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Regents task force to conduct hearing Thursday

Campus representatives from a recently appointed Board of Regents task force on university visitation policies will conduct an open hearing to solicit suggestions from students, faculty and administrators.

The hearing will be held by David Singer of the education department and Manchester senior Lisa Marchesoni at 2-4 p.m. Thursday in UC 210. Suggestions will be forwarded to the state committee for consideration in its report to the Regents.

Two task forces were created to study and make recommendations concerning the State Board of Regents policies on visitation and

alcoholic beverages following suggestions by university and college committees across the state.

The groups are composed of students, faculty, administrators and alumni from the institutions governed by the Board of Regents.

"The current Board policy on both of these matters has attracted considerable debate on various campuses," Roy Nicks, chancellor of the State University and College System of Tennessee, said.

"The task force concept was elected as an appropriate and desirable approach to examine the issues involved with a broad base of interest and input," Nicks said.

Members of the task force were

chosen by Nicks from recommendations by college and university presidents. Members from MTSU are Singer and Marchesoni of the visitation committee and Student Affairs Vice President Robert LaLance and alumnus Ross Spielman of the alcoholic beverage committee.

Chairmen of the two groups are former vice presidents of student affairs at MTSU and Memphis State, Nicks said.

"The task forces are not restricted in any way in the transaction of business and the operation of their meetings," Nicks said about the task force activities and recommendations.

"My only request has been that status reports be made at the March board meeting," he said.

Current Board of Regents policies forbid the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on college or university property and restrict the provisions and conditions under which universities may conduct visitation.

Other members of the task forces are conducting hearings at campuses across the state. A state hearing is set for 9-11 a.m. Saturday in the Legislative Plaza, room 14 of the State Capitol.

Suggestions concerning visitation may be mailed to Box 4769 by Thursday.

Fine arts symposium set

The annual Fine Arts Symposium will return this year on March 8-14 sponsored by the MTSU Fine Arts Committee.

The week-long festival will be all-new with one encore show from last year.

Beginning the symposium will be the Gus Giordane Jazz Dance Company performing a program of American jazz dance at 8 p.m. Monday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

A series of six renowned magicians will appear on stage Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the DA auditorium. The magicians to be showcased specialize in different

forms of magic, such as extrication (escapes) and sleight-of-hand.

Wednesday night Anne and Chick Herbert return with "Synesthesia" at 8 p.m. in the UC theatre. The multi-media concert was brought back by popular demand.

The Continental Theatre Company will present the classic Broadway musical "Dames at Sea" Thursday at 8 p.m. in the DA auditorium.

Concluding the festival on Sunday, March 14, will be a show by the MTSU Concert Band at 3:30 p.m. in the DA auditorium. Army Band member Larry Skinner will be featured playing trumpet.

The symposium shows are free and are open to the public.

Ad hoc committee continuing probe

The three-member ad hoc committee selected to study the feasibility of an athletic department investigation will continue to meet this week, chairman Ralph Fullerton said yesterday.

The committee is "touching every base" in an attempt to conduct the study, Fullerton said, but the committee has no legal power or subpoena power.

Persons connected with the study are called in to speak "behind closed doors," he said.

A report will be given "when feasible," he said, but indicated no specific date.

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Hendersonville junior Dale Torri puts the finishing touches on a volcano for her class in ceramics.

Application deadline nearing for March elections

Qualifying petitions are available until March 8 for ASB president, speaker of the senate, speaker of the house and 17 senatorial posts from the ASB office, UC room 300.

The annual election is scheduled for March 16-17 with a run-off set for March 18.

Presidential candidates are required to file 100 signatures on the

qualifying petition, while speaker candidates must file 75 signatures.

Senatorial candidates for the graduate, senior, junior and sophomore class must file 25 signatures with the election commission.

Candidates for graduate senator must be enrolled in graduate school, senior candidates must

have more than 75 hours to qualify, junior candidates 45-74 hours and sophomore candidates must have 15-44 hours.

All signatures for senatorial candidates must be from the candidates' respective class.

Campaigning will open March 9. Candidates are required to attend the election commission meeting at 7 that night.

The final day of active campaigning will be March 15.

Financial statements declaring campaign expenditures must be submitted to the commission by March 15.

Voting is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at four campus sites. Polling places will be the University Center lobby, High Rise cafeteria, Woodmore cafeteria and the NCB Mall.

Biology Club sponsors recycling drive

The MTSU Biology Club is sponsoring a paper recycling drive this week to raise money for the Charles Holland Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A paper depository has been set up in the Greenland Drive parking

lot to collect old newspapers which will be sold to a recycling plant. Similar drives have been conducted by the club in past months.

The money raised will help maintain a \$300 scholarship given yearly to graduate biology majors.

Election to fill Faculty Senate posts

Elections for 19 seats in the Faculty Senate are scheduled for March 9, according to a faculty memo issued last week by the faculty senate election committee.

Senate vacancies include seven in the School of Basic and Applied Sciences, three in the School of Business, six in the School of Education and three in the School of Liberal Arts.

Those nominated for the three-year senate terms must have completed five semesters (excluding summers), must be a full-time faculty member not performing wholly in the area of administration, must be nominated by a minimum of seven full-time eligible faculty members and must not be completing a second consecutive term in the Senate.

Nomination petitions for the posts must be submitted by today.

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Electronic protective devices catch two in theft

Listening devices and video equipment aided in arrests of two unidentified Murfreesboro juveniles Saturday evening as they rifled vending machines in Old

Main, according to arresting officer Sgt. Larry Nixon.

Male juveniles aged 16 and 17 years were apprehended as they popped the hasp of a vending machine with coal chisels, Nixon said. The youths are believed to have accounted for more than half of the campus' vending machine thefts, he said.

Certain vending areas will be similarly monitored in the future, Nixon said, not only on weekends but also at different hours during the week.

