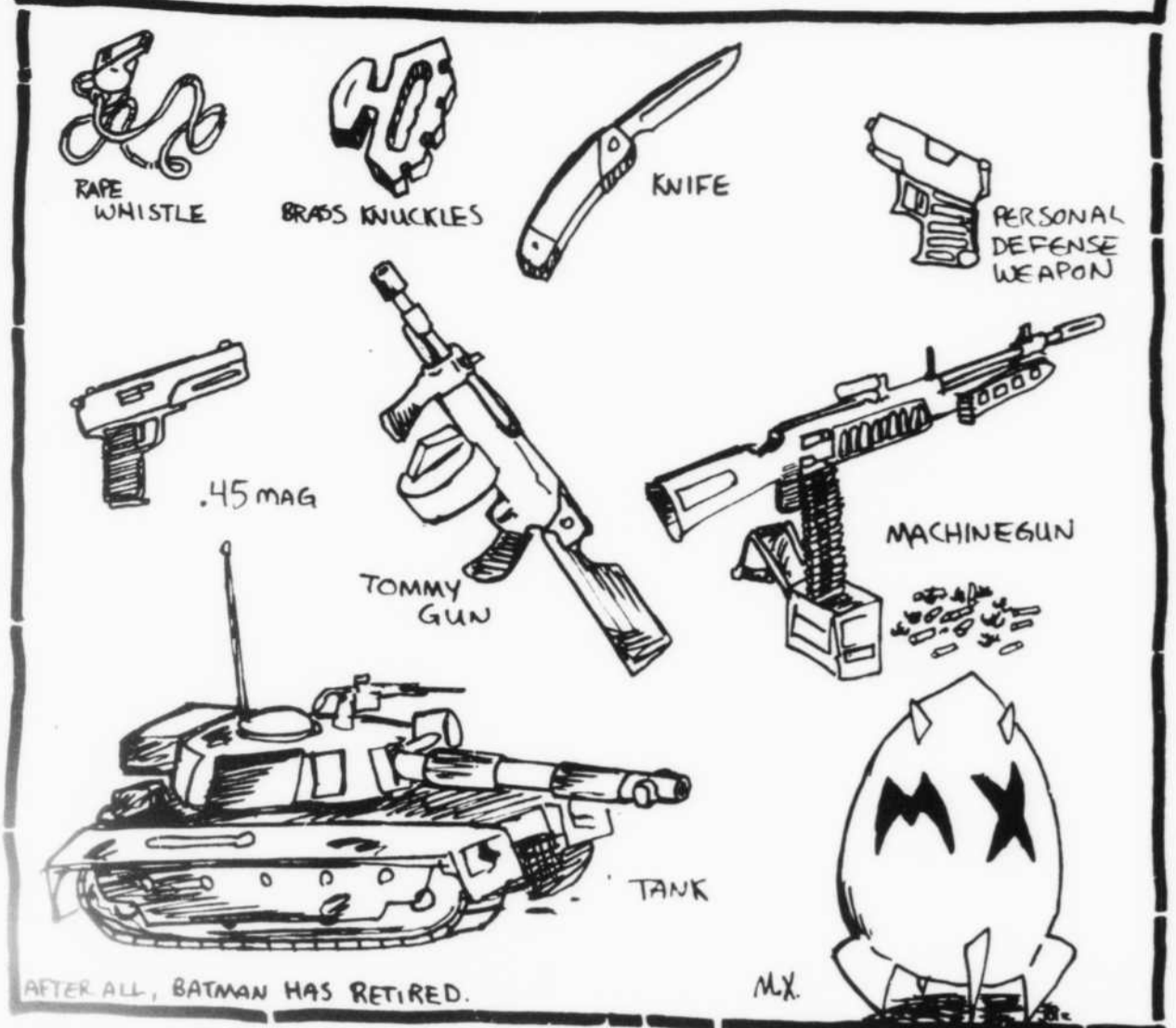
If we really want to be democratic, we should put the names of all eligible citizens into a hat and pull out a name at random. I doubt that we'd do much worse than we have done in the past.

If, however, we are going to continue to inflict the primary system on ourselves, I think that every ballot should have a box marked "None of the Above." Wouldn't it be fantastic if "None of the Above" won in Iowa or New Hampshire?

