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Professional schools seek black students

By DEBORAH WHITON
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Tennessee Preprofessional Program has been developed to assist black sophomores prepare for professional schools, following a state Supreme Court order on a desegregation settlement.

The program "is designed to assist students in their preparation for admission to professional schools of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine and law," according to a memo sent to all black sophomores enrolled at MTSU from Cliff Gillespie, dean of Admissions and chairman of the committee to oversee the TPP on campus.

IN ORDER TO meet requirements for the program, students must be black Tennessee residents who are sophomores during the spring semester of 1985 in a Tennessee public university or community college.

Application forms were "mailed Feb. 7 from Memphis to all black students across the state," Gillespie said.

"Every year 75 blacks will be selected to participate in the program for the next five years," he continued.

"THE 75 STUDENTS who are selected each year will be based on criteria to be established at each school," Gillespie explained.

Each student will be assigned one of three curricular advisers in the area: Dr. David Grubbs, law school; Dr. Harley Foutch, veterinary medicine; or Dr. Dan Scott, medicine, pharmacy and dentistry.

These advisers will help students fill out their applications and guide them through undergraduate school.

Man charged for activating fire alarm

By REBA YOUNG
Sidelines Staff Writer

An MTSU student was convicted in General Sessions Court on Jan. 22 after his Jan. 11 arrest on a charge of activating a false fire alarm here at Clement Hall.

Charles Endsley, 19, was placed on six-month probation pending the completion of 80 hours of public service to the MTSU housing department.

ACCORDING TO Security officer Brian Grisham, Endsley was arrested after his name was given by another student, William Corder, 19, who was caught running from the scene of the crime.

"I was on foot patrol when I...received a radio call reporting that the Clement Hall fire alarm had been activated," Grisham said. "Upon my arrival, I was told by the housing official that a student had been caught running away from the scene."

"He denied pulling the alarm. I explained the seriousness of the offense and then he told us who did it," Grisham said.

STUDENTS WILL also participate in summer programs given by the professional schools, Gillespie explained.

These summer programs will be "a compacted study session to improve the black students selected, to improve their chances to succeed in the professional program," Gillespie said, adding that the professional schools are establishing the criteria right now.

The TPP is an outgrowth from a court order resulting from a long-standing desegregation case for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

THE FINAL stipulation "was agreed to in August or September of 1984," Gillespie said.

According to Gillespie, the court is trying to remedy the problems of blacks being unrepresented in the professional schools.

The Department of Justice did not agree with the program and believes it is discriminating against white students because the 75 slots are restricted to black students, Gillespie said.

He added that there is an "obvious shortage of black minorities in professional schools." (continued on page 3)



Photo by Jeff Bressler

FRIDAY'S ice storm continued to linger on as this mid-week scene reveals. Pedestrians and drivers alike have had to battle poor conditions in order to attend classes this week.

Incorrect announcement from WMTS

Students not excused: Ingram

By SANDRA BOBO
Sidelines News Editor

Confusion reigned at MTSU last Friday after an incorrect announcement was released by 96 WZKS Nashville and WMTS Murfreesboro that MTSU commuters would be excused from classes.

According to Bill Jones, a WMTS announcer and a former MTSU student, "past policy" has been to excuse students if they were unable to make it to classes because of snow. It was on this "past

experience" that Jones based his decision to make the announcement. He was not given an announcement from MTSU.

ACCORDING TO Sam Ingram, MTSU president, MTSU has a uniform policy that states that the university will not close unless there is an emergency such as the electric or heating systems breaking down.

There is a minimum number of required days that the university must be open, Ingram said.

"We can always close MTSU

because of snow, but the days closed would have to be made up at the end of the spring semester, which could eliminate intersession," Ingram said.

"THE MAJOR REASON we don't [close MTSU] is that at least a third of the students live on campus and many more within a few blocks of campus," Ingram said.

Everyone is expected to make an "extra effort" to attend classes, Ingram said, adding that teachers are not (continued on page 3)

Team to evaluate MTSU

By SAMANTHA WILLIAMS
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Southern Association for Colleges and Schools, an accrediting agency, will visit MTSU next week to determine whether or not the university is eligible for reaccreditation, according to June McCash, director of the MTSU self-study steering committee.

"Every 10 years we do a self-study of the university to see where we are going and how far we've come," McCash said. "This self-study program lasts for two years and is required every 10 years to maintain accreditation."

THE ACCREDITATION guidelines have been in effect for the past 30 or 40 years, according to McCash, and there has never been a time when MTSU has not been accredited.

"There is a 700-page report on the findings of the self-study committee on the school's good points and things that need to be changed. The [SACS] Committee is here to validate our findings," McCash said.

The committee will base its decision on its evaluations of the academic departments and administrative units and random interviews with students on campus.

AN EXIT MEETING will take place between the SACS Committee, President Ingram and the steering committee before the SACS Committee leaves Wednesday afternoon to discuss its findings.

Drama class to use puppets for education

By JENNY McMILLION
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's Arena Theatre is usually filled with actors rehearsing upcoming roles or classes engaged in drama exercises, but this semester new subjects are being discussed among its flats, platforms and stage lights—child abuse, childnapping and handicapped children.

Puppet shows are being written and puppets are being made by MTSU's child drama class, instructed by Deborah Anderson, to help children deal with a variety of serious problems with which they may be faced in our society.

ACCORDING TO Anderson, plans have been made to take the shows to local elementary schools.

The program "gives me real satisfaction that we might be able to help," Anderson said, explaining that "it also combines the experience of teaching and theatre"—an important combination since many class members are education majors.

According to Anderson, the class is divided into five groups, each writing a puppet show centering around a particular topic—child sexual abuse, emotional abuse, physical abuse, childnapping and relations with handicapped people.

"YOU GET A double dose for your money," said Tres Johnson, a student in the handicapped relations group. Students have the opportunity to learn about the social problems children are faced with as well as theatrical techniques.

Several films have been shown to the class to educate them about childnapping and child abuse, Anderson said, stressing that the subjects must be handled delicately.

"Puppets are a great way for adults to communicate with children," Anderson said, who has made and worked with puppets often in the past.

"WE'RE GOING TO use mainly handpuppets, Anderson said, explaining that "handpuppets are more personal than marionettes" because marionettes tend to remove the actor from his audience.

Students are trying to stress to children that offenders against kids can be familiar people, said Paige Larson, a member of the sexual abuse group who had introduced the new concept for the class to Anderson.

"We want kids to know that they shouldn't be afraid to say something. We want to stress that there are people they can tell who will listen," Larson said.

"UNFORTUNATELY, WE can't educate parents through this class," Anderson said. "They have to learn to believe their children."

The program is designed to warn children that parents can be offenders without creating family problems, Anderson explained, emphasizing that she doesn't want children to be afraid of their parents.

According to Johnson, the handicapped group has a different set of problems with which to deal, such as children often being afraid of people with handicaps or being un- (continued on page 3)



It's puppetry!

Above—Paige Larson fits a costume onto a puppet made from balloons which are blown up and coated with paper mache.

Left—These puppets were created by Professor Ralph Hillman's class



Photos by Melissa Givens

ACCORDING TO Grisham, Endsley was then apprehended and arrested.

Grisham said that most people don't realize the seriousness of the offense.

"It's like shouting fire in a movie theater," Grisham said. "Someone could easily get hurt or worse."

DAVID HAYS, dean of men, said that false alarms are dangerous.

"People start taking things lightly," Hays said. "It's like

the boy who cried wolf. After hearing fire alarm after fire alarm, people begin not to take them seriously."

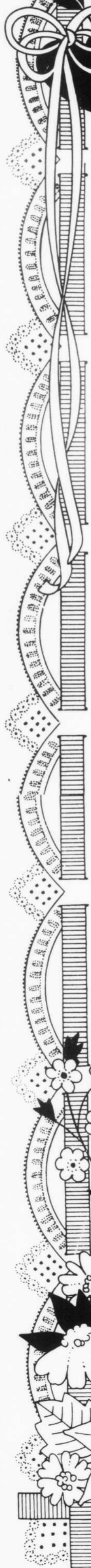
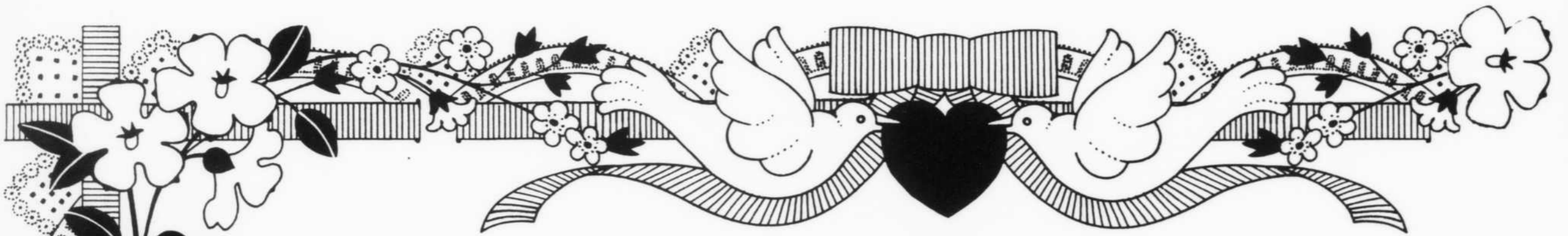
ACCORDING TO Hays, many steps are taken to apprehend those who activate false alarms.