Besides criminal charges, the pair face civil suits brought by vending machines owner Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Nixon said.

"Coca-Cola Bottling Co. is

prosecuting to the hilt" regardless of previous records, MTSU Police Capt. Gary Miller said.

Ransacked machines cost alleged vandals \$100 plus fees for repairs and labor, Nixon explained.

"All available means are being used and people will be prosecuted to the fullest extent," Nixon said.

Mini-concert set

The musical group "Jericho Harp" will appear Friday, March 12, at 8 p.m. in the UC theatre as part of a series of "mini-concerts" scheduled by the Special Events Committee.

"Jericho Harp," composed of singer-guitarists Jim Thomas and Tom Schmidt, is a folk group which plays primarily clubs and coffee-houses and recently completed a tour of the midwest.

The concert series has been instituted due to student requests for "something on the weekends," according to Fred Carr, assistant director of student programming.

Mini-concerts will feature lesser known talent in shows on a monthly basis "until we get student reaction to them," Carr said.

Tickets will be \$1 and will be on sale at the door an hour and a half before the show.

Editor candidates may file for posts

Application deadlines for editorships of Sidelines, Midlander and Collage, and for the post of Sidelines business (advertising) manager, have been announced by the Committee on Student Publications.

Persons seeking to become Midlander editor for 1976-77 or Sidelines editor for Fall Semester 1976 are to file their completed applications no later than Wednesday, March 17.

Those applying for Sidelines business manager for 1976-77, Sidelines editor for Summer Semester 1976 or Collage editor for 1976-77 are to meet a Wednesday, March 24, deadline.

Applications for all the positions may be obtained from Jenny Tenpenny, student publications secretary, on the third floor of the SUB.

Completed Midlander applications are to be returned to William Herbert and all others to Glenn Himebaugh, both in the mass communications department, SUB third floor.

Students applying for any of the openings must be in good academic standing; they need not be mass communications majors.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Committee on Student Publications following submission of their completed forms, according to Reza Oudoubadian, committee chairman.

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Education short changed in budget cut

Once again the state senate has initiated its annual game of slicing the budget while higher education is doomed to suffer the consequences.

Last week, the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee voted to slice \$67 million out of Gov. Ray Blanton's proposed \$2.4 billion budget.

Of this total, \$4 million was cut from higher education. Representatives of individual universities, the Board of Regents and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission have gathered forces to lobby against these ridiculous cuts.

Hopefully, the legislators will listen to higher education officials and find some alternative means of financing the budget.

As students, you tend to forget or even ignore the actions of the General Assembly. But if the budget cuts are approved, you, the students of higher education will suffer.

For instance, salaries will be cut, consequently eliminating both faculty and administrative posts. When university personnel are laid-off, ultimately the institution will suffer.

The one class you need to graduate may not be offered due to lack of teachers. Or programs that you plan to take advantage of may be dropped due to a lack of finances.

You will undoubtedly face another year of increased registration costs. And these fees will continually rise unless you and your peers fight these increases.

These problems are real. Until you let your elected officials know the importance of higher education, the budgets will indeed be slashed.

No longer can you wait for "the other guy" to act. Only you can save higher education. Write your senator today.

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letters

Writer advises 'far-sighted' critic to read closer

Does anyone know a good eye doctor? I hope so, because Michael Gigandet needs glasses desperately.

Did you even read my letter, Michael? There is no way you could have gotten the ideas you did if you closely read what I said. I quote your letter: "Now, Mr. Fitzhugh, your letter of Feb. 17 condemning William Watson as 'sick' seems to similiar to the needless alarms of our chicken."

I never condemned William Watson as "sick." That is a complete and rather stupid twist of my wording. I quote from my letter of Feb. 17: "I get a sick feeling whenever I read anything of this nature."

Now, Mr. Gigandet, a sick feeling I receive from a letter is not the same as saying the author of the letter is mentally sick, as you imply

I said in your letter.

Next, I did not declare any kind of crisis in the "face of saber-rattling militarists." I was merely alarmed at the strange idea Watson had of throwing all of our weapons away and spending that money on flowers. As I said, it is a silly, romantic idea.

Mr. Gigandet, you cannot deny that it is a trifle disturbing to realize Russia is becoming a larger, and I repeat, larger military power than the United States.

I realize that quantity is only one side of this complex issue, and that America's weapons are of a better quality; however, I am sure the U.S.S.R. is quite capable of developing weapons that reach our level of quality if the need for it becomes vital enough.

I am not declaring a crisis, Mr. Gigandet, as you said I was.

In fact, you based your letter on the crisis I supposedly and unneedingly called.

I suggest you read my letter again; this time read it closely. Your interpretation of it should not

be the same. If indeed it is, make an appointment with your optometrist! You might be far-sighted.

William Fitzhugh
Box 1097

Defense covers freedom's price

I would like to say a few things concerning the comments Watson made in the Feb. 12 edition of the *Sidelines*.

It is indeed a pity that in this world so much money must be channeled into defense activities, but that is the price we must pay in order to be able to express our opinions.

I am a pre-medical major minoring in military science, and though I am proud to have an opportunity to serve my country, I do not consider myself a war-

monger.

The money we invest in our defense budget allows our country to maintain a posture that will allow foolish people to say foolish things without being clandestinely whisked off to a quiet Siberia.

In the future, feel free to continue your foolishness, because "warmongers" like myself will be performing our duties so that you may do so.

Jeff Frye
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Idealistic approach has place at MTSU

I am disappointed. Certainly there is a place in a learning institution for a man who, for whatever reason, has an idealistic approach to life in general.

The letters in the Feb. 17 *Sidelines* which beat upon William Watson's behind for his romanticism or "moronic attitude" were lacking in sympathy for anyone who dared wish for an absence of violence.

