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Beard unveils economic plan

By MARTY WATT
Staff Writer

Rep. Robin Beard made a brief campaign stop in Murfreesboro on Wednesday to unveil a 12-point economic plan to bring "future prosperity."

The highlight of Beard's plan is reducing interest rates by balancing the budget and increasing the supply of credit from the Federal Reserve Board.

"THE KEY TO lower interest rates is sharply cutting the 55 percent share of all of available credit that the federal government uses to feed the deficit," Beard said.

Other points include leaving in place the 10 percent personal tax cut scheduled for July 1983, a cut which James Sasser opposes.

"It must be firmly recognized that excessive spending, not insufficient taxation has caused the mushrooming of federal deficits in recent years," Beard said.

BEARD quoted projections which stated that for every \$30 billion in private tax cuts, one million jobs will be created in the private sector.

"We've tried the government approach. It hasn't worked," Beard commented.

"We need to get money back into the private sector so people can buy products that mean meaningful jobs," he said.

STOPPING the flow of illegal aliens is another major point of Beard's plan.

Beard pointed out that the secretary of labor under President Carter, Ray Marshall, said that if all the illegal aliens were removed from the American work force, the unemployment rate would drop three percent.

Referring to an amendment before the House to grant amnesty to illegal aliens, Beard

said that the financial costs of such a move would be enormous.

"[ALIENS] would become eligible for government entitlement programs, such as food stamps and Medicaid.

"It would cost literally tens of billions of dollars of new tax money," he said.

"I would support deporting them."

ALSO INCLUDED in the plan are provisions favoring a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, a freeze of payroll taxes, expanding exports and a restoration of a separate minimum wage for youth.

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Senatorial candidate Robin Beard stopped in Murfreesboro Wednesday to unveil a 12-point economic plan which he said would alleviate the problems in the nation's economy.

Photo by Lesley Collins

ASB action on budget undecided

By MARTY WATT
Staff Writer

The House deferred action yesterday on the \$12,150 ASB budget, passed Tuesday by the Senate, in a heated and sometimes chaotic session.

Although a budget was never entered in the form of a motion, House members raised several questions concerning items to be included.

THE STUDENT Activity Fee Committee had awarded monies to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature for travel expenses and to the Homecoming Committee previous to the House meeting.

Rep. Tony Yates and other House members questioned if the money in the unapproved budget would duplicate funds already received.

Speaker Freddy Gaston and ASB Treasurer Glen Page had to leave the meeting before the House members received satisfactory answers to their questions, and Speaker Pro-Tempore Eric Steinberg said he did not feel qualified to answer the questions.

BECAUSE no one was able to answer the questions about the budget, Yates moved to table the budget proposal, although it had not yet been formally introduced.

"I hate to lay [the budget] on the table," he said, "because then no expenditures can be made. But how can we vote on it?"

The House then approved a motion by Rep. Lester Levi that the rules of order be suspended and an open forum for discussion be established.

LEVI used the open forum to raise questions concerning the effectiveness of ASB budget action.

"I found out it doesn't matter what we want, the budget is going to be spent according to someone in another office," he said.

"I think that's a gross negligence to the [ASB] constitution.

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Prytula: rape myths need to be corrected

By MIKE CROWDER
Staff Writer

"Our culture needs a tremendous amount of education in terms of what rape is," Robert Prytula, director of the Rutherford County Crisis and Rape Center, said Tuesday night.

Addressing the Clerical Caucus and a group of MTSU secretarial employees, Prytula discounted several misconceptions concerning rape held by the general public.

AMONG the common misconceptions discussed by

Prytula were these:

- The primary motivation for rape is sexual.

- Women who are raped present themselves in a sexually provocative manner.

- Both men and women have fantasies about raping each other.

Some surveys indicate that 70 percent of the general public believes rape is committed for sexual reasons, according to Prytula, a psychology professor.

"IF A WE look at the underlying motivation of why men rape, we find that very little of that behavior is of a sexual nature," Prytula said.

Rape is a "pseudo-sexual act," the professor added. "It is aggression, anger or power manifested in the sexual arena."

The two most "outstanding motivations for rape, according to Prytula, are power and anger.

IN A power rape, the aim of the rapist is to "dominate and verbally, psychologically and physically, his victim," Prytula said.

"His aim is to assault and to effect sexual intercourse through a dominance-power conquest," he added.

The rapist physically overpowers his victim through the use of a weapon, through intimidation and through the use of threats, the professor said.

IN AN anger-orientated rape, the primary motivation is to direct hatred, aggression and hostility toward women, Prytula said.

"He basically wants to degrade a woman," he added. "He looks at sex as degrading in and of itself.