It certainly would send a message to the major parties that they'd better come up with more acceptable candidates in the future. It would do so at a stage in the game when changing the players would still be possible.

It also might possibly put a little message back into the medium. One can always hope.

WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE, TO GET THE CRIME OFF THE STREETS?



Kemp sacked in presidential race

A View From The Left



Tom Williams
Columnist

If the Republican Party was on the five yard line with third down and one second on the clock, I would probably give Jack Kemp the ball. But as it looks today, Kemp is on his own 20 punting into a cloud of dust.

Kemp has truly set himself apart from the other candidates on the Republican ticket. He has pledged not to raise taxes. He supports budget cuts, and he has sponsored one of the most controversial tax cut bills ever seen in this country. He still believes he can actually cut the deficit by cutting revenues. This won't work in today's United States.

The former Buffalo Bill's quarterback not only enjoys an occasional bomb from the five but he also supports SDI, which equates to a military defensive line.

This conservative believes in ideas that produce action. He is

running a positive campaign as opposed to the cut-throat attitudes taken by his fellow Republican opponents.

Kemp was elected to the House of Representatives in 1971 and has carried on a winning attitude in his leadership role as Republican conference chairman. His experience in the House has enabled him to learn how the creation of policy takes place.

Kemp believes that the economic steps Ronald Reagan has made will continue if he is elected because he understands the policy that has produced 13 million new jobs and has lowered inflation during the past four years.

But Kemp has one problem. He is in a race that will allow him to place no higher than third. Bob Dole and George Bush have completely contained the media attention from the very start.

If Kemp wants to come out victorious this year he needs to go into the locker room one more time and realize his campaign strategy.

However, when the last ball is thrown, Kemp will probably come up a few yards short. He will have to steal this show from Dole and Bush if he wants to continue his winning tradition.

A View From The Right



M.A. Brown
Editorial Editor

Jack Kemp is in the paradoxical situation of being a conservative who can't muster support among conservatives.

Coming into the 1988 run for president, Kemp seemed to be the

heir apparent to the Reagan Revolution. The other Republican candidates looked to be either too moderate or too much of a long shot to light a fire under the New Right.

Now Kemp finds himself running far behind moderates Bob Dole and George Bush.

The main reason for Kemp's failure has been the candidate's inability to rally conservatives behind him.

The reason for Kemp's failure among conservatives is somewhat of a puzzle to many of his supporters. However, some answers do present themselves.

The main reason for this situation is Kemp's opposition to a balanced budget amendment. Kemp feels that balancing the federal budget is imperative to this nation's economic health, but that a balanced budget amendment would "bring about either a tax increase or unwise wholesale reductions in important programs."

This stance does not sit well with many conservatives. Balancing the

budget has become a pet issue among right-wingers, most of whom feel that a balanced budget amendment would be the best way to go about solving this problem.

Secondly, Kemp does not offer the "big bad government" message that Reagan used so successfully in 1976 and 1980. Instead, Kemp's message is more one of working with the government and not against it.

In spite of the fact that Kemp holds to most other conservative beliefs, these two issues have obviously spelled defeat for the New York representative's campaign.

This is too bad for the Republican Party and the nation as a whole because Kemp is the best problem solver the party has to offer.

Kemp is a man who is not afraid to tackle a problem when he sees one. He was the proponent of Reagan's tax reductions, and throughout his career Kemp has done more than any other Republican to draw minorities into the party.

However, unless he is willing to change his views, we may never know what kind of president Kemp would have made. And Kemp is not the type of man who changes his beliefs just to get elected.



Panamanian people should oust Noriega regime



Mark C. Davanport
Columnist

What comes to your mind when you think of Panama? Panama Beach! Wrong, that's in Florida where all the old folks go to relax (if they can't afford Hilton Head.)

How about bananas? That's a little better. What about the Panama Canal? Bingo! The Panama Canal is the most strategic location in Latin America.

The canal gives passage to oil tankers, freighters with food stuffs, equipment, minerals and U.S. warships. The Canal Zone hosts an Army base, an air base and a naval base.

Recently, however, all thoughts concerning Panama have been cen-

tered around General Manuel Noriega.

General Noriega has been accused of drug trafficking, money laundering, gunrunning and other activities. Testimony has come from former Panamanian Intelligence officer Jose Blandon stating that Cuba's Fidel Castro personally intervened in a dispute between Noriega and Columbia's Mendellin drug cartel.