Surely there is reason for defense. No one asks if the world could have smiled down Adolph

Hitler in 1944. But an extreme emphasis on defense caused by a fear of Russia has historically produced a machine of immense proportions which even today gobbles up almost half the national budget.

A consideration of facts is necessary. Not of scattered facts but of those which pertain to one another. Russia's military strength is no reason to strike down that citizen who deplores war.

Roy Turrentine
Box 7135

Stars aren't twinkling for Presidential hopefuls

by Jack Anderson
with Joe Spear

WASHINGTON—The presidential candidates have been scrambling to find movie stars to brighten up their bandwagons. But so far, most Hollywood celebrities are turning their backs on politics.

Not even Frank Sinatra, the pal of politicians, is likely to hit the campaign trail this year. Privately, he favors his old friend Ronald Reagan. Sinatra's second choice, if Reagan should falter, would be Hubert Humphrey. But at this point, old blue eyes isn't anxious to campaign for anyone.

Reagan is expected to coax a few Hollywood stalwarts such as John Wayne and Jimmy Stewart onto his bandwagon. And singer Helen Reddy is trying to line up entertainers to support Humphrey.



Sargent Shriver, with his Kennedy glamor, has also managed to attract a few stars—among them Lauren Bacall, Carol Channing, Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward. Fred Harris is claiming the support of Carroll O'Connor and

Dennis Weaver. And Henry Jackson has landed Bonanza's Lorne Greene. But most of the stars are ducking the 1976 campaign.

The reason, according to our Hollywood sources, is that Richard Nixon had left a bad memory. In 1972, Nixon arranged a timely, multimillion dollar tax break for the movie industry. A Nixon aide immediately began to recruit stars, reminding the movieland brass what Nixon had done for them.

An extraordinary effort was made, for example, to bring Sammy Davis Jr. into the Nixon camp. He was promised an appointment to a presidential commission and was flown in style to Nixon rallies. Who can forget the famous picture of Sammy Davis hugging Nixon on stage? Well, Davis would like to forget it. And a lot of other stars who supported the disgraced Nixon would like to forget they did.

Reluctant regulators: After a thorough study of the available evidence, we nominate the regulatory commissions as the worst government agencies in Washington.

They wield tremendous power. The Interstate Commerce Commission, for instance, can authorize billion-dollar mergers between great railroads. The Civil Aeronautics Board decides which airlines will get the choice routes. The Federal Power Commission fixes

the rates that millions of consumers pay for electricity and natural gas.

These agencies were created to protect the public, but many of them have reversed their roles. They have been besieged by the lawyers and lobbyists of the corporations that are supposed to be regulated. As a result, these agencies often serve rather than regulate the special interests.

The worst of the regulatory agencies, in our opinion, is the Federal Maritime Commission. This agency is supposed to regulate commerce on the high seas. But its reluctant regulators devote their time largely to gathering and categorizing information that merely adds to the general confusion.

The Federal Maritime Commission does such a poor job that it hides its incompetence in secrecy. For example, the Maritime Commission classified one government report that the Interstate Commerce Commission freely opened.

The second worst agency, in our opinion, is the Federal Power Commission. The FPC has become the advocate, rather than the regulator, of the big gas companies.

On January 28, for example, the FPC published a notice in the Federal Register announcing a fuel adjustment modification, which would benefit a major power

company.

The FPC, of course, is supposed to protect the public. Yet the consumers were given only one day to challenge this latest benefit for the gas company. The FPC proclaimed that all protests had to be in by January 29.

Will Rocky Run?: Sources close to Vice President Nelson Rockefeller say that if Ronald Reagan is running ahead of President Ford after the Texas primary on May 1, then Rockefeller may quit the vice presidency and jump into the presidential race. His purpose, according to friends, would be to head off Reagan.

Fuddle Factory: The bureaucrats, who man the swivel chairs of Washington, bombard one another with memos in septuplicate. At the end of each day, more than 90 tons of wastepaper are picked up off the battlefield. This makes Washington the wastepaper center of the world.

Yet Washington has no large paper recycling programs. The General Services Administration issued regulations requiring that all paper used by the government must contain recycled fiber. But Congress, unnoticed by the press, immediately exempted paper used for "writing, copying and printing." Of course, this represents 95 per cent of all the paper used in Washington.

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Family name ties must be cut for aristocrats' return

by Van West

Last week we looked at a remarkable letter by Thomas Jefferson to John Adams in which Jefferson presented his ideas on there being a natural aristocracy of worth and not birth in the world.

Today I shall be concerned with Adam's appropriate reply and a second instance of the problems which the concept of a natural aristocracy faces in our society.

Adams presented Jefferson with a hard question—what about all the famous and rich family lines in both Virginia and Massachusetts and the political power they wielded? Was this a natural aristocracy?

Adams pointed out that in some states "there has been a constant respect for certain old families" and denied that a natural aristocracy could ever manifest itself unless the common people's attachment to political candidates because of family attachments was ended.

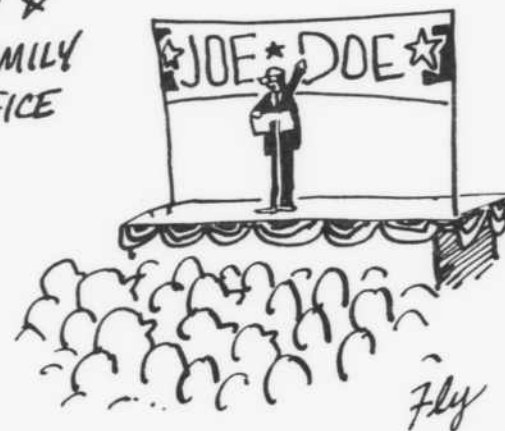
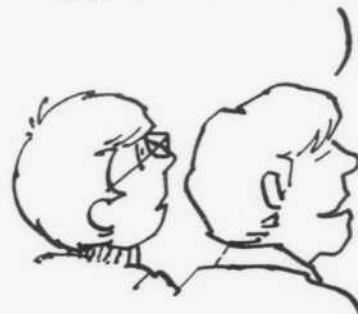
Adam's insight was far-reaching. Even in today's society, allegedly much more democratic than that of the late 1700's, family ties are more important to a person who runs for political office or who seeks employment than their actual qualifications in a significant portion of this nation.