"We take steps to track people down," Hays said. "There's a dye-type substance on some of the fire alarms that comes off on the hands of anyone who touches the switches."

"Of course, there's the fingerprint dust that we use, too."

Hays added that false fire alarms are costly.

"Several thousands of dollars must be spent whenever the fire department responds to a call, even if it is a false alarm," Hays said. "The biggest thing, however, is that while the fire department is responding to a false alarm, there's probably a real fire somewhere else."



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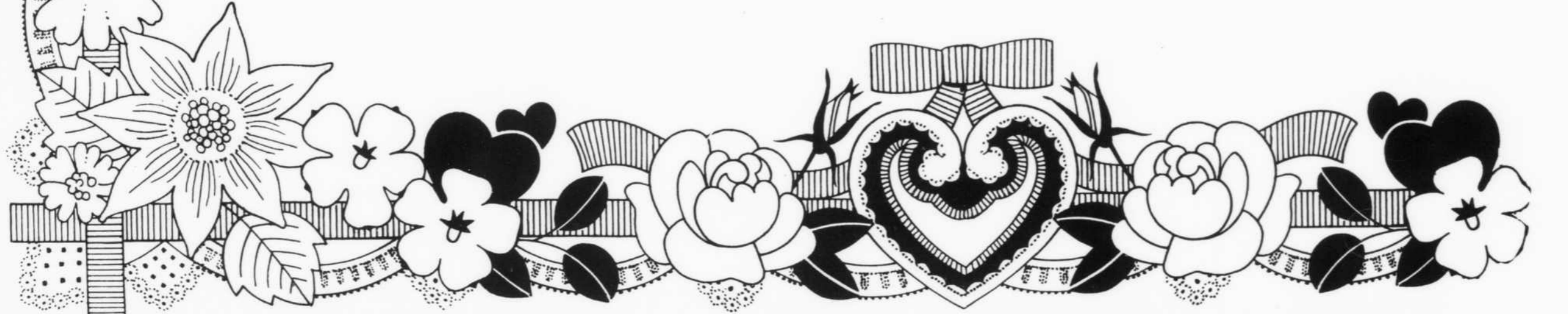
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TAU OMICRON IS SPONSORING All-Island on April 11. If your organization would like to participate, contact Linda Warren, Box 7459, by Feb. 12 for an application and list of rules.

GAMMA BETA PHI will meet Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the Learning Resources Center. Nominations for next year's officers will be accepted.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIP takes place every Monday night beginning Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union. All international students are invited. For information call 893-5035.

THE CATHOLIC CENTER is sponsoring "A Search for Christian Maturity" beginning at 7 p.m. March 1 and continuing until 5:30 p.m. March 3 at the St. Rose Church Gym. For more information contact Sonya Strite at ext. 3829 or Box 2248 or contact the Catholic Center at 893-9612 or MTSU Box 600.

SEND A LIVE VALENTINE of four voices to your favorite person this month on Valentine's Day. The MTSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present love songs in quartet harmony between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 14. The cost is \$3 for on-campus greetings, \$4 for Murfreesboro greetings, and \$5 over the phone (more for long distance). To order a greeting, contact a choir member in the University Center beginning Feb. 11 or call the Choral Office at ext. 2849.

THE LITTLE MR. AND MISS VALENTINE pageant will take place Sunday, Feb. 10, at 5 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. Proceeds from the pageant, sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha, will go to the United Negro College Fund.

Students

allowed to cancel classes.

"Only the academic vice-president has the authority to cancel class," Ingram said.

"IF FACULTY are being paid to teach...and if the university is going to be open, then they [the out of town faculty] should try and arrange to stay in town."

Ingram also said that "generally speaking, faculty and students make every effort to get to the university."

Professional

THE STATISTICS from the licensure board show that blacks have been unrepresented. In the state of Tennessee there are approximately 8,000 doctors, 300 of which are black; 300 dentists, 100 of which are black; 700 veterinarians, eight of which are black, according

to Gillespie. For those students whose grades have been affected because they missed class due to the bad weather, resulting in late assignments or missed tests, Ingram suggested that the student first "make certain that [he] talk individually with the teacher."

If no progress is made with the instructor, students should "take the [academic] appeal committee route," Ingram continued.

Gillespie feels this program will serve as a role model for young black students and encourages "those who want to know more about the program" to visit his office, Room 208 of the Cope Administration Building.

Drama

comfortable around them.

THE GROUP IS trying to develop, in its play, the idea that everyone has strengths and handicaps, Johnson said.

Many students have decided to use popular characters—like Mr. T or Captain America—in the puppet shows, feeling that young children would be attracted by the approach, Anderson explained.

In addition to touring elementary schools, Anderson is considering taking the puppet shows to MTSU psychology and education classes.

"We don't want to do anything to shock kids," Anderson said, explaining that the goal of the program is to gently educate children and warn them against dangers with which they are daily faced without creating a group of constantly frightened kids.

Snow increases accidents

By SAMANTHA WILLIAMS and JOE ESTES

Three straight weeks of snow and ice have caused a large increase in the number of minor traffic accidents on campus, according to Nancy Weatherly, office manager of the Department of Safety and Security.

"Normally we would have about three to eight accidents during a month's time," Weatherly said. "Since Jan. 13, we have had 16 accidents reported with more to process."

WEATHERLY ADDED that the accidents generally didn't cause much damage and were mainly fender-bender type accidents.

Chief Jack Drugmand of MTSU Public Safety and Security said that the Department has been "up to their ears in traffic accidents"

and has had a hard time keeping up with them.

Jim Staley, director of the physical plant, said that a "crew of workers were working Sunday but couldn't make any progress because of the ice underneath the snow."

"OUR EQUIPMENT got down to the ice and we simply couldn't move because we couldn't get any traction," Staley said. "Monday, when the melting started, it [the ice] came up very easily."

Staley also added that approximately 60 tons of sand have been used on the sidewalks and streets since the snows started.

Thomas Anderson, a student in the MTSU emergency medical technician program, said he is upset over the way students have been treated by the university during the bad weather.

ANDERSON AND a group

of students from Monohan complex worked late Saturday night and early Sunday morning clearing steps, and Anderson said they feel they should be reimbursed for their time and effort.

He also complained that the university should be set up to accommodate students who become stranded due to bad weather. He said that many students went hungry because the cafeterias didn't accept "plastic money."

Anderson added that he has seen many swollen ankles and bruises because of falls that occurred on icy steps and sidewalks.

He also noted that maintenance seemingly did nothing to clear the sidewalks during the weekend.

"What do they consider a emergency? Does a student have to fall down and break his neck?" Anderson asked.