Noriega has responded to these charges by denouncing the United States, threatening the removal of U.S. bases and kicking out CNN reporters.

Public opinion in Panama is against Noriega. There have been repeated calls for his resignation. There have been numerous student protests against the General, all of which ended with the Panamanian

military breaking them up.

Panamanian business leaders have organized the National Civic Crusade which has unanimously called for Noriega to step down.

Lawrence Chewing Fabrica, who is chairman of the NCC, said, "We have the minds and the majority, but he has the guns."

Noriega has turned to Cuba for friendship now that the United States has taken a stand against him.

The United States will not give up our bases in Central America because the region is strategic and imperative for defense. The United States/Panamanian treaties giving the United States the right to have these bases are also still valid, and there are not enough qualified Panamanians to run the canal without U.S. assistance.

Things are heating up in Panama and they will get worse before they get better.

Noriega has closed down a radio station that broadcast news of his opposition. U.S. forces in the region are now on alert.

It is up to the Panamanian public

to rally behind the government opposition.

If Noriega gets careless or begins a brutal campaign, U.S. military forces should go in and give Panama a chance to elect an honest president that will support his people rather than himself and drug traffickers.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Quasimodo doesn't click yet talent emerges

[Editor's note: A five-star rating system is used in evaluation purposes. One being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

★★★

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

Taken individually, the members of the MTSU-based band Quasimodo are outstanding musicians. Unfortunately, the sum of the parts left a big hole.

Quasimodo, as seen Saturday at Mainstreet opening for the Producers, can best be described as a mediocre, commercialized heavy metal band. Fortunately, they are more along the lines of a Deep Purple or Led Zepplin and not the pretty-boy rock of a Bon Jovi or Poison.

While most of the guitar licks Scott Kissack screamed across the amplifiers was cliched, they were

good cliches. Stuart Fry's drum beats were good, driving licks which portrayed the emotion of the lyrics.

However, the problems in the show arose in the vocals, bass and keyboards. They could not be heard.

Curtis McFarlin was playing a bass guitar on stage. I saw him. However, no one I talked to could hear it. Same for Robert Means' key work. His fingers were touching the keys, but no sound was coming out of the amps.

Part of the reason, could have been the over-amplifying of the guitars and the loudness of the drums.

Their sound would be much better if they would turn down the guitars and tone down the drums.

Although the guitar and drums were a problem, the biggest complaint I had was with the vocals or

lack thereof. Early microphone problems prohibited anyone from hearing the vocals of Tim Gillard.

While he had some problems achieving the range and depth of some of the songs, Gillard is still a fairly good vocalist for the Quasimodo sound.

The band's problems are the typical problems of a young band. Nothing a lot of practice won't solve.

Quasimodo was very tight in the beginning of the set and gradually worked out some of the kinks to produce a tighter sound and performance. The non-elasticity of their early show was evident in their vain attempts at humor.

During the show, the band was gradually working their way to a 1 1/2 star rating. However, they did a really killer version of "Highway Star" by Deep Purple to save the set and earn a 2 1/2.



Helen Comer ● Staff

Quasimodo lead vocalist Tim Gillard watches in awe as guitarist Scott Kissack thrusts into a solo in front of a small crowd at Mainstreet Saturday night.

MTSU musicians latest album, RIMusic VI, released

By CHRISTOPHER BELL
Managing Editor

★★

A few miles up I-24, just past the mecca that is Hickory Hollow Mall, is an exit that leads to Music Row. This is the center of the country music industry, which employs thousands of people and generates millions of dollars every year.

While you might not think the music business (hereafter referred to as the Biz) affects you, it does play a major role in everyday life in Nashville.

And that's good. A wide spectrum of music can be found all over the city, any night of the week. No other city of its size has this kind of activity or variety in its music scene.

But it's bad too. The Biz is a business and far too often the people involved in it lose sight of the fact that for many of us music is something more than just another product to be marketed and sold like

Pringles or Pledge. You're in trouble whenever you get around "product."

That conflict between the opportunities of diversity and the limitations of professionalism runs throughout the latest album for MTSU's musicians — RIMusic VI. While it may seem to be hanging a while on a simple record album, it does seem that the strengths and weaknesses of this record mirror those of the local music community itself.