The South, more than any other region, is guilty of violating the revolutionary maxim of position because of worth and not birth.

We only have to look at our own Tennessee to see how family name

Alabama affords the best example at how a respected family name will win elections. When Gov. George Wallace was prohibited from running for re-election in the 1960's by the Alabama state constitution.

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often decided our political races. When Bob Clement ran for Public Service Commission, his qualifications for the post were certainly not overwhelming.

Yet, because his father had been a popular governor of the state, the last name of Clement had a magical quality attached to it and the son, Bob Clement, was elected quite easily.

Recent political history in

his wife ran for the position and won.

It would take a gullible person to maintain that she won because of her qualifications, virtue and talent. Lurleen Wallace won because she was the wife of George Wallace—this family tie was unbeatable.

We can even see how family name was a highly significant factor in the first election of our United

States senator, Howard Baker, Jr. Baker's father was a successful Republican U.S. Congressman from an upper East Tennessee district. The Baker name proved to be a rally point for Republicans throughout the state and son Howard Baker, Jr., ironically, upset Gov. Frank Clement in 1966.

However, this peculiar southern phenomenon is not strictly a trait of southern politics. The biggest name among all Democrats in the country is Teddy Kennedy—anyone could recognize why.

Kennedy has that most famous of last names which has nearly become a modern mythical allusion. Outside of his last name, Kennedy would be virtually unknown except as a late-night playboy and bad driver.

As we can see, the South is not the only section which violates the natural aristocracy thesis, but it is the most conspicuous.

We have to make a move toward taking the ascendancy once again and measuring quality in leaders because of birth and not worth will only further slow the needed progress. A return to the "natural aristocracy" envisioned by Jefferson will be of the greatest benefit to all aspects of southern life.

Governor denounces journalistic 'cowards'

by Robin Freeman

NASHVILLE—Calling the press "cowards in a way," Gov. Ray Blanton told a meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi here Wednesday night that journalists were afraid of their own colleagues.

"You want to be the best. You have to give both sides," Blanton said. "You should not be afraid of being criticized by your own colleagues when you make a

mistake."

Blanton was expanding on similar remarks made to the Tennessee Press Association winter convention last month in Nashville.

Saying he wanted the government scrutinized, Blanton added, "I have the most open policy in state government in the history of Tennessee and I'm proud of it. The public's business ought to be done in public."

Blanton likened the press to a

"conduit," saying when a conduit gets snarled, "eventually all lose and the faith in the media wanes."

"Where do I turn when I find falsehoods? I depend on you (press). I want to have faith in the press. I depend on the press," Blanton said. "I'm all for opinion, but opinion should be expressed as opinion, not as fact."

The governor said competition has grown among the press, and that it was this competition that

makes the press keen and tough. "I've been accused of lambasting the press, but I enjoy the press," he added.

Blanton stated that some of the directions of the press are not in the best interests of the profession (press). He said he welcomes public scrutiny, adding, "Public figures are owned by and should be responsible to the public. They should be under and welcome public scrutiny."

Blanton went on to other matters by announcing the appointment of a "surplus property" study committee. He stressed that the committee was set up to investigate procedures for disposing of state property and how to change those procedures, not to investigate past procedures. "The committee will review the present laws for the future," Blanton said.

Blanton answered questions concerning the truck weight bill, the Tennessee presidential primary, the prison situation and his proposed state sales tax.



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GED Test: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; UC 314
Movie: "Aloha Bobby and Rose;" 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.; UC Theatre
Seminar: Income Tax Returns; 6:30 p.m.; Dining Room B, SUB
Fencing Club: 7:30-9 p.m.; dance studio B, Murphy Center
Modern Dance Club: Performance: 8 p.m.; DA Auditorium

Tomorrow

GED Test: 8 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; UC 314
Delta Sigma Theta Bake Sale: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; UC Basement
Movie: "The Longest Yard;" 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; UC Theatre
ASB House of Representatives: 4:30 p.m.; UC 322

Dance concert set for DA production

Tonight the stage at the Dramatic Arts Auditorium will be set for "Hot Licks and Jazz Riffs," a dance concert by the MTSU Performing Arts Company.

The 8 p.m. performance will feature jazz, tap, ballet and modern routines choreographed by members or professional dancers with variations and staging added by Anne Holland, the company's sponsor and instructor.

The Pointer Sisters' songs, "Save the Bones for Henry Jones," and "Scorpio," performed at the Biology Club's Stunt Night, and the song "Skin and Bones" are some of the jazz numbers.

The modern routines include "Desperado," Barbra Streisand's version of "Grandma's Hands" and "Jubilation."

Spring break mystique: or, which way is south?

by John Pitts

"On your mark, get set..."

Come this Friday afternoon, when morning classes are over and weary students pour out of the NCB and Old Main, the usual weekend retreats of most MTSU students will take on a slightly different character.

Spring Break is a well-timed break for most students; just when you think there's no more going forth with classes and homework, suddenly the break looms on the horizon and helps to pull you through the midterm exams.

The big question really is "Where can a student go to occupy a short week?" There are a lot of answers, but most students have a tendency to follow each other.

Some students will no doubt go home for the holiday, while a very few might stay here (only the hard-core book freaks) and the rest will hit the high road.

Florida has become the star of the spring break show. No matter that Florida during the first week of March will probably be no warmer than it is here, and that it will cost huge amounts of money and most people will get terminal sunburn, almost everyone wants to go.