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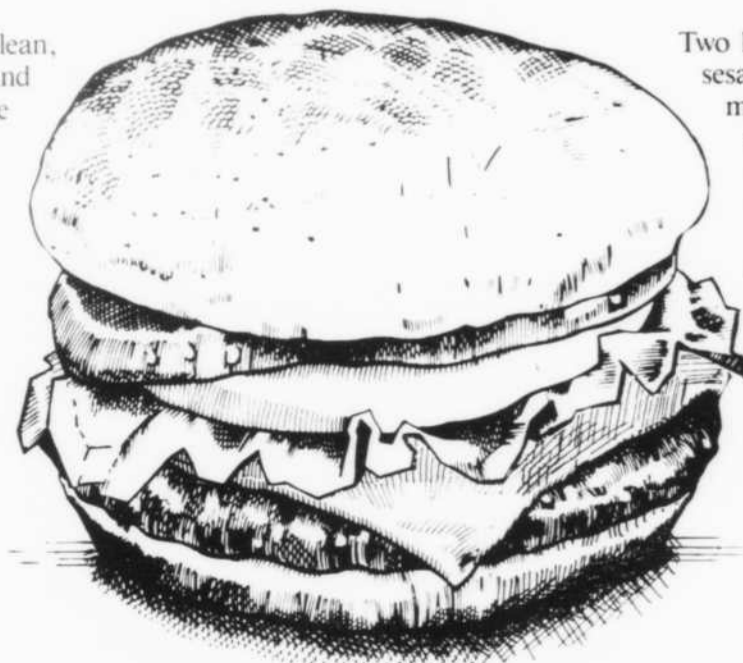
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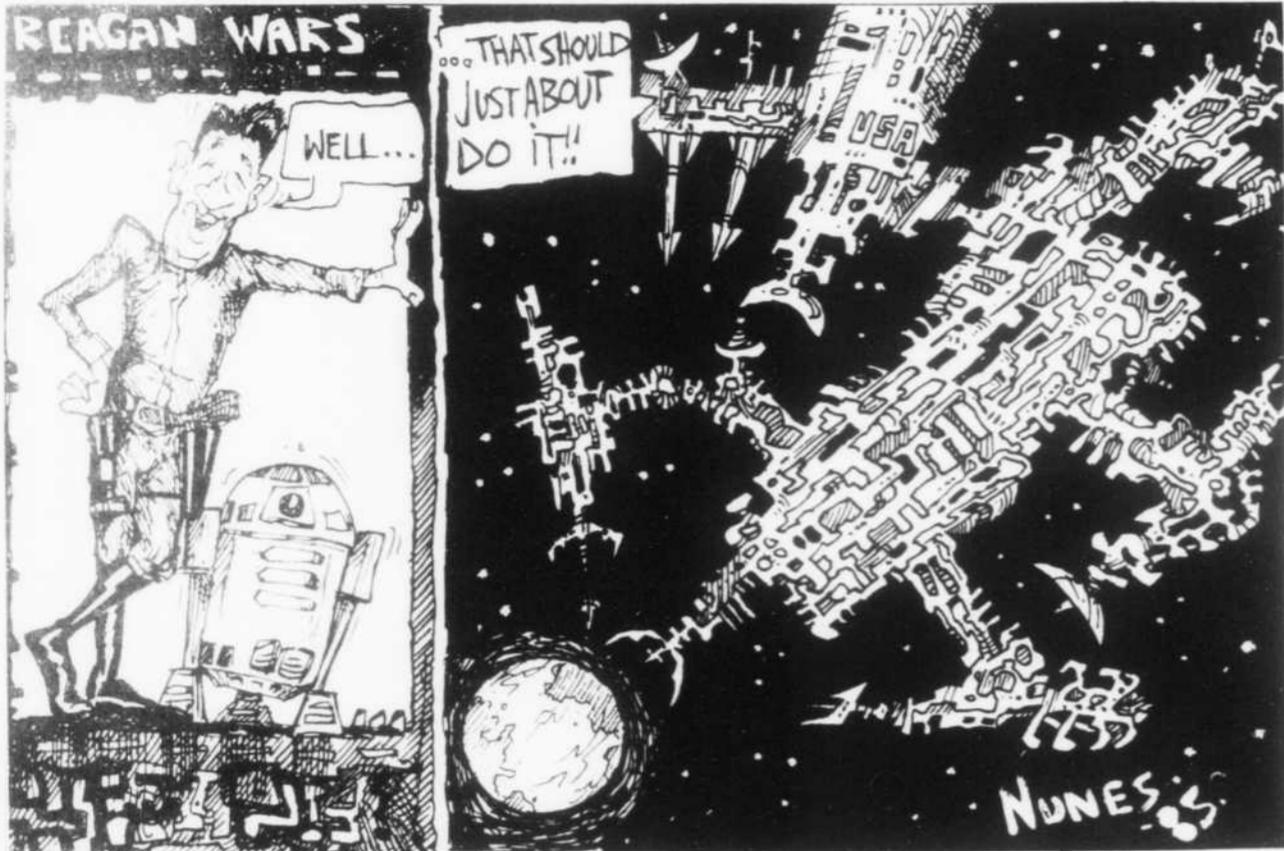
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Clydelines

By CLYDE CRAWLEY
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Hello, "Clydelines" readers. I'm back to stay, at least until the next holiday. All of you know by now what a vacation isn't I am, but this little absence hasn't been due to a vacation, intellectual hiatus or any other sublime event. I just haven't felt like writing.

I really enjoy writing this column, but, regardless of ideas to the contrary, schizophrenia does have its occasional drawback.

Today, I have a story for you.

Once, from a time there was a Republic or from California who wanted badly to be president of the United States. A man took him seriously for a while, but, against a

weaker, more liberal Democratic opponent, magic happened. Our friendly California Republican found himself in the White House.

Despite unpopular economic policies and huge military outlays, our hero maintained his popularity. When he ran for re-election, he mopped the floor with his next Democratic opponent. Clear sailing ahead. A terrific mandate for four more years.

Unfortunately, due to what initially appeared to be improprieties on the part of his appointees, aides and staff, the waters became choppy. Finally, two years into his second term, Richard Nixon was forced to resign from office.

If you, dear readers, have

been under the impression that I was writing about Ronald Reagan, don't feel badly. I see a parallel or two myself.

Right now, Mr. Reagan is enjoying an inconceivably durable "Teflon-coating." But as many of you fellow consumers know, Teflon can be scratched and then stuff starts sticking. (Actually, only Reagan's hairstyle is Teflon-coated.) Sooner or later, he will face his own Watergate, we can blow him out, suffer under George Bush for a little while, and then put Howard Baker, Gary Hart or, yes, even Mario Cuomo in the White House and once again enjoy a stable and responsible president.

Trivia craze continues

By DICK WEST
Sidelines Columnist

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The trivia craze sweeping the nation has now spread to computers.

Someone has come forth with a computerized "Party Quiz" game that even a party of one can play. This software flashes on the screen such true-or-false questions as "a giraffe has four knees?"

My guess is that the question is false. We all know a giraffe has four legs, but whether each leg has a knee is problematic, at best.

Information that is paltry, pudding, petty and peayune has been around a long time, of course. But I'll leave it to psychologists to analyze why your friends are suddenly fascinated by giraffe knees.

Knowledge of this sort is hard to work into a conversation. Some conversations have been known to run 20 minutes or longer without touching on a giraffe's anatomy.

My advice is to be arbitrary. If the data you have, or suspect, about a giraffe doesn't arise naturally, bring it up anyway. The first time there is a pause, or a lull, in the conversation, just say, "Did you people know a giraffe has noelbows?"

They may look at you askance and possibly tap their foreheads, but I guarantee

they'll respect you for it.

You don't have to buy a computer to qualify as a trivia expert, however. Below are some tidbits I picked out of a National Geographic news release. They lend themselves nicely to the multiple-choice format.

1. How much water do adult elephants drink per day?

A. 5 gallons. B. 10 gallons. C. 25 gallons. D. 50 gallons. E. 1 quart.

2. How many urban centers have more than 5 million residents?

A. 5. B. 10. C. 25. D. 34. E. None.

3. How many acres of timberland in Nepal must be reforested to meet that country's fuelwood needs by the year 2000?

A. 5. B. 10. C. 34. D. 2.5 million. E. Let 'em burn coal.

4. What is the largest creature ever to live on Earth?

A. Dinosaurs. B. Texas mosquitos. C. Blue flies. D. Blue whales. E. Your Aunt Josephine.

5. Reindeer roam the snowy countryside in Northern Europe and Asia. What are they close relatives in North America called?

A. Fido. B. Bambi. C. Dobbin. D. Caribou. E. Rudolph.

If you had five "D" answers, you can astound your friends. If you answered six questions, you can astound them even more.



Forum open

MTSU *Sidelines* is designed for faculty and students. The editorial page reflects this balance. Faculty are invited to submit guest columns on topics and issues that interest them or to respond to columns that appear in *Sidelines*. Guest columns should be submitted with a phone number, which will remain confidential. Columns (or Letters to the Editor) should be submitted to the editorial editor, campus box 42.

Escape to solitude important

There are moments when issues and ideas threaten to overwhelm, and one must take that solitary walk again, commingling musings and nature. I have long found libraries chaotic places. I can't concentrate with all the ideas in all the books competing for attention around me. The proper place to read is outdoors. The best way to think is on that walk when life and time mesh, and the past and future meet the present.

I know a small hill that overlooks Cannon County, and when thinking becomes sterile and life incomprehensible, I go there seeking answers.

Presences are there I recognize. A great magnolia spreads its lush boughs before me. Somewhere I hear an old man playing his banjo. Sometimes a grandfather takes his grandchild on his knee and I hear him whisper stories to her as delicate as the wind.

I have watched the seasons pass that hill where time fades. The summer sun shone relentlessly on the foothills beyond. The clouds came, and I watched the patterns of light and dark form on the variegated greens in the distance. The rains fell. Now winter covers the ground with snow unbroken save for my solitary

tracks winding among gravestones.

Spring will come. And time no longer has meaning. I sit on the grass, feeling less real than the sounds I hear, less tangible than the evergreens, knowing that my thoughts are snowflakes in time. I will die, too.

I go there seeking answers, or so I tell myself on my way, but really I seek the sense of myself that becomes lost too easily in trivial concerns. I visit that place where time fades and pick sensory fragments of it. I let the images form on my mind that will later write themselves into poetry. I take life into myself.

Sometimes I bring cut flowers; dying, these are dimmed by the timelessness of the place. I bring them because they have reminded me of the beauty of the banjo-picker or the stories like wind or the grandchild, her blond hair tossed back with her laughter.

I don't find answers, but I calm my brain, fevered and frenzied from schedules and demands and issues. I lay the flowers on the ground and sit beside them, studying the horizon, the intricate pattern of leaves and boughs. And when I return to work and classes, I carry faintly the sweet music of that old banjo.

—D.M. Adkerson



Morality legislation beneficial

By DENNIS KEARNEY
Sidelines Columnist

People who say that you can't legislate morality don't always think clearly. I don't hear anyone complaining that we're legislating morality when we make murder a crime. But the law against killing a human being is clearly a moral law. (In all fairness, as a friend of mine points out, morality and legality are not identical. They are, however, intimately connected and

nearly inseparable.) What these you-can't-legislate-it advocates usually mean is that they don't want anyone legislating their morality. It is convenient for them, however, that some morality has been legislated, as in the case of murder.