There are 13 songs on RIMusic VI, ranging from hard core punk (actually that's a rotten label, let's just call it super-aggressive, guitar-based pop) on the first track, to a contemporary Christian love song on the last.

All of the songwriters are MTSU students, as are almost all of the musicians, producers and engineers. There aren't many universities the size of MTSU with the ability to produce a pop album, and what they have produced is a record equal in sound and music quality

to most independent releases (NOTE: an independent, or indie, is a small record company not affiliated with the "major labels" like Warner Brothers and CBS. While these big companies have a death-grip on the market, independents have been the main source for some of the most interesting music out today, from mainstream rock like N.R.B.Q. to whathehellist music like Camper Van Beethoven.)

But where most independent records fall short of major-label quality in production and packaging, RIMusic VI fails in the originality of the music itself.

The exception that proves the rule is also the record's best song,

"In a Strange Bed." The band sounds like they enjoy playing together. The musicians may not be the best in the world, but they sound like they have a fun time in doing this besides just filling up an album track.

It's a simple rock 'n' roll, "Is this love or what" song, but the emotion of the performances put it over the top. This enthusiasm is what is too often lacking from the rest of the songs here.

While there are other enjoyable cuts, like Riff Bath's "No Vacancy," Andrew Przbysla's "Reminiscing" and Deborah Knott's "Night Child," none of the other songs rise above the merely professional. There's nothing wrong with them,

or at least most of them, but there's not that much right either.

The playing is good and the production quality ranges from acceptable to very good, but the songs themselves never rise above the pedestrian.

Of course the mere fact that the students and the school are able to put such an album together is impressive. There is obviously a great

deal of musical and technical talent at work there, and several of the musicians on the record will undoubtedly go on to careers in the Biz.

But it takes more than just talent to make good music. Hopefully the musicians on future RIMusic albums will remember emotional depth is as important as musical skills.



RUSH in concert with special guest Tommy Shaw at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22.

What's Up MTSU?

Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20: "The Miser," a MTSU Theatre Production, will conclude its five nights of performances at B.D.A. Arena Theatre. Curtain times are 8 p.m. each night, admission.

Friday, Feb. 19 through Sunday, Feb. 21: Brahms Festival '88, a MTSU Music Department presentation, will celebrate Brahms and his work. There will be two presentations Friday. At 12 p.m. there will be a lecture titled "The Life and Work of Johannes Brahms" at Saunders Fine Arts Building, Room 117. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a concert at Music Hall, Wright Music Building. Both are free and open.

Saturday, Feb. 20: Brahms Festival '88 continues with a concert featuring an Organ Prelude and Piano Quintet beginning at 8 p.m. at Music Hall, Wright Music Building. Free and open.

Sunday, Feb. 21: Brahms Festival '88 concludes with a 3 p.m. performance, German Requiem. Admission: Student ID or \$4.50.

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SPORTS

MTSU can clinch OVC title Monday; Tennessee St., Youngstown St. visits Murphy

By TRACY BOYD
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raiders could clinch at least a share of the Ohio Valley Conference championship by sweeping this weekend's two-game homestand.

Wins over Tennessee State Saturday and Youngstown State Monday would assure the ladies at least a tie for the crown with three to five more games remaining.

If the Lady Raiders clinch the title, it will be the sixth straight sea-

son that MTSU has won or shared the conference crown and seventh title in the 10 seasons the OVC has sponsored a women's championship.

The Lady Raiders, 17-4, 9-0 in the OVC, enter the weekend in sole possession of first place. The next closest — Murray State, Youngstown State and Tennessee Tech — all have three conference losses.

Tennessee State enters the contest without a victory this season.

In their earlier matchup Feb. 5, MTSU defeated the Tiger Gems 90-72.

Tawanya Mucker scored 38 points in that contest.

Monday evening, the two leading scorers in the OVC, Mucker and Dorothy Bowers, square off.