Probably a quarter of a million college students will assemble in Daytona Beach at one time some three or four weeks from now. Luckily (or unluckily; it depends on how you look at it) early-bird MTSU students should be able to avoid the great holiday traffic crush.

Playboy Magazine rated Daytona and Fort Lauderdale as the "places to be" this spring, for sun sand and...fun, be it frisbee throwing, volleyball or more decadent pursuits.

Good news for the guys; you'll be outnumbered in Florida, in some places as much as two-to-one. Girls, if it's any consolation, you'll get a lot of practice at whatever it is that girls practice to attract guys.

One word of warning: Don't go to Florida expecting to sleep on the beaches—the local law does not sympathize with that kind of behavior. And watch the

speed limits, they'll be enforced this time around.

Of course there are a lot of other places to go to find beach: Virginia and the Carolinas are gaining in popularity, although it will be a little cold this time of year.

Some people don't like the ocean, though. Maybe they've already seen "Jaws." Anyway, the parks and forests of Tennessee offer some fine camping opportunities.

If you're not the outdoor type, how about going to a big city to

enjoy the excitement you've missed in thrill-a-minute Murfreesboro? Perhaps St. Louis, Chicago or the "Big Apple" would be of interest.

John Denver freaks take note: Colorado offers a great place to get away for a few days. And think of all that Coors beer...

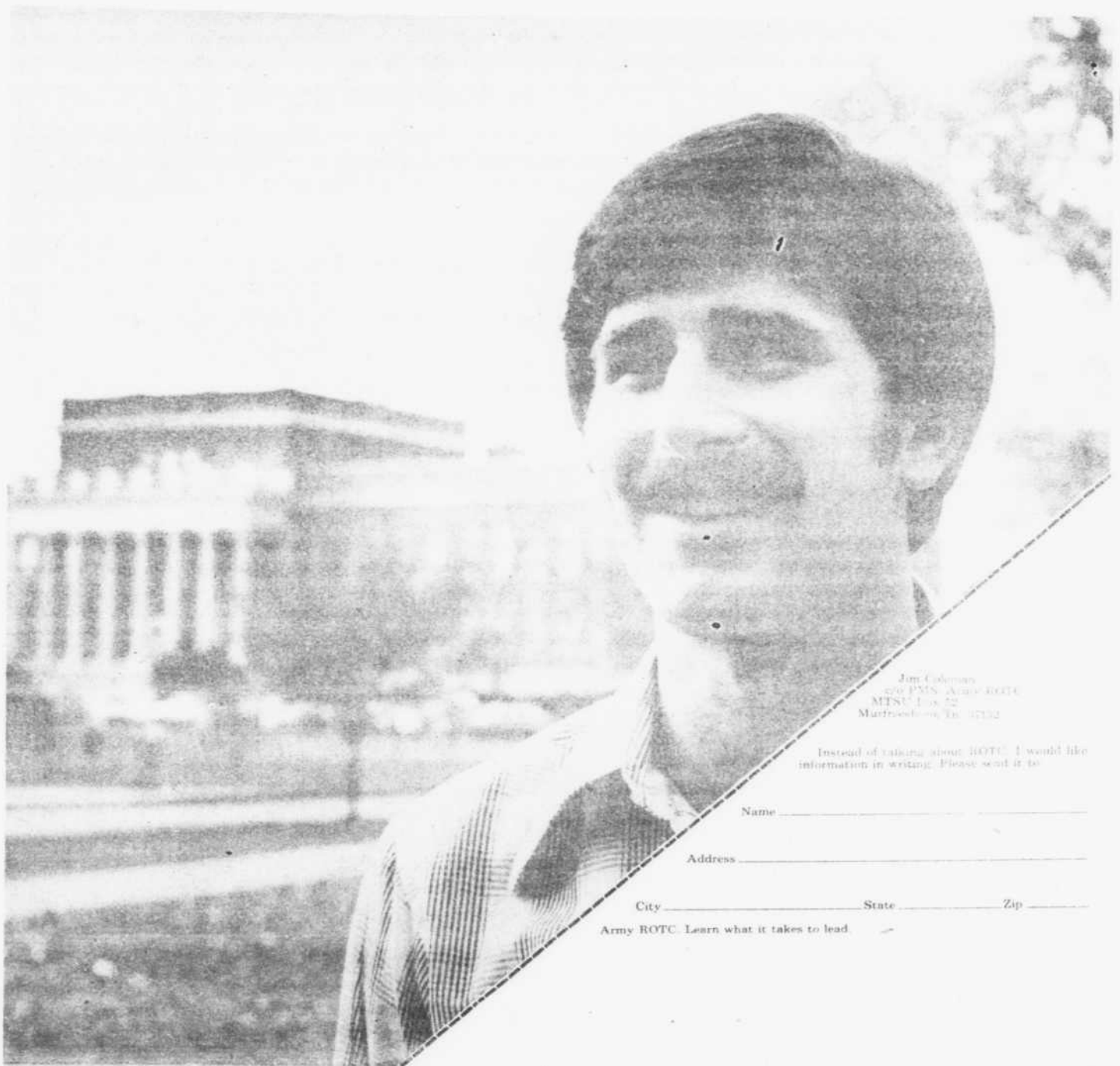
And there will always be a few people who make the ultimate trip—to California. No braver souls than these, who risk life, limb and possible cultural shock to see if it's really the way they say it is "way

over there."

As for me, I'm thinking about the idea a friend of mine had. Seems that he's going out there to the interstate to rent a room for a week. With a case of beer, his stereo, and a bottle of tanning oil, he can get the "Florida status symbol" without all the bother.

Who knows? He might just have the right idea. Anyway, wherever you go, drive carefully. Remember, if you don't look out for yourself, somebody might take care of you.