"The rapist's basic aim and motivation [in an anger-oriented rape] is to express hatred, anger, pent up hostility and rage by

beating his victim, sexually assaulting her and forcing her to perform degrading-type acts of a sexual nature."

THE IDEA of rape being provoked by women "just doesn't exist," according to Prytula.

"The notion that the victim seduces and acts in a sexually provocative manner is stupid," he said.

"Many of them [the victims]

have baggy dresses on, loose fitting clothing and nothing that is sexually provocative," Prytula added.

"Many rapists can't even tell you what the victim looked like."

IN ADDITION, one study indicated that two-thirds of the rapists chose victims who were "available and defenseless," Prytula said.

The professor had strong remarks on whether men and women have fantasies about raping each other.

"The idea that all men have fantasies about raping women or vice versa is a bunch of rubbish," he said. "It's a stupid, asinine portrayal of what's going on."

Prytula said he is "very much concerned" about rape, which has increased nationwide by 166 percent in the last eight years.

Upper-division form importance missed

By Bobby Goins
Staff Writer

Students that have earned 60 hours credit are being urged by the records office of Middle Tennessee State University to file their upper division form.

The upper division form shows what he needs to complete in order to graduate.

STUDENTS are overlooking the importance of the upper division form and this may cause problems at graduation time according to Director of Records Sherian Huddleston.

"There are always some students who do not file their upper division form or file it late, and this could cause a student to needlessly graduate late," Huddleston said.

"The upper division form is important because it is the students' road map to follow as to what he needs to graduate," she said.

"OUR STAFF uses this form to check-out where the student stands prior to graduation and to make sure the student meets his requirements to graduate," Huddleston said.

Huddleston said frequently seniors file a letter of intent to graduate and have failed to file an upper division form upon completing 60 hours.

"A student may be in what he thinks is his last semester, but actually he may lack a requirement if he has not filed

an upper division form," she said.

"IF STUDENTS file the upper division form upon completing 60 hours, our staff can look over the students records possible four semesters before graduation and help insure that the student will graduate on time," she said.

"This form is for the students benefit because it lets them know exactly where they should be going," she added.

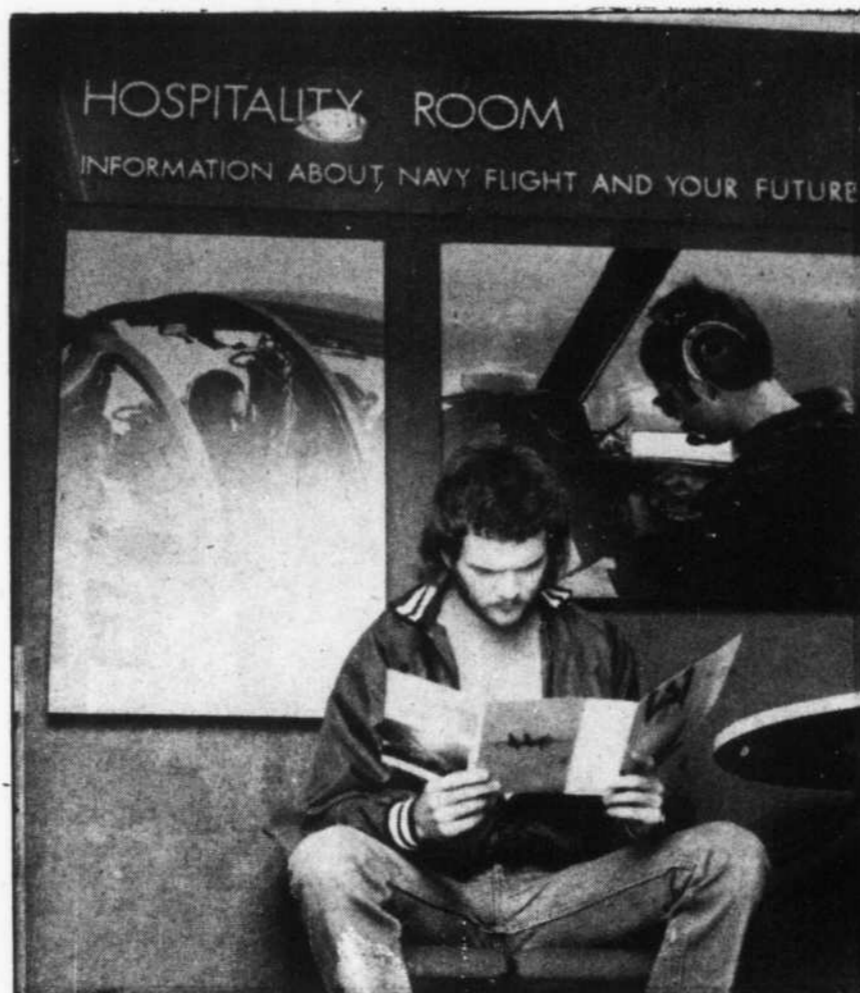
Huddleston said it is especially important for transfer students to file on time if they have transferred a number of hours.