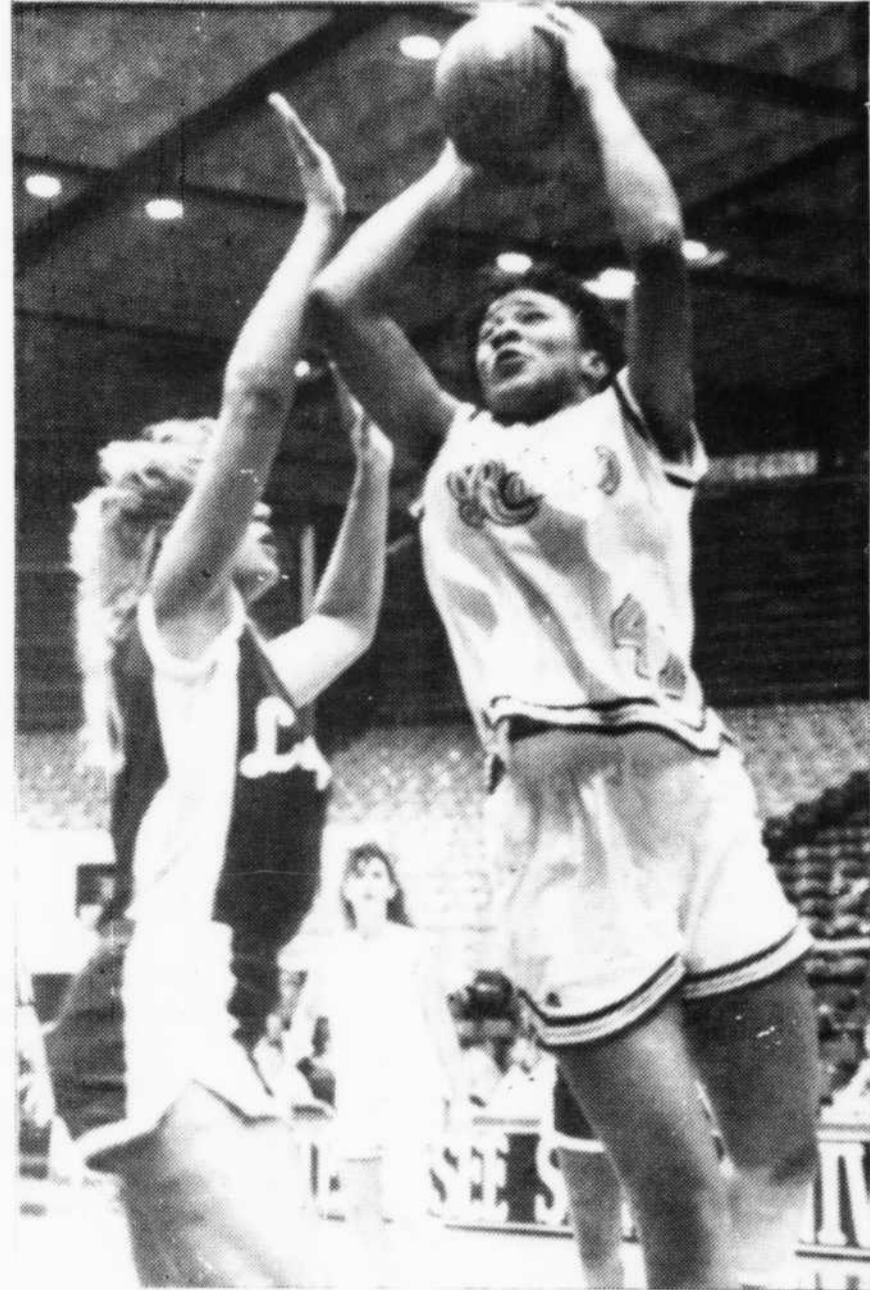
Bowers currently leads the conference with an average of 27.6 points per game. Mucker, in the past week, has moved into second place with an average of 24.1.

Both were named OVC co-

players of the week. In two games, Mucker scored 68 points and pulled down 20 rebounds. Bowers scored 57 points and grabbed 27 rebounds in two games.

In their previous meeting on Jan. 16 at Youngstown, Ohio, the Lady Raiders overcame a 16 point second half deficit to defeat the Lady Penguins, 74-73.

In that game, Mucker scored 29 points while Bowers tallied 25 points.



Frank Conley/Staff
Tawanya Mucker drives to the hoop in Monday's win against Eastern Kentucky. Mucker was named player of the week for her efforts.

Seniors' final home games during crucial series

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

Three seniors will be playing their final home games this weekend in MTSU's most crucial home and away season.

The Blue Raiders entertain conference foes Tennessee State Saturday and Youngstown State Monday.