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Kansas' tougher sound tantalizes mass market's tastes

by Steve Huhman

Kansas is a band that plays complex music and has what may be termed a very large cult following. Their new album, "Masque," could be a step towards attracting a somewhat larger audience. Without compromising their musical integrity, they have taken a road that, while still leading to the same place, is more palatable to the mass market.

"Masque" is by far the group's strongest album from a vocal standpoint, both in terms of actual singing execution and in hook melodies. Lyrically, it is less intense than the previous "Song for America." Two straight out love songs, "It Takes a Woman's Love (To Make A Man)" and "It's You" are done here, and very well. Nonetheless, the odd combination of Bible Belt moralizing and

Herman Hesse philosophy is still present, albeit in somewhat more obscure form.

On the musical side of the ledger, the neo-classical type arrangements have been toned down, and a more straightforward, although highly sophisto-progressive, rock format has been emphasized. There is more guitar and less keyboard work, especially synthesizer. The guitar rhythm riffs are harsher and more fuzz-oriented than previously, giving this effort a "tougher" feeling with more bite.

"It Takes a Woman's Love (To Make A Man)" and "Icarus--Borne on Wings of Steel" are the premier cuts of the record, primarily because of their superior instrumental breaks. "Two Cents Worth" is a dreary song about a down-and-outer. "Child of Innocence" is the strongest tune on

side two. "Mysteries and Mayhem" and "The Pinnacle" have very interesting lyrics, but on the whole are not as captivating as they might be. However, my past experience with Kansas' music holds open the option that they may capture my rapture when I least

expect it.

Many excellent bands have resorted to shoddy music to achieve monumental commercial success. Although I feel "Masque" represents a slight net slip in quality for Kansas, overall it still towers above the herd.

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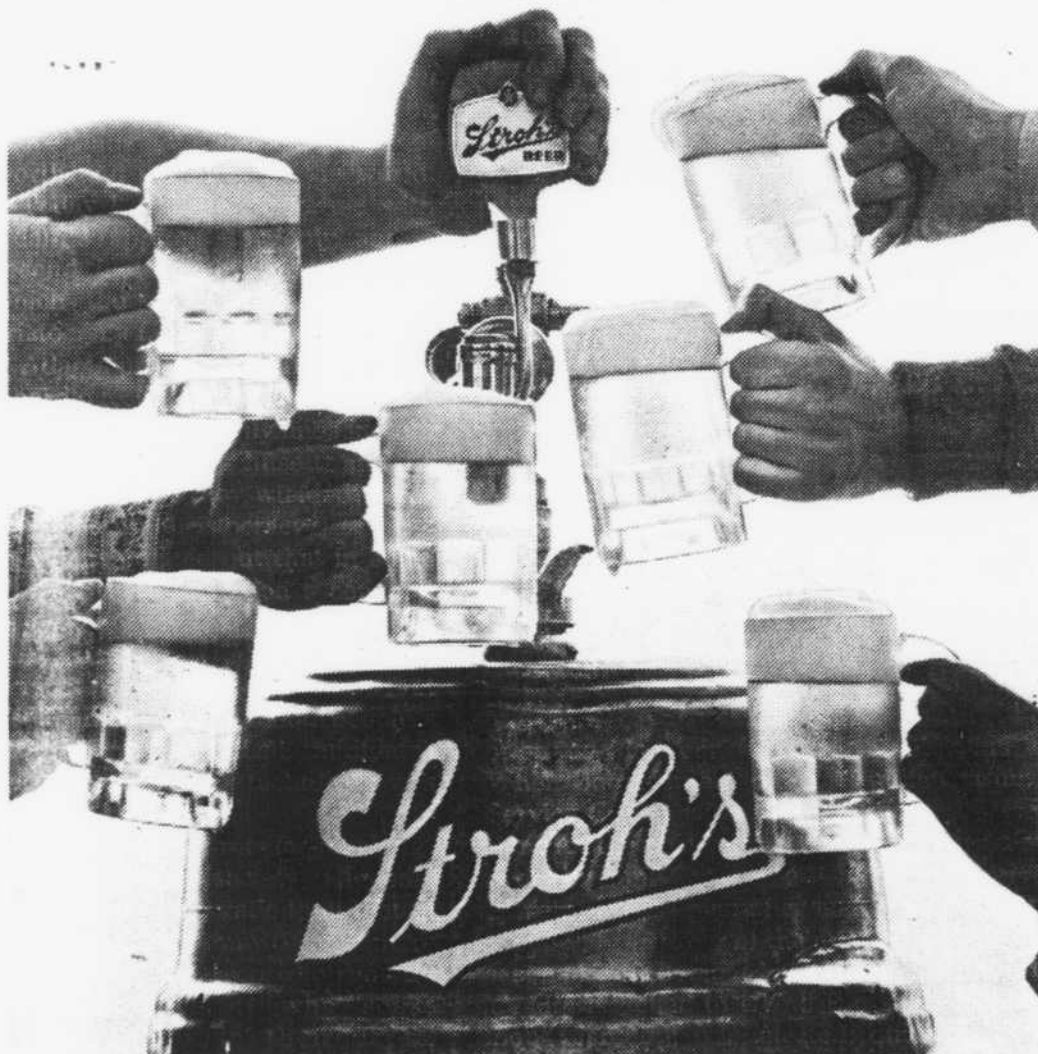
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Defensive-minded Raiders maul Morehead

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Cancel the funeral arrangements and scratch the tombstone. The casket doesn't seem appropriate either. Middle Tennessee basketball is not dead.

SIDELINES SPORTS

Utilizing a killer-shark defense in the first half, MTSU exploded to a 93-67 romp of baffled Morehead State last night in Murphy Center. About 4,500 showed-up for the fireworks.

"Our ball club has come a long, long way," Coach Jimmy Earle said with a smile. "If we get our game together we can beat anybody in the league."