This argument crops up quite often around issues such as the liquor referendum that was on the ballot here in Murfreesboro last November. The measure was defeated approximately two-to-one,

and, frankly, I'm disappointed. No morality was legislated—this time.

The argument against such measures goes like this: People will do it, anyway, so why make it illegal? Well, one reason is that fewer people will engage in something that is illegal. In addition, there are such things as law enforcement agencies, so called because laws can presumably be enforced.

Another common but sieve-like argument is the pseudo-constitutional declaration based on the idea of free speech. You know—the old "it doesn't hurt anyone but me" line. Beg to differ. To paraphrase an old saw, you can drive your car all you want, but your right to drive ends where my car begins.

I guess I'm finally getting close to what I started out to say. I'm against drunk driving. That's not a very radical position, but it is a commendable one. I'm also against police roadblocks to detect drunk drivers.

Recently, a Nashville court handed down a decision that allows Nashville police to continue to use roadblocks as a means of rooting out drunk drivers from the drivers at large. I agree that this doesn't necessarily violate the Fourth Amendment which prohibits illegal search and seizure, but it looks dangerous to me. I've been led to believe that roadblocks are a symptom of a police state.

Admittedly, there is a difficulty in my position. I'm as much against DUI as anyone, and any method that will get these people—and I use the word advisedly—off the road is to be applauded. These roadblocks are effective, not only at the scene, but as a deterrent. Wait a minute—any method? Another fallacious argument here—the end justifies the means.

I would like to see the sale and consumption of alcohol prohibited. Yes, let's legislate some morality. But let's also uphold the idea of "probable cause." Until drinking is illegal, stopping drivers at random should be too.



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Editorial

Letters to the Editor

American system encourages poverty

To the Editor:

How is it possible to have so many poor people in the United States which spends \$109 billion at the state level each year for education and over \$400 billion a year on social programs at the federal level? Could it be that there are vested interests intent on keeping poor people poor? Is it possible that some classified as poor really are not? And is some poverty "poverty-by-choice" or "self-imposed?"

John Goodman, professor of economics at the University of Dallas, says there are two reasons why we end up with more poverty than ever before while spending more to eradicate it than ever before: (1) because we pay people to be poor and (2) the welfare bureaucracy is designed throughout to maximize the poverty count.

To discourage an activity, you tax it; to encourage an activity, you subsidize it, and in America we subsidize property, sometimes lavishly. We subsidize divorce, unwed teenage pregnancy, and the break-up of the home. We subsidize these activities by making welfare attractive and telling those involved it is not their fault, but that society is to blame.

Secondly, the welfare (poverty) bureaucracy measure poverty only by cash income, conveniently excluding food stamps, free food hand-outs, public housing and Medicaid. This system produces a huge poverty constituency—not only those classified as poor, but the doctors, hospitals and nursing homes receiving Medicaid

payments and the landlords and contractors getting the money spent on public housing. The poor become conduits to transfer money from taxpayers to other non-poor people. Professor Goodman says that "it is sobering to realize that almost all of the transfer income in the United States ends up in the bank account of special interest groups for whom poverty status is not a condition of aid."

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Selva ignores Sandinista reality

To the Editor:

I'm not sure whether I should direct my comments to the writer of the feature story "Professor seeks Nicaraguan facts and fiction" or to the subject of the piece, professor Lance Selva. What's disturbing about the comments attributed to Selva is that they reveal a strange mixture of romanticism and cynicism. Selva romanticizes the Sandinistas but shows mostly cynicism toward his own country, the United States of America.

Selva excuses the Sandinista revolutionary excesses or merely forgets to mention excesses that cannot be ignored (the slaughter and oppression of the Mesquito Indians, the virulent anti-American sentiments which are encouraged by the government so as to give the people a larger-than-life scapegoat and thereby deflect their attention from the Sandinista's insidious policies), but at the same time he exaggerates or distorts the United States' role in Nicaraguan affairs.

Selva offers some interesting comments, but his analogy of the Nicaraguan revolution with our own country's is a facile, if not a myopic, one. In reality, the Sandinistas aren't at war against "U.S.-backed aggression" as much as they are at war against the people of Nicaragua. But people like Abbie Hoffman (an objective observer, to be sure) and, it appears, Selva want to see what they want to see. In their eyes, the Sandinistas aren't opportunists and totalitarians, but liberators. They probably thought the same way about the North Vietnamese, the Khmer Rouge and the Bolsheviks. History has proven and continues to prove how tragically wrong they are.

Nathan Deer
Box 255

Ice posed danger to commuters

To the Editor:

What is the problem with the administration here at MTSU? Are they all die-hard, energizers or just plain insensitive to the safety of the student body? We have had two puny snows this year that really weren't too bad, but the ice storm on Feb. 1 spawned a dangerous travel situation which caused many faculty members to call in and miss classes. Students don't have this luxury; they had to risk a car accident...so they could make it to school.

Who is the learned, compassionate, omnipotent administrator who makes a decision as to whether or not to close the campus? He or she is forgetting that universities are now competing for students. I know that UT, a real school whose degree is worth

something, cares enough for its students to call school when the Highway Patrol, through the State Patrol, tells motorists not to drive. This is a state school. It isn't a serfdom and students aren't serfs.

Did you have an accident on campus Friday? Tell you what: sue the school in small claims court, name the president of the university and other officials in the suit and get your friends to do the same. We can keep the administration, school lawyers and school time and money so tied up that the administration will be forced to consider us—the student body—when dangerous travel situations occur.

Remember the 1960s? The administration is a product of that era. They marched, rioted and demonstrated on their campuses but never really changed them. This the 1980s. Law suits have shaped things for years. Let's do some suing. Let's be heard.

J. Douglas Kilgore Jr.
Box 4322

Letter writers should be mature

To the Editor:

Although the Letters to the Editor column is open for the airing of *Sidelines'* readers' views, it is a shame that there are those who would abuse this privilege. Miss Adkerson's views as a member of *Sidelines'* editorial staff are hers to air if she so desires. However, responses to Miss Adkerson's column should maintain a responsible, adult level. One would hope faculty member Stancliff was declaiming

Adkerson for advocating butchery and not "bitchery."

Having attempted to take the hot seat on a very controversial subject, Miss Adkerson gave quite reasonable arguments, but so did many of the respondents, Stancliff among them. I do not sanction Adkerson's slightly irresponsible views, as several point out—birth control is cheaper and abstinence free, but there are several factors left unconsidered here.

Many women cannot use certain types of contraception methods. Foremost in mind, diabetics, who cannot use oral contraception and often run the risks of blindness, cardiovascular complications, and even death during pregnancy. Often these women are forced into the position of aborting even wanted pregnancies or suffering the consequences. New research has shown that contraceptive lotions and foams may be the cause of later birth defects in the children of their users. Many women suffer from cancer and tumors

caused by use of intra-uteran devices, and needless to say, other types of contraceptives are somewhat less than reliable.

Abstinence is another entirely respectable alternative, yet it is rather strange that it is offered as a choice to gentlemen, and a forced decision leaving regrets on either side to the woman. Surely Mr. Stancliff as a married man is aware of the sexual drives which also exist within the woman. Although I agree with Stancliff that free sex is all too common in our society and that there are more respectable lifestyles, no one should be denied sexual fulfillment based upon a traditional value system historically geared by men to restrict women. I do not think Miss Adkerson advocates such a lifestyle, but even if she does, Mr. Stancliff's response was inexcusably rude and definitely not one of a responsible adult. At the very least, Miss Adkerson is owed an apology.