Chris Rainey, Phil Snell and Swaine Haines will be playing their final home games as Blue Raiders. The trio has been a key part of the Raiders' 50-7 home record over the past 50 seasons.

"I hope our fans will turn out and give them a round of applause,"

Coach Bruce Stewart said "Over the past few years, we have won 50 games and lost only seven. That is nothing to sneeze at. I hope our fans will turn out and show their appreciation."

The Blue Raiders are in sole possession of third place in the Ohio Valley Conference, with a 7-2 league mark. They are 1/2 game behind Austin Peay but tied in the loss column for second and are 1 game behind Murray State.

"Every game is a must game for us," Stewart said. "There is no doubt that this homestand is the most crucial of the season and every road game is our most crucial."

Tennessee State enters the game with a 3-8 OVC record and 10-13 overall. Tennessee State has also lost nine straight games against MTSU.

"I look at the Tennessee State game as a game that is very dangerous," Stewart said.

In order for the Blue Raiders to notch their eighth OVC win of the season, they must contain the league's leading scorer in Anthony Mason.

Mason is currently averaging 28.6 points per game, which also ranks him third in scoring nationally.

On Monday night MTSU enters

with a very dangerous Youngstown State, which has struggled most of the season.

The Ravens are led by Tilman Bevely, a player with the potential to score at any given time.

Chris Rainey was named OVC Player of the Week for his play against Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

Rainey connected on 13 of 14 shots against the Colonels, which tied the school record for field goal percentage in a game. Against Morehead State, Rainey averaged 20 points, including 4 of 7 from three-point range.



Frank Conley/Staff
MTSU's Chris Harris and Morehead State's Tony Curry battle for a loose ball during Monday night's game. Harris pumped in 21 points, including five three-pointers, in the Blue Raiders' 109-95 win.

MTSU must replace catcher, outfield for 1988

By CHUCK MORRIS
Sports Editor

The Blue Raiders return a strong pitcher but must replace their starting outfield and catcher today.

The Blue Raiders open their 1988 season this afternoon at Memphis State. The two teams will play again tomorrow afternoon. Both games begin at 2.

Senior pitcher Dave Richardson leads a questionable pitching staff. Richardson was the OVC's most dominant pitcher last season, compiling a 12-5 record, a new OVC and school record for wins in a season, and a 2.98 ERA, earning him Southern Division player of the year honors.

Senior pitcher Chris Norton is returning from shoulder surgery he had last fall. Norton has been throwing about 90 percent of his normal velocity.

Last season, Norton was 5-4 with a 5.21 ERA while pitching with pain.

"Hopefully Norton is healthy and ready to go," Peterson said. "He hasn't tapped his potential yet."

The rest of the staff is an un-

proven commodity.

Tony Martin, the hardest thrower on the staff, is coming off shoulder surgery last season, causing him to be redshirted.

Steve Bennefield, Brad Bates, Larry Leaver, Jody Tripp and Barry Cross are youngsters that will be looked upon during the mid-week non-conference games.

The outfield will consist of Mike Young, Scott Duff and Jeff Avery or Corey Watkins.

Young, a junior college transfer, was a second team JuCo All-American last season.

Duff is also a juco transfer. He will play center field and could be the Blue Raiders' bullpen stopper.

Avery and Watkins are battling for left field.

Avery, a sophomore, hit home runs last season at North Alabama and Alabama in a starting role before going into a slump.

Watkins is a true freshman from Murfreesboro's Riverdale High School. He was an all-district performer for the Warriors.

Catching could also be a major

Cincinnati, Ohio native Jay Owens comes to the Blue Raiders for his freshman season after being drafted by the Boston Red Sox after graduating from high school.

Dick Martin returns to the Blue Raider baseball team after sitting out the 1987 season to concentrate on football.

Freshman Cale Lawson started slow in the fall, but is rapidly catching up with Owens.

The trio will replace All-OVC catcher Chris Courtright. Courtright led the OVC last season in home runs and runs batted in with 14 and 58, respectively.

Peterson said that nobody has stepped forward to be the leader of the team, as Courtright was last season.

"I haven't seen that type of leader thus far," Peterson said during the early practices. "Maybe the field and the games will bring [the leadership] out of someone."