The game, as it is said, is defense. That is what the Raiders used to gun down the leading team in the OVC in field goal accuracy and the best the nation at the charity stripe.

With the score tied at eight four minutes into the first half, Middle Tennessee gobbled the Eagles with a tenacious 2-3 zone. Twelve minutes later the score was 43-18 with MTSU on top.

Tim Sisneros—maybe trying to prove that he is indeed the premier post man in the OVC—paced

MTSU with 31 points and nine rebounds. He should consider buying Lewis Mack a steak dinner, though.

"I think you saw how valuable Lewis Mack is," Earle said, "when he sprained his wrist in the second half. He goes out of the game and our offensive tempo stops completely. He is the best point guard in the OVC," Earle added.

Mack scored 17, but the box score doesn't do him justice. His crisp passing and dribbling magic left Morehead defenders flatfooted and looking at the back of his jersey.

John Bonner climaxed the first half extravaganza with a buzzer-beating lay-up (pass courtesy of Fred Allen) to give MTSU a 54-28 strong hold at the half. After that it was a matter of how much MTSU would win by.

Bonner and Allen combined for 24 points and crowd pleaser Gil Thompson joined other MTSU reserves late in the contest and scored nine.

MTSU, now 5-8 in the conference and 13-11 overall, heads to Huntington, W. Va., for a non-conference clash with Marshall Wednesday night before returning home for the final home game of the year against Murray State Saturday night.

Co-captains Sisneros and Allen will be honored at the game for passing the 1000 point mark in their careers at MTSU.

OVC standings ...the final week

	OVC
Austin Peay	10-3
Western Kentucky	10-3
Morehead	7-5
Tennessee Tech	6-7
Eastern Kentucky	5-8
Middle Tennessee	5-8
Murray State	6-7
East Tennessee	2-10

Last night's scores

Austin Peay 98-Tennessee Tech 69
Western Ky. 89-Eastern Ky. 77
Middle Tennessee 93-Morehead 67
Murray State 79-East Tennessee 73



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Football signees brighten '76 recruiting outlook

by John Shires

MTSU head football Coach Ben Hurt "feels real good," about 12 high school football players that have signed to play at MTSU this fall.

Joining the Raider ranks are two "outstanding" players from Mt. Juliet, Quinton Bryant, a 6-4, 210-pound linebacker who runs the

40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds, and Perry Majors, a 6-3, 190-pound running back who runs the 40 in 4.6.

The only signee at the quarterback position is Ricky Davis, a 5-10, 155-pound All-Midstate player from Murfreesboro Oakland.

Another offensive backfield signee is Mike Hollerman, a 6-2,

210-pound fullback from Gallatin who "went off to junior college and gained 1,200 yards," according to Hurt.

At wide receiver, Terry Meadows, a 6-3, 193-pounder from Crossville has signed. Meadows, who can double as a defensive back, runs the 40 in 4.7.

Signing at the wide receiver spot

along with Meadows is Larry Miller, a 6-4, 190-pound All-Midstate player from Clarksville.

However, MTSU's "biggest" signees are the linemen of which Hurt says, "We need worse than anything else."

One player that has signed whom Hurt hopes will improve the line is Vincent Harris, a 6-3, 195-pound defensive end who was All-Midstate at Lebanon.

Other linemen signees include Ricky Harris, a 6-5, 215-pound tackle from Springhill; Carl Guffey, a 6-3, 225-pounder from Maryville, and Daryl Garrett, a 6-2, 220-pounder from Chattanooga Notre Dame who runs the 40 in 4.8.

"We think we've got a real good group," said Hurt.

"We're going to be an improved football team over a year ago. We'll have real good skill people, real good secondary people, and we'll have more depth than last year," Hurt noted.

However, Hurt claimed the football program has not yet reached its peak.

"I think that a year from right now, our football program will be where it ought to be," he said.

An optimistic aspect of next year's squad, Hurt pointed out, is that 19 of last year's starters are returning—plus the freshmen.

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Hilltoppers breeze to title

Blue Raider trackmen finish third in OVC meet

by Anthony Troiano

Western Kentucky captured the Ohio Valley Conference indoor track championships this past weekend, compiling 68 total points to outdistance Austin Peay with 49 and MTSU with 39.

MTSU's next action will come Feb. 27-28. The Blue Raider trackmen venture to Champaign, Ill., to take part in the Illinois Track Classic.

Coach Dean Hayes' thinclads placed first in the pole vault, triple jump and shot put.

The Blue Raiders took second

Alabama downs MTSU grapplers

by Jay Colley

Preparing for possible NCAA tourney berths with Regional competition over the weekend, the Middle Tennessee State University wrestling team was drubbed by Alabama 31-5 after winning two matches at home last Thursday.

The Raiders ended their season with 18 wins against nine losses.

"We lost the close ones," Coach Gordon Connell said, referring to the Alabama loss.

"Go down there and you are three points behind before you walk on the mat."

In that loss the only MTSU winner was freshman Mike Kuziola (142) who defeated Mark Stemmler 7-2. Mike Andrews battled to a tie in the heavy weight class.

The two victorious matches held at Murphy Center last Thursday night saw the grapplers overwhelm Chattanooga State 38-13 and bury Tennessee Tech 34-11.

The Blue Raiders took wins in the first six matches against Chattanooga State as that match was never in doubt.

Against Tennessee Tech, the Blue scored three pins headed by Mike Osborne over Paul Bertville in 1:47. Pat Simpson pinned his man in 3:57 and David Buck pinned Mark Martin in 2:24.

Murphy Center locks must be removed

Due to the installation of new latching devices on all locks in Murphy Center dressing rooms, facilities manager Bill Smotherman has asked that all locks be removed or they will have to be cut off.

Lockers will be ready for use immediately after spring break, Smotherman said.

Installation of the latches began yesterday and those lockers which could not be opened are planned for service today.

in the long jump and 330 yard hurdles and third in the high jump and 880 yard run.