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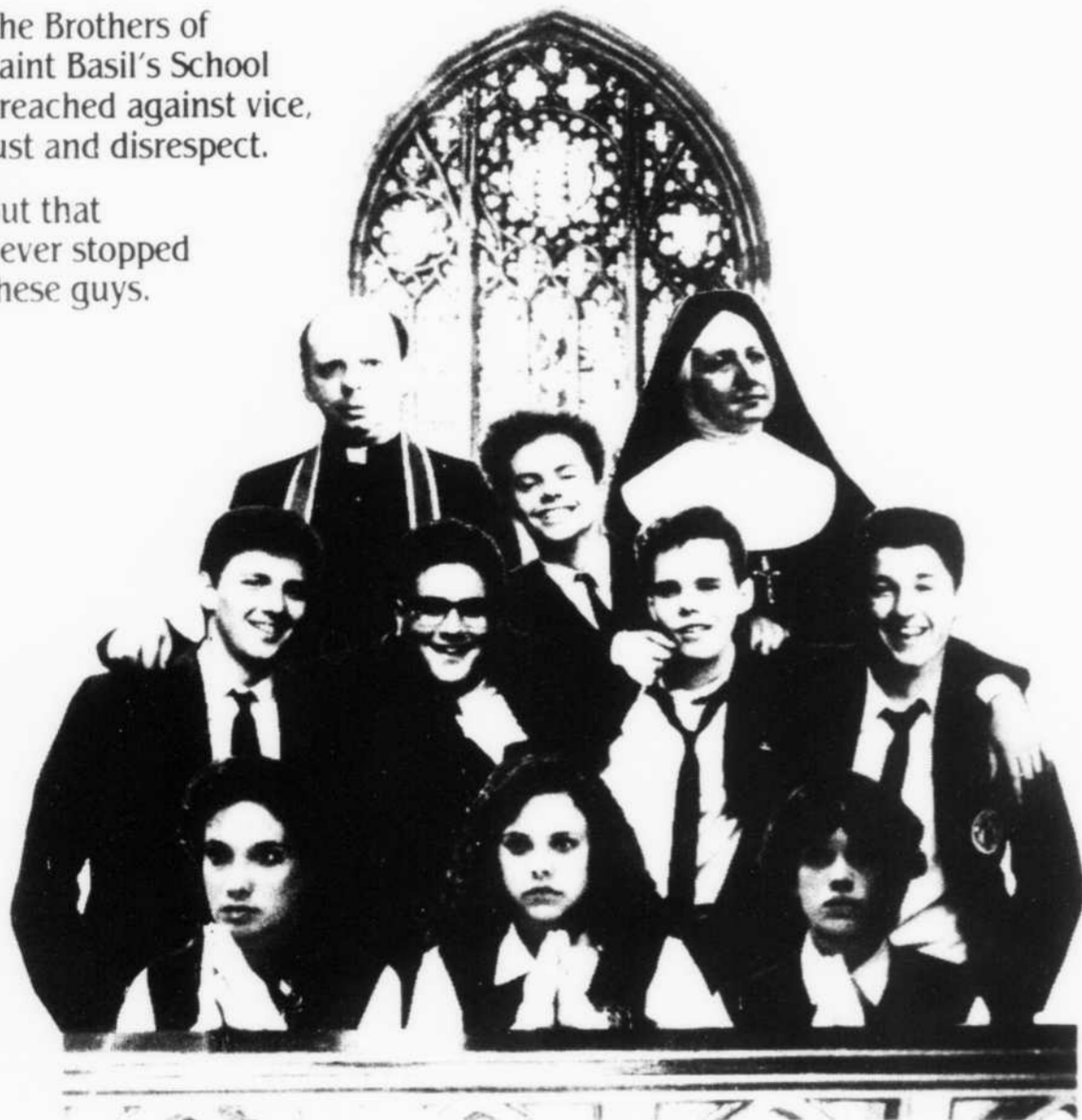
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Features

Campus Concerns

Family Planning gives help to misinformed

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Special to Sidelines

The 18-year-old freshman tries one more time to focus her attention on her Western Civ notes. She simply must pass that final tomorrow, but she can't seem to concentrate.

She and her boyfriend of almost a year had been sleeping together since early in the semester. They were away from mom's prying eyes and dad's seemingly ridiculous curfews for the first time. And they were in love. Birth control was the farthest thing from their minds. The "luck method" had worked so far, they thought — it can't happen to us.

But now her period is a week late, and she's beginning to wonder if their luck has run out.

Although innocuous, this scenario is not unrealistic.

Despite more readily available information about

improved contraceptive methods, more than one-half of the 6 million pregnancies reported each year are unintentional, according to figures released by Planned Parenthood.

"THERE'S STILL a lot of blindness out there," says Lois Wagner, a family nurse clinician with the Family Planning clinic located on campus.

"These are bright people—they wouldn't be here if they weren't—but we're dealing with an extreme lack of knowledge, not only about birth control but about their own bodies. For sure and certain, a lot of people are uninformed or misinformed," she explains.

Breaking that misinformation barrier is only one facet of the family planning program, which is operated by the Tennessee Dept. of Health and Environment.

THE CLINIC, located in MTSU's Health Services Building, offers what Wagner calls a "full-range" of birth control methods and coun-

seling. A first-time visit, which takes about two hours, begins with a state-required virus presentation about various birth control methods.

Before and after a standard gynecological exam, the new patient receives counseling from a registered nurse concerning which contraceptive method is right for that individual, taking into account many factors, including sexual habits and medical history.

THE STUDENT IS advised as to correct use of the chosen method, health risks associated with that method and, particularly in the case of oral contraceptives ("the pill"), side effects to expect.

For students already on the program, the clinic handles minor medical problems, treats sexually transmitted diseases and administers pregnancy tests. More serious medical problems are referred to a state-employed physician, who is available each second and fourth Wednesday.

Most of the students who come to us are already

taking risks. They've been sexually active for a while. Some are relying on the "luck method." Others are using some form of birth control but are using it incorrectly or inconsistently.

"SOMETIMES IT'S already too late," Wagner says.

Although many MTSU students are taking advantage of the program—the clinic is booked up for new appointments more than a month in advance—Wagner says she wishes more young people would do so.

"People could have so much more control over their own lives, their own destinies, if they'd just claim that control," Wagner says.

UNFORTUNATELY, WAGNER says, of the people accepting that control, the majority are still women.

"The program is not limited to women, but we don't see male students very often. Men still aren't seeing themselves as responsible," she explains.

Although Family Planning is not a free, common misconception, according to employee Mary Baird—the program is often less expensive than obtaining birth control through a private physician or clinic.



Photo by Melissa Givens

Lois Wagner, family nurse clinician, counsels an MTSU student at the Family Planning Center.

THREE PAYMENT options are available to students, including funding through such government programs as Medicaid and Title 20 (for students with zero or near-zero incomes), Baird says, stressing that only the student's income, not her parents', is considered.

Students may also pay a portion themselves on a graduated scale from 0-100 percent, based on that individual's income. The state government then reimburses

the clinic for the remaining cost.

Family Planning is open Mondays for phone consultation and appointment scheduling. Wednesdays are reserved for appointments only.

Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series on family planning. The next part will include a discussion of the relative safety, reliability and approximate costs of modern contraception.

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Sports

MTSU sloppy but successful, edge out win

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Co-editor

It was far from pretty, but it was a win for the MTSU Blue Raiders as they slipped by TSU 60-59 in Murphy Center last night before a small but vocal crowd of 3,000.

The win, however sloppy it may have been, was exactly what MTSU is hungry for. After two straight losses, the Raiders edged another game closer to .500, improving their record to 9-10. The loss was TSU's second straight, dropping it to 7-14.

AFTER COMING out like gangbusters, or Tigerbusters in this case, the Raiders jumped to an early 11-6 lead behind the muscle of Kerry Hammonds. The powerful 6-foot-7 freshman

APSU fears Cooksey encore

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Co-editor

Before Austin Peay first met MTSU this season, APSU Basketball Coach Howard Jackson had only heard rumors about the terrible things MTSU's Kim Cooksey could do to opposing teams when he put his mind to it.

After Cooksey burned the Governors with 27 points and paced the Raiders to a 12-point win in Clarksville, those rumors became Jackson's nightmares, and they've been haunting the coach every since.

"COOKSEY CAUSED us a lot of problems. He beats you on the first step, then he's gone. He's just like I had heard—a great offensive player," Jackson painfully recalled.

"When we go into Middle Saturday, we better be ready to play some tough defense, especially against people like Cooksey. When Cooksey comes out [on the court] he comes out to play," Jackson added.

Cooksey, a junior college transfer from Little Rock, Ark., said his strong performance against Austin Peay wasn't due to the fact that the Governors were lacking anything but that the Raiders were; a win, MTSU went into the game after suffering back-to-back losses.

"WE WERE REALLY hungry for a win," Cooksey remembered. "I always try to do something special on the court and that night I was just a little more determined because we needed a win. We just happened to be playing Austin Peay at that time."

Ironically, going into tomorrow night's game, the Raiders will be coming off of two straight OVC losses again. MTSU Coach Bruce Stewart hopes Cooksey and the rest of his squad will have the same fire in their eyes they had the first time they took on the Governors.

"We've got the toughest part of the schedule behind us, and once again we're at a point where we need to get a conference win," Stewart said. "Our guys have got a chance to win the OVC tournament, and a good seat in it will help."

THE RAIDERS, who are 3-4 in the OVC and 9-10 overall at the half-way mark, will go into tomorrow night's contest hoping to give a better offensive performance and get a break in the officiating as they return home after five straight road battles, according to Stewart.

"Home sweet home" never meant so much to me as it does at this point," Stewart insisted. "I don't like to say anything negative about the officials, but after going to the line just 18 times in two games, I have to figure something's wrong. I think it'll be better now that we're back home."

Stewart has been shuffling the MTSU lineup the past few games and says he is looking for the right offensive punch. Lonnie Thompson has carried the team along with Cooksey on the scoring end, and Stewart feels their burden should be lightened.

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Willbanks sets new MTSU jump mark

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MTSU's Skipper Willbanks set a school high jump record last Saturday during the Indiana Relays in Bloomington.

Willbanks, whose sister Kay is center for the Lady Raiders basketball team, topped 7-1/2 to finish second in the competition and establish a new MTSU mark.

THE RAIDERS did well overall in the event, although team points were not kept.

Freshman Sean Smith placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 23-5 1/2. Smith is one of

the most versatile athletes on a young MTSU track team and has been entered in the long jump, high jump and high hurdles at various times this year.

Another freshman, James Duhart, finished fifth in the 500-meter run with a time of 1:04:47.

Coach Dean Hayes and his team will be in Murphy Center Saturday afternoon to host a five-way meet with Auburn, Western Kentucky, Southeastern Missouri and Memphis State.

from Macon, Ga., helped his team to a 12-point cushion in the first-half. What happened from that point is a mystery, one which has haunted the MTSU club many times this season and seen many comfortable leads slip away.