Editor's Note: This is the second part of a two-part series previewing the 1988 Blue Raider baseball team.

Good things expected from tennis Seniors Mutli, King lead 1988 men's squad

By CECIL JOYCE
Sports Writer

The 1988 MTSU tennis season is upon us and many good things are expected from head coach Cal Short.

Short, who is in his first year as head coach, has only three players returning from last year's squad — Hinar Mutli from Sydney, Australia; Jeff Raper from Nashville; and Chris King from Marietta, Ga.

The Blue Raiders are a young team relying on hard work and determination to win the Ohio Valley Conference.

Although young, Short expects MTSU to be in heavy competition for the title.

In order to achieve that feat, the Blue Raiders will have to overcome the major obstacle in the OVC, Murray State. The Racers have won the OVC title the past eight years and are expected to be title hungry again this year.

The pre-season favorites are Murray State, Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay.

MTSU has an outstanding new

player in Johann Franzen, a freshman from Sweden. He is expected to be one of the best players in the conference this year. He was one of the top two players in Sweden before coming to MTSU. He is an excellent prospect for now and in the future.

Other key players include Mutli, the only senior on the squad, and King, the team captain. The rest of the team includes freshmen Nicholas Sheumaker and Chris Coffey, juniors Raper and John Delcarmen, Rich Gray and Chuck LaLonde.

MTSU, as always, has a very tough schedule this year.

The Blue Raiders will play the likes of Vanderbilt, Memphis State, Alabama and South Florida along with their OVC opponents.

MTSU will play their first home matches March 5 against David Lipscomb College and Tennessee-Martin on the courts next to Murphy Center.

The OVC tournament is set for April 24-25 at Murray, Ky. The winner has a possibility at an NCAA berth.

"We have improved considerably since the fall," Short said. "I believe we have the talent to compete with Murray State for the title."

TENNIS RESULTS

RICHMOND, Ky. — The winners and MTSU results from the Dave Adams Tennis Tournament held here Feb. 12-14.

Number one singles: Winner — Tony Wretland, Murray St.; Iimar Mutli, MTSU; d. Hons Wold, Murray St.; I. Wretland.

Number two singles: David Rueff, Louisville; Nick Sheumack, MTSU; d. Shannon Dunkin, E. Tenn.; d. Mathias Arefeld, Murray St.; I. Rueff.

Number three singles: John Meade, Louisville; Chris King, MTSU; d. Joe Brown, Cincinnati; I. John Seals, E. Tenn.; d. Scott Patrick, E. Ky.; d. Brown.

Number four singles: Johan Franzen, MTSU; d. Barry Hemphill, Morehead St.; d. Todd Carlisle, E. Ky.; d. Geir Sjoeborg.

Murray St.

Number five singles: Thomas Kevlin, Murray St.; Chris Coffey, MTSU; d. Kevin Lindley, E. Ky.; d. Steve Lorino, E. Tenn.; I. Hult.

Number six singles: Duane Lundy, E. Ky.; Jeff Raper, MTSU; d. Jay Avenida, Louisville; I. Phil Murray, Murray St.

Number one doubles: Mark Lipton-Smith-John Lucchesi, E. Tenn.; Coffey-Sheumack, MTSU; I. Wretland-Hult, Murray St.

Number two doubles: Multi-Franzen, MTSU; d. Dunken-Lorino, E. Tenn.; d. Jonas Bergraham-Hons Wold, Murray St.; d. Meade-Mark Melbauer, Louisville.

Number three doubles: Arefeld-Sjoeborg, Murray St.; King-Raper, MTSU; I. Arefeld-Sjoeborg; d. Chris Trinkle-Avenida, Louisville; d. Seals-Dave Butler, E. Tenn.

SEWANEE, Tenn. — Men's tennis team results from Tuesday's matches against the University of the South.

Team score: MTSU 8, University of the South 1

Singles: Johann Franzen (MTSU) d. Pat Gurry, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Iimar Mutli (MTSU) d. Tim Luftkin, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1; Nick Sheumack (MTSU) d. David Dye, 6-0, 6-0; Ken Alexander (Univ. of South) d. Ken Alexander, 6-4, 6-4; Chris Coffey (MTSU) d. Boyd Douglas, 6-3, 6-2; Rich Gray (MTSU) d. Ramsey Sims, 6-3, 6-3.

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