Ted Hausauer heaved a lifetime best 51' 3/4" shot put to take top spot in that category.

Jack Warner set an MTSU record and notched first with a 15' 6" pole vault and Jimmy Washington rounded out MTSU's first place finishers with a spring of 51' 3/4" in the triple jump.

Shiekh Faye bounded 24' 10" to place second in the long jump. Faye also set an MTSU record in the high jump. The springy freshman leaped 6' 9" to place third.

Russell Hollaway tied an indoor

school record by sprinting in second in the 330 yard hurdles. James Key place third in the 880 yard run with a personal high 1.54.1.

Other finishers were Louis Friend (Heat 3, 60 yard dash, first place), J.T. Musgrove (Heat 1, 440 yard dash, first place), James Key (Heat 1, 880 yard run, second place), Russell Hollaway (Heat 1, 330 hurdles, second place) and John Timberlake (Heat 2, 1000 yard run, third place—school record).

Final standings for the OVC meet were: Western Kentucky 68, Austin Peay 49, MTSU 39, ETSU 33, Murray 31, Morehead 24, Eastern Kentucky 22, Tennessee Tech 22.



Russell Hollaway

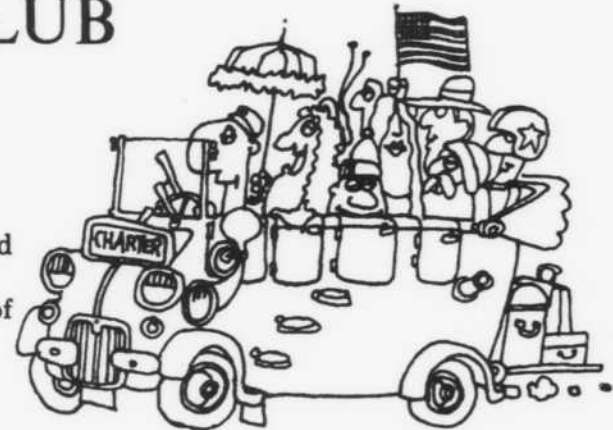
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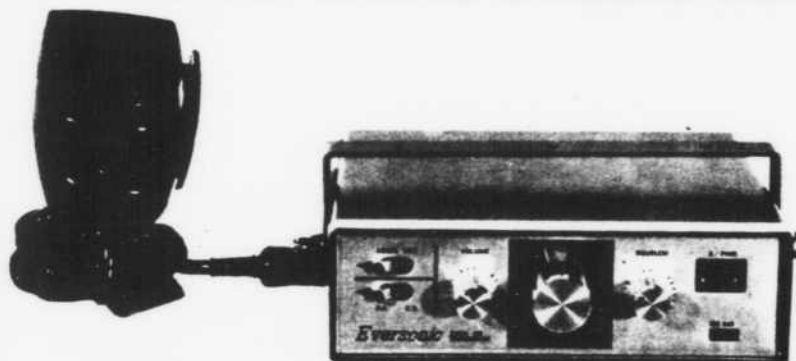
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The Greenwade Case:

An untruthful thorn in the side or the voice of wisdom speaks?

I've got a question that as sports editor of Sidelines, especially in conversations of late, has been popping-up with increasing frequency.

Where did all the "ugly rumors" about the MTSU athletic department originate, specifically what do they state, and on what evidence are they based?

Dr. M.G. Scarlett, MTSU president, says he cannot find enough concrete evidence to warrant an investigation and was assured by the Raider coaching chain that all was in order.

My job with this newspaper is not to promote or defend the Blue Raider coaching staff or players, but if an ugly rumor—my term is idle gossip at present—is all it takes to warrant a full scale investigation (or a committee to do the same) just stop by my desk on

the third floor of the SUB.

I've got a bushel basket just full of juicy news.

Chuckwagon



by Chuck Cavalaris

Sports Editor

It seems to me that a rather slippery defense attorney, possibly realizing the package of media exposure complete with a name in the lights, was allowed to change not only the emphasis of the trial, but the entire spectrum as well.

Three court sessions were spent on the case. Read the minutes or listen to the tapes. How much went to the trial of Ronnie Greenwade and how much went elsewhere?

When Assistant Coach John Ferguson was put on the stand it

was the questions—not the answers—which fanned the already blazing fire of rumors.

The trial should have been aimed at Greenwade's failure to show up for the parking tickets—the same lack of self-discipline which was responsible for getting him kicked off the MTSU team in December.

Ferguson says Greenwade is not telling the truth when he says the parking tickets were fixed by the coaching staff.

Charles M. Murphy, MTSU athletic director, backs him up and was, like Scarlett, promised by the coaches that no problem exists.

And it continues with charges and counter-charges and the threat of an NCAA investigation possibly looms in the future for MTSU.

My guess, should unethical actions be presented, is that is the best solution for all involved. Too many feelings are aroused and too many emotions are swayed to objectively view the charges leveled at the MTSU Athletic department.

If the recruiting tactics or athlete treatment at MTSU are off the cuff or underhand, then, sure, investigate and amend the situation.

This is the time of year when high school athletes are finishing—if they haven't already—with their high school careers and are making

the decision of where to play college ball.

They, I assure you, are most aware of the situation.

If trouble exists then stop it, but don't endanger an entire athletic program by dragging out and intensifying unsubstantiated rumors.

An investigation now seems to be the only method to dispel the fog which shrouds the athletic department at Middle Tennessee.

If, as the coaches state, nothing is wrong in the department, then an investigation will prove it.

PARTING SHOT: That Muhammad-Jean Pierre Coopman boxing match Friday night was the biggest mismatch since David reached for the slingshot. Unofficial reports had Ali with 59 scoring jabs to Coopman's face while the Frenchman landed two body punches and one glancing blow to the Champ's face.

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