"It was a case of loss of concentration and lack of maturity," MTSU Coach Bruce Stewart explained. "You've got to be a team down by 12, you oughta put 'em away."

MTSU failed to put the Tigers away until the final buzzer sounded.

THAT 12-POINT lead Stewart mentioned was cut to four at halftime, and the Big Blue came to play in the second-half. MTSU was never able to get back into the swing it enjoyed in the game's early stages but played well enough, thanks to what Stewart called "spurt playing," to pull off

the win.

In an attempt to further explain this mystical thing the Raiders seem to always suffer, win or lose, Stewart said the absence of Neal Murray, MTSU's field general, did not help any. Murray sprained his ankle in practice this week.

"I think we missed Neal Murray, and since he's our only true point guard, we had trouble holding on to the ball and the lead," Stewart said. "James [Johnson] did an admirable job, but he hasn't been at the point in quite awhile."

THE TRANSACTION of moving from post to point was tough for the Columbus, Ga., native. He still managed six points and, more importantly, eight assists along with six rebounds.

"Yeah, I need to get back into gear at the point. I don't really care where I play; I just want to be out there. With Neal hurt, I'm just

going to have to get it going at the point for a while," Johnson said in the Raider locker room afterwards.

TSU interim coach Ed Myers, whose team tied the game five times in the second-half but never could manage a lead, didn't think MTSU played too far out of line. He credited his own players with patience and the Raiders with determination.

"WE WERE satisfied tonight. Our team started showing some maturity and patience. When you're down by 10, you can't catch up on one shot. You've got to do it gradually and that's what we tried to do tonight," Myers said.

The coach described falling behind like "...walking in the mud. Your feet get heavy."

Billy Miller came in off the bench for MTSU

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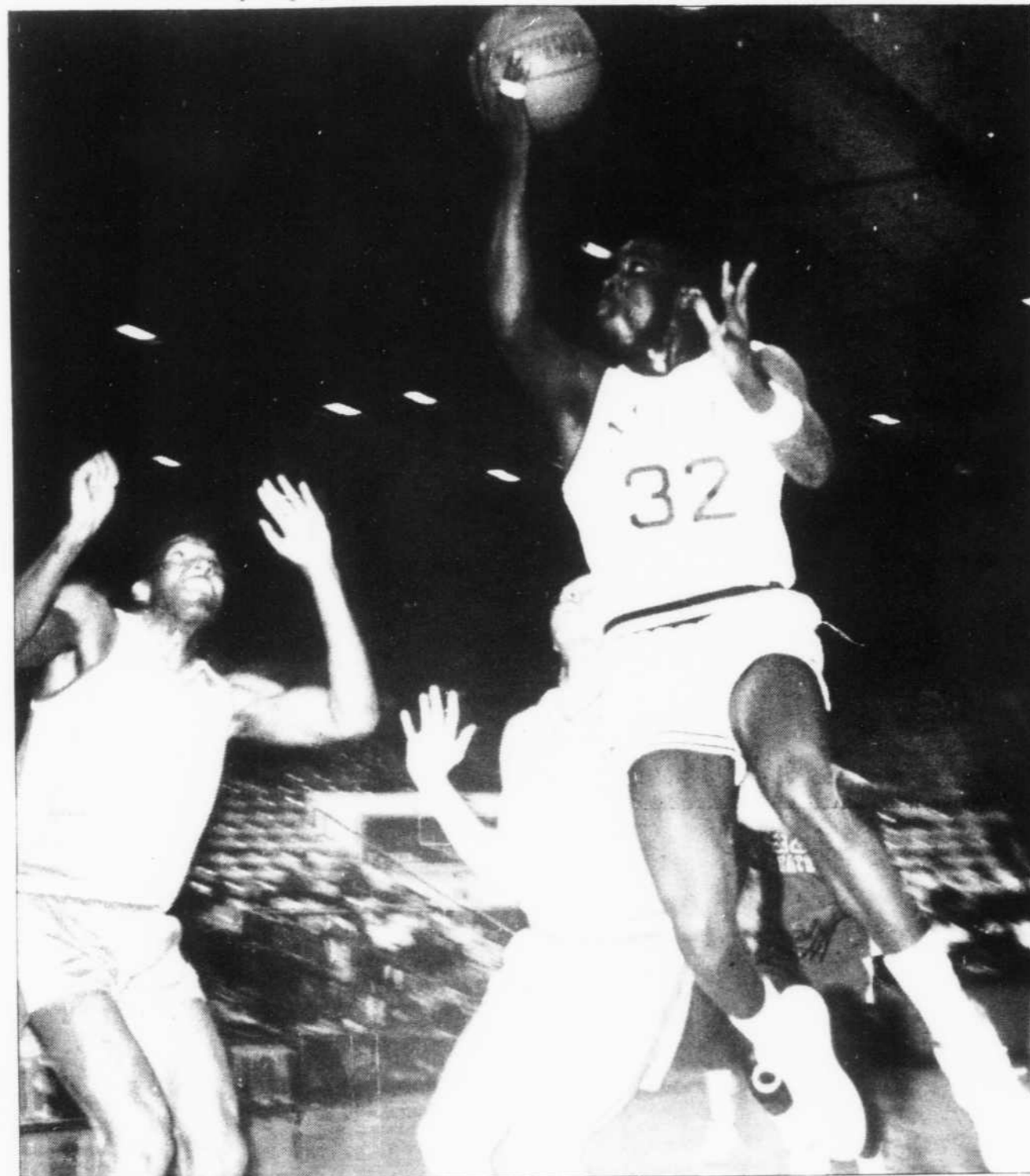


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MTSU's James Johnson (32) drives against TSU's Alvin Martin (10) and Anthony Gaines (50) for two during the Blue Raider's 60-59 win over TSU last night. Johnson, starting in place of injured Neal Murray, sank two free throws with 15 seconds left to seal the victory.

Lady Techsters pound MTSU women by 24

By SAMANTHA WILLIAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU Lady Raiders suffered their fifth loss of the season at the hands of the fifth-ranked Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters Wednesday night 86-62.

According to Lady Raider Coach Larry Inman, his team just quit against the Lady Techsters.

THE 24-POINT blow out was the largest defeat MTSU has suffered this season. High scorer for the Lady Raiders was Kim Webb with 20. Louisiana Tech was led in scoring by Pam

Taft with 22.

The Lady Techsters, 19-2, led at halftime by the small margin of three points, 37-34. Then, according to Inman, they [MTSU] just lost it and gave a terrible effort.

Kay Willbanks and Alice Lawrence, normally high scorers, both had seven points. Jennifer McFall had eight points and 13 rebounds for MTSU but had to leave the game late in the second half with bruised ribs.

MTSU HIT 34.7 percent of its shots from the floor to Louisiana Tech's 53.7 percent. From the line the Lady Raiders dropped in 54.5 percent to

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Tracksters to face Auburn, Memphis State

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Co-editor

In its last meet of the regular season, the MTSU track team will host a five-team meet involving some pretty stiff competition tomorrow at noon.

Auburn, Memphis State, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky will roll into Murfreesboro and, as MTSU Coach Dean Hayes sees it, help the Raiders get prepared for the Ohio Valley Tournament.

"OUR OBJECTIVE at this point is to get cranked up for the OVC tourney," Hayes said. "This is going to give us some really tough competition and help us to get ready."

The OVC tournament will begin two weeks from tomorrow.

Hayes said there should be some interesting matchups in tomorrow's meet. MTSU's Skipper Willbanks, who set a school record last Saturday in a meet in Indiana with a jump of 7-1/2 will be an "overwhelming favorite" tomorrow in his event.

MTSU'S STEVE McQuisten won't be such a heavy favorite in his event but should give Auburn football player Reggie Ware a run for his money in the shot put. Tim Pigg from SEMO is expected to give a top performance with the shot as well.

Bob Ferguson from SEMO placed fourth in the NCAA nationals last year and is expected to run away with the event tomorrow. MTSU has no entry.

If MTSU's Dwight Johnson isn't able to compete in the

long jump due to an injury he suffered last week, Hayes said this event will be up for grabs. "If Dwight can't make it, then we'll have Sean Smith jump, and he will join in on a battle with a bunch of 'em," Hayes said.

IN THE TRIPLE jump action, SEMO's Earle Whitting, who has already qualified for the NCAA, will be the favorite.

MTSU's Kenneth Nesbitt will be favored in the high-hurdles; he will have a slew of competitors on his heels.

"There'll be about six or seven after Kenny who'll duke it out," Hayes said.

AUBURN'S BO Jackson is playing baseball for the Tigers this year and will not compete, leaving the 60-yard dash in the hands—or feet as the case may be—of fellow Auburn tailback Brent Fullwood. SEMO's

David Jackson will supply Fullwood with some stern competition. Former Auburn standout Harvey Gance will be a featured guest running in this same event.

SEMO's Jackson won the 300-yard run in a meet in Murphy Center two weeks ago and hopes to capture the same honors tomorrow against the likes of MTSU's Nesbitt.