"THE UPPER division form determines what courses that could be substituted from other courses transferred to MTSU and also keeps students from repeating courses," Huddleston said.

"A student could come up with more hours than he needs to graduate or come up repeating courses, not realizing the content is the same," she said.

"A student may think he will have his required 132 hours to graduate and the records office may find that he has repeated a course and the course will have to be counted as a repeat and not two separate courses," she said.

"If the upper division form is filed upon the students' completion of 60 hours, our staff can catch the problem early enough that the student can take what courses are needed and he can graduate on time," she added.



The Navy way

Photo by Lesley Collins

Lee Heard, a sophomore aerospace major, studies a pamphlet about flight programming in the Navy. The Navy aviation van is a traveling awareness program directed at college students and

Beer sales on Sunday?

By NELLE NIX
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is the first article of a four part series. The Murfreesboro city voters will decide Nov. 2 if beer may be sold on Sundays.

A CITY ordinance states that no beer may be sold on Saturday from midnight to 6 a.m. Monday.

A court challenge to the ordinance was made several years ago because private clubs were allowed to sell beer while stores were not allowed to sell to the public.

However, since the private clubs were forced to stop selling beer before the local beer retailers brought the suit claiming discrimination, the ordinance was allowed to stand.

A FORMULA requires that a petition be signed by 15 percent of the total vote the highest vote-getter obtained in the most recent city election in order for the referendum to be placed on the ballot.

In this case, 640 registered city voters had to sign the petition," said White.

The format for the petition was developed by White, who then gave the petitions to his clients, who got the signatures. The signatures were verified to be registered city voters—not county voters—by Voter Registrar Amy Williams.

THE PETITION was then presented to the city council which placed the issue on the ballot.

One reason stores want the right to sell beer on Sunday is a "matter of economy," White said.

"It would help the people who sell beer to be allowed to sell on Sunday," said White. "They feel like they are missing additional sales. People usually buy other things with beer. If they don't stop and get beer, they don't buy other things either."

ANOTHER argument, White said, is that since people cannot buy beer here they go to Smyrna, which means a loss of revenue for Murfreesboro.

As well as bringing in additional revenue, White said he viewed it "as a matter of convenience."

A basic problem that may hurt the passage of the referendum is informing the public of what the referendum is and where it can be found on the ballot, according to White.

Beard

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Beard also made several comments about federal funding for education.

ONE OF THE things Beard suggested is a redirection of funds from schools of low quality to higher quality schools, such as MTSU and Columbia State Community College. An example of a low quality

school mentioned by Beard was a paramedic training center in Memphis, which recently closed.

The school, headed by a licensed practical nurse, received \$5 million in BEOG grants.

"RIGHT now we're using too much money on BEOG grants to schools that do not reach the

quality necessary to prepare people for any type of function," he said.

"That's money that should have been going to better educational institutions."

Beard also said that increases in direct aid to students would not be forth coming.

"It's going to betough," Beard said. "We don't have the money."

BEARD DID predict there will be no more cuts in educational spending.

"At least not with my vote," he commented.

BEARD responded to his opponent Sen. Jim Sasser's latest charge that he is diverting attention from the issues.

"The problem with Mr. Sasser

HPERs class offered late

By KEVIN CRUZE
Staff Writer

Interested in gaining still another credit hour for this semester? It's not too late.

The Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety Department still has spaces available in three activity courses which begin Monday.

BEGINNING badminton, beginning archery and beginning aerobics are the courses which are open. A beginning tennis course is already filled.

The courses are part of a program designed by the HPERs department to allow it to be more flexible in its offerings to students.

The courses will meet for one hour, four days a week, the last eight weeks of the semester. Each course offers one hour's credit.

TO REGISTER for the courses students are asked to bring a drop/add form to the HPERs department office in Murphy Center beginning Monday. The add form must be signed by the student's adviser. Space is limited in the courses.

is that I'm bringing attention to the issues," Beard replied.

Beard then referred to his commercials that accuse Sasser of contradicting himself.

"He [Sasser] doesn't like people to point [his voting record] out," Beard said.

"EVERY single thing that we have addressed...has been documented. I think it's time he started explaining those votes to the people of Tennessee."

Beard continued to express his support for constitutional amendments prohibiting federal funds for abortion and allowing prayer in the public schools.

WHEN ASKED if he felt this was legislation of morality, Beard replied that the system of checks and balances in the Constitution protect anyone from legislating morality too far.

Beard also reiterated his support for a bilateral nuclear arms freeze.