In the 400-yard run, Auburn's Calvin Brooks, who made it to the finals of the Olympic tryouts last year, will face Memphis State's Victor Laey. Dale Rhodes will run for the Raiders.

"CALVIN'S TOUGH, he's a class runner," Hayes said. "Dale can chase Calvin and run with the rest of 'em."

Bruce Hardy from Auburn and MTSU's James Duhart,

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Lady Govs hope to stop slide

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Staff Writer

Last time the Lady Raiders met conference-foe Austin Peay, MTSU destroyed a surprising Lady Governor team which had been tied for first in the Ohio Valley 80-58.

Austin Peay has since fallen on tough times, losing to Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Tech, and Lady Governor Coach Marvin Williams, in his first year at APSU, thinks his team's problems are a result of size, or lack thereof; his women just don't have the height to compete with teams like MTSU.

EVERYBODY HAS big girls but us," Williams said yesterday. "We have good girls, but nobody over six foot tall."

Williams remembers Austin Peay's last game with MTSU too well. In the game at Clarksville Jan. 26, the Lady Raiders rode the inside domination of 6-foot-5 center Kay Willbanks and 6-foot-1 forward Jennifer McFall, as well as freshman Alice Lawrence's 22 points to start the Lady Governors on a downslide.

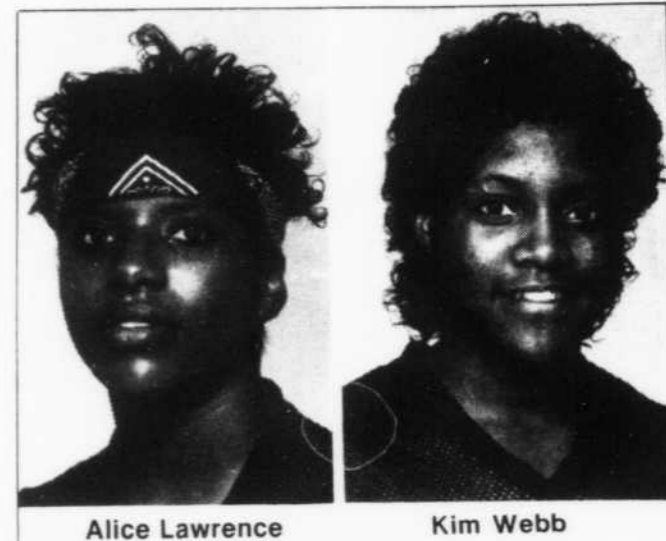
Williams is hoping his team will be able to turn its season back around when Austin Peay visits Murfreesboro tomorrow.

"WE CANT DO any worse than we did here [at Clarksville]," Williams said. "We stunk it up."

"If we can execute, we can make a game of it."

The Lady Raiders are coming off their worst defeat of the season, a 86-62 blow-out at Louisiana Tech.

Game time is set for 5 p.m.



Alice Lawrence

Kim Webb

It's your decision, will you shape up or shape out in 1985?

By SCOTT BRYAN
Special to Sidelines

"I'm going to get in shape and lose weight."

How many times have we made such a resolution as we down another glass of egg nog and reach for a third piece of fudge? "Yup, just as soon as the holidays are over, I'm going to get back into it." Somehow we don't feel as guilty for our holiday binges with this resolve firmly in our minds.

BUT NOW THE new year is well upon us and so are a lot of excess pounds. We've got new clothes and new classes but the same old bod. The question is: what are we going to do with it? Will 1985 see you become more fit or more fat?

One of the keys to any exercise program is motivation. It's finding that tangible force which propels you into action. For some, the health benefits of

exercise are enough to get them on track. A reduced chance of cardiovascular disease, increased energy, trimmer waist line—just to name a few. Plus the psychological effects of stress reduction, improved self-esteem and relief of depression.



If the only health benefits to visit on a frequent basis is General Hospital (the one on channel 2), then a regular exercise program is for you.

TO THE 20-year-old who seems to thrive on six packs and Big Macs, health benefits may not be the motivating factor. Perhaps the motivation will have to come from the desire to excel in intramurals or to present a healthy appearance

to that future employer. Research indicates appearance is a crucial factor in any job interview.

Regardless of what motivates you, here are a few ideas to keep you going:

- Set goals. Running the Boston Marathon or competing in the Mr. or Miss Universe may be somewhat lofty. Set short term goals. As these are reached, you will gain satisfaction and be able to set more goals.

- Record your workouts. Place your workout log in a place that is highly visible. This will serve as a reminder of your commitment to exercise.

- Buy a new pair of running shoes. You will be motivated to take them for a spin around the block.

Most important, start *today*. Tomorrow will soon slip into yesterday. Let 1985 see you keep your fitness resolution.



Photo by Bill McClary

Jim Clary of Phi Kappa Alpha takes a tumble during the Raiders' loss to the MTSU Rolling Raiders last week. The Raiders will be playing various intramural teams throughout the intramural basketball season.

Prez says

Take the STP challenge

By GARY FRAZIER
Sidelines Sports Writer

It's time that the other fraternities on campus stood up and did their part.

"The Alpha fraternity [Sigma Theta Phi] has already done their part in cheering for the Blue Raider basketball teams," the fraternity said Wednesday.

"**WE'VE ATTENDED** seven games so far, and the Raiders have been winners in five of them."

The wild cheering, posters and blue and white comic book make-up that is its trademark is part of Sigma Theta Phi's efforts to increase student

support and raise the overall school spirit at the Raider games. Created last month, the fraternity consists mainly of Smith Hall residents.

"We've tried to stir the crowd at the games into a frenzy, but most of them just sit and watch silently," Duncan complained. "We want more support in the crowd, and one of the best places to get that is from the various fraternities on campus."

THUS SIGMA THETA Phi has issued a challenge to those fraternities.

"We want to hear the other fraternities at the next two home games out cheer us," Duncan demanded. "Even if

the Raiders lose, there's no reason why the other fraternities and students on campus can't have a good time cheering. Take a little pride in your school."

The next two home games will be played against the Austin Peay Governors and the Murray State Racers this Saturday and Monday, respectively. The Lady Raiders will also play at home just before the men. The games are all OVC.

"If the fraternities can't attend both the Ladies and Raider games, then [they should] at least attend one," Duncan said. "Show your school spirit—if you've got any."

Cooksey

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"**I'D HATE TO** think where we'd be without Lonnie. He's consistent, and he's giving us all he can. And Cooksey is still doing a good job shooting," Stewart noted.

Junior Billy Miller might be the coach's refuge. In the last three games, the 6-foot-8 Miller has come in off the bench and given the Raiders an offensive boost. In all the shuffling, Miller might just find himself on the court before the opening tip-off before long.

The Tennessee State game in Nashville which was cancelled because of snow has been reset for next Wednesday at 7:30 and last Monday night's game against Tennessee Tech has been rescheduled for Feb. 21 in Cookeville.

Techsters

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the Lady Raiders' 56 percent.

The Lady Raiders were outscored in the second half 49-28 and hit only 25 of 72 from the field. Louisiana Tech hit 36 of 67 from the floor and outrebounded MTSU 49-36.

Successful

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and threw a little more mud TSU's way with just five minutes left to play and put his team up 52-48 with a two-handed slam dunk. The momentum finally swung to the Raider's advantage, but not for long. TSU bounced right back two minutes later and cut the lead to one. Kim Cooksey and Lonnie Thompson joined Hammonds and helped the Raiders stay above water in the waning moments.

"**THE THREE GUYS** who have carried us all year came through again. Lonnie, Kim and Kerry did the job," Stewart said.

Hammonds led all scorers with 17 and rebounders with 13. Cooksey got his 16-point average, while Thompson chipped in 12. TSU was led by Jose Crisp's 15 points and six rebounds. Alvin Martin dished out five assists and added 13 points for the Tigers.

MTSU was 25 of 44 from the field, while the Tigers were on their heels shooting 22 of 48. The Raiders were better from the free-throw line, shooting almost 59 percent. TSU shot 45.8 percent from the stripe.

Hotshots, Cummings romp in intramurals

By COLLETTE MASON
Sidelines Sports Writer

In women's open division intramural action this week, the Alpha Gamma Rhos downed the Baptist Student Union 25-20, while the Hotshots boiled the PIKE little sisters 17-10.

In the first game, Jane Eaton and Tracy Klein teamed up for a combined 14 points to lead the AGR's while the BSU was paced by Nancy Bryan's 10 points.

VICKI CLARK led the Hotshots, who were truly that, in their lopsided victory with 28 points. Dana Davenport chipped in four in the losing

effort for the PIKES.

Bridgett Murray paced Delta Zeta with 16 points in the group's win over Alpha Omicron Phi 28-21 in the Sorority Division. The Alpha Delta Phi, led by the hot-shooting hand of Amy Alverson, dumped the Kappa Delta Phis 45-28, despite KDP Sonya Lowe's 24 points.

Cummings blasted McHenry 52-20 in the Dorm division, while High Rise devastated Miss Mary Hall 74-4.

Cummings was led in its win by Gina Byars.

In what could be the most marginal win in the history of intramural action, High Rise was led by the balanced

Atheletes cause enrollment jump at home colleges

By WILLIAM C. TROTT
United Press International

LURE OF THE JOCK: Nothing like star athletes to boost a college's enrollment. Boston College says the presence and popularity of Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie is partially responsible for a 28 percent enrollment increase in the past two years.

The influx of students from distant states is especially strong.

"We've experienced a dramatic increase in a declining market," said BC Admissions Director Charles Nolan. "It's not possible nor justifiable to ignore the Flutie phenomenon."

Olympic marathon champion Joan Benoit's exposure is doing the same for Bowdoin College, a small liberal arts school in Maine from which she graduated in 1979. "She is our Doug Flutie," said Richard Mesereau, a college spokesman.

scoring attack of Karen George and Andrea Bass who both chipped in 14 points. Miss Mary got two each from Mae Miller and Sue Morton.

Editor's note: Collette "Always In The Net" Mason is heading up the women's version of the Sidelines' Al McGuire all-star selection crew. "Always In The Net" Mason will work with the men's crew—Mike "The Dream" Organ, "Dr. D" David Fuqua and Randy "Ice" Brisson—in picking an eight-member open league and Greek league all-star team.

Track

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who qualified for the NCAA last week, will meet in the 500-meter run and chase one of the nation's best half-mile runners, SEMO's Carl Bell. This will be Bell's first attempt in the 500-meter.

According to Hayes, the 880-yard run and the 1,000-yard run are "no man's land."

"**THOSE TWO EVENTS** are wide-open. It'll be interesting to see who takes them," Hayes added.

The mile in under four minutes, will be a guest in the mile run. Auburn's Bryan Abshire should win a 4:04 mile.

Bryan Jagger from SEMO, who has run an 8:50 two-mile, is the favorite in that event.

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Book reverses sex double standard

By SYBIL McLAIN
United Press International

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—From a job on an oilrig to a Soldier of Fortune convention, Rosemary Daniell turns the double standard around.

She plays with macho men at will, learning to separate sex from love "just as men have long been taught to do."

THE SAVANNAH, Ga., author is quick to say her book, *Sleeping With Soldiers* (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 259 pp., \$14.95), is not a proving ground for the liberated woman, but rather "more or less things that happened organically in my life."

Daniell and a friend take a job on an oilrig off the shore of Savannah as a "lark." Part of their job is to help the men on the rig with their manners and "keep 'em from drinkin', fightin', 'n' runnin' round nockid." They make it with the first two stipulations.

Jam

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debuted new material such as "Shipwrecked in the 80s" as well as his many hits of the past. Faron Young helped out the black-clad singer in a duet of "Help Me Make It Through the Night."

Country giant Alabama came next, greeted by shrill screams and echoing cheers. The group opened with "Tennessee River," followed by "My Home's in Alabama" and others. Between songs, an old bearded prospector came out, shook the clouds of dust from his hat, and said in a shaky voice, "You see that mountain over there? One of these days me and these boys are gonna climb that mountain." After which the band broke into "Mountain Music."

Another big surprise of the

"Yes, these were real men who put things—like sex, country music, sex, good bourbon, cockfighting—first...."

"I UNDERSTOOD for the first time what men see in the kind of two-digit-I.Q. females that the rest of us women scorn as 'only sex objects.'"

During an interview Daniell explained part of her philosophy.

"I really agree with something Dorothy Dinnerstein said in her book, *The Mermaid and the Menor*. What women really need to learn is how to separate sex from love—just as men have long been taught to do."

AFTER THE OILRIG job she continues her search for macho men, having a fling with a man she calls "the pirate," trying out a few soldiers and even a younger man.

"Instases had become my recreation, my distraction, my adrenaline rush, my con-

evening was blond-headed ex-guitarist of Styx, Tommy Shaw. Shaw debuted his new single and got the crowd kicking with Styx classics like "Too Much Time On My Hands" and "Renegade."

THE SHOW ENDED in classic Jam style with Volunteer Jam all-stars jamming to old times. Richard Betts of the Allman Brothers ("playin' on that red guitar"), Caldwell, Kristofferson, the Winters Brothers and CDB jammed to "Johnny B. Goode," "America" and "The Tennessee Waltz" to end the eight-hour marathon.

This 11th edition of the Jam proved to be the biggest and best yet. Daniels commented at the end of the show that "God willing, we'll see you at the first of February next year for Volunteer XII."

nection, my fix," Daniell writes.

"I had been married three times and I really did not start enjoying men until I had stopped looking for the right man," Daniell explained during the interview.

"I HAD, LIKE many women, chosen my husbands from among the Ashley Wilkes of the world and at the same time I was attracted to the Rhett Butlers.

"I think a lot of women experience that phenomenon."

Daniell said people tend to attack her with a double standard attitude for daring to go out and do what many men do.

"IF A MAN goes through a period in which he is single and he's not interested in a primary relationship during that time, he certainly doesn't expect himself to lead a totally nonsexual life whereas that is expected of women in that position."

"I think they try to find other reasons [than the double standard] why you shouldn't do things. They'll ascribe it to being unhappy when you weren't unhappy at all. I think what bothers people the most is that you enjoyed it."

"I'm not terribly concerned with the reactions of other people to what I do. Reputation is an abstract word as far as I'm concerned."

DANIELL SAID she feels her book helps a lot of adventurous women "come out of the closet" and that she had no qualms about describing her own experiences.

The final chapters of the book explore her first close relationship with one of these "macho" men, Zane, a brawny army man, moves in with Daniell.

"We were both stubborn, tempestuous, ruled by our sexuality and our emotions

(and, it would turn out, our rage). We each had a mania for dominance and control. And like British punk rockers, we both needed sleaze."

BUT DANIELL gets a surprise. Instead of a male version of a "two-digit I.Q. female," she gets a complicated man.

Their passion keeps them together until their rage erupts into physical violence that breaks them apart.

Daniell talked about how scared and disturbed she was at the time, but explained that she wasn't trapped into the situation.

"IT WAS FAR easier for me to handle—being an independent woman—than it would be for a more passive and economically dependent woman. I had to face the fact that I was in the situation voluntarily."

Daniell said Zane has been in therapy and has stopped drinking. She said he read the book and loved it.

Boring River runs rancid

By DAWN ADKERSON
Savannah Editorial Editor

The River, Mark Rydell's latest venture, is a boring effort reminiscent of *On Golden Pond*; like the earlier film, its saving grace is the quality of its actors. Unfortunately Sissy Spacek, Scott Glenn and Mel Gibson are completely wasted.

Much of *The River* appears to be stock footage of the nature shots with which Rydell drowned his *On Golden Pond* audience. After awhile, one gets the idea.

THE PLOT IS almost as thin as the direction. Mel Gibson and Sissy Spacek play Tom and Mae Garvey, a couple whose farm is threatened by the rising

Sleeping With Soldiers, which Daniell calls a sequel to an earlier book, *Fatal Flowers*, took her three years to write. Her most recent work is a book of poems that are "somewhat of a spinoff" of the second book. And she has begun her first work of fiction, a novel tentatively titled *Words for a Fatherless Son*.

DANIELL SAID she is writing full-time and no longer works with poetry workshops, something she did for 12 years for the Poetry in the Schools Program for the National Endowment for the Arts and the Georgia Council of the Arts.

She said she was surprised by the number of men who read *Sleeping With Soldiers* because she thought it would appeal more to adventurous and risk-taking women.

"I think a lot of men ask themselves the question, 'Are these hunks really better in bed than we are?'"

Her book certainly answers that question.

river during every rain. They and their neighbors are caught in a raging battle against nature. And as if that isn't enough (it isn't), Scott Glenn plays a conniving businessman who wants to bring jobs into the area and water to his farm by buying up the farms near the river and building a dam.

Glenn entices Spacek with a financially improved marriage, which she rejects, though one wonders why; the happiness of her life with Gibson is threadbare, and his stubbornness prevents improvement.

THERE ARE SOME good scenes. Spacek becomes symbolically entangled in the broken-down farm machinery

Iron

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"HALLOWED BE Thy Name." "The Number of the Beast" and "Iron Maiden" rounded out the regular portion of the show, accompanied by the best special effects of the evening. During the latter song, the backdrop slid away to reveal a 50-foot monster robot of Eddie which hovered over the drums and the rest of the stage.

TWISTED SISTER opened the evening with a 45-minute set which included super-charged versions of "Stay Hungry," "Under The Blade," "The Beast" and "You Can't Stop Rock and Roll." The latter is the title track of the group's first American album which sold only 200,000 copies worldwide. The most recent LP, *Stay Hungry*, has sold over 3 million copies worldwide.

With all the metal groups that play in Nashville, it's no wonder Snider and Dickinson want to change it from the country music capital of the world to the heavy metal capital of the world.

I always thought it was.

she must run alone while Gibson works in a hellish factory as a strikebreaker. Spacek's frustration with her life comes across nicely, although, like Katharine Hepburn's performance in *On Golden Pond*, the actress is not faced with a particularly demanding role.

The best part of the film involves the mirrors and extras from the Kingsport, Tenn., area in which the filming took place. These actors provide the film with a sense of realism that Rydell's poor direction otherwise destroyed.

Unless you just want to see friends or familiar places, don't waste your money and time on *The River*.

Remember to say something loving on Valentine's Day, February 14.

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