"I've always supported a

general reduction in nuclear weapons systems," Beard said in reference to a survey conducted by United Campuses Against Nuclear War.

"I THINK we've got to bring

ASB

"WE'LL BE avoiding the issue if we don't at least stand up for our rights and find out what is done with our money," he said.

Speaker of the Senate Mark Ross confirmed that the money can be spent without approval of the legislative branch on the approval of Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

"SADLY, all [the House is] doing is satisfying ASB constitutional requirement.

"ASB approval of the budget is not binding on the university in any way," Ross said.

"There is a dual standard," he concluded.

this insanity to a halt."

But Beard also stressed his support for defense.

"The only way we can bargain with the Soviet Union is to bargain through strength," he said.

WHEN THE forum ended, the meeting adjourned so that House members could be brought back into regular session; however after a short break, several members left, and a quorum could not be reached.

The budget also had a hard time in the Senate.

Approximately 83 percent of the \$12,150 budget was designated for supplies and expenses with the remainder going for travel.

The major item on the budget was \$2,100 for student activities to be used for ASB-sponsored activities, such as dances and pep rallies.

Should NFL strikers receive wages?

By LUCY CARTER
Associate Editor

The NFL players, who recently went on strike, are sticking publicly to their demand for a wage scale to replace the traditional individual negotiations between players and owners.

There are many opposing opinions on campus concerning whether or not they should receive more money for their sport.

"THEY'RE getting enough money as it is," John McKinney, a junior, said. It would make me completely happy if all of the players were fired and new ones took their places."

Campus Interview

"All sports are overpaid," Mary DiAngelo, junior, said. "Look at how much we pay our law officials, educators, and

other public service workers in general in relationship to the entertainers and sports players.

"This ought to show us how misplaced our values are," she added.

NOBY BURNS, a junior, said, "The players should have better benefits but they shouldn't get the money they're asking for, instead a percentage of that money."

Another junior, Todd Woodard, opposed his idea saying that "The owners ought to give in to the strikers because they [the owners] are making plenty of money to give in to what their players want."

Both Woodard and DiAngelo pointed out that the longevity of a football player's career is much shorter than those in other sports.

"The average spane in a football player's career is about five years," Woodard said.

"WHEREAS, in baseball and other sports, their careers are generally much longer," DiAngelo added. "This shows that they are underpaid in relation to many other pro sports athletes.

"In baseball they play more than 150 games a season so the strike last year didn't really have the affect on that sport that the football strike will have because there's no way they can make up more than two games especially with four already cancelled," she said.

"Nick Buoniconti, a former linebacker for the Miami Dolphins, suggested on "HBO Sports" that the games should go as usual; however, all the profits should go into a holding account until a decision is made and when that decision is made 10 percent of the profits should go to charities," DiAngelo said.

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Ronstadt makes good game show contestant

By TERRY MORROW
Feature Editor

Linda Ronstadt would make a great contestant on *To Tell The Truth*.

Actually, I'd tune in to see the part when the host asks, "Will the real Linda Ronstadt please stand up?" because I frankly don't know anymore.

Most fans will agree they don't know who Linda Ronstadt is anymore since her *Mad Love* days. Whenever the name Linda Ronstadt was mentioned, instantly the music of strong rock ballads would come to mind. That's not the case now.

THE SAME lady who sang "Just One Look," "Desparato," and "When Will I Be Loved?" is now expecting her fans to "get closer" to her in her new LP. The only trouble with that is her fans don't know which Linda Ronstadt they can get closer to.

Can we get closer to a Linda Ronstadt that sings those pretty country ballads like "Blue Bayou"? Or are we suppose to accept the Linda Ronstadt that was featured in "Pirates of Penzance"? Or are we suppose

to snuggle up to the Linda Ronstadt that is featured on *Get Closer*.

The new LP is Ronstadt's first studio release in almost three years, and her fans waited with baited breath for the release to hit the stores. It's a shame her comeback album is such a waste of good vinyl (I'm sure many good vinyls died just to have her album become a reality).

TRACK FOR track, this is probably one of her worst collections. Its variety is poorly arranged and none of the punch—though some of the bite—is in this package.

Ronstadt returns from a lengthy hiatus for stage and screen work to this album. The worst possible slant against this LP is the fact Ronstadt had another album originally scheduled for release, but she shelved the project because she was not pleased with it. Is this any better?

Get Closer is a wobbly balance of up-tempo rock, country and folk ballads, and quasi-operatic tunes. The range of the selections are unnerving,

at best, with Ronstadt sounding like Barbra Streisand with a sore throat on some cuts and her *Mad Love* self on others. Occasionally, the Linda Ronstadt from *Simple Dreams* comes through, but most of the time she is submerged under her other musical personalities.

IN THE defense of rock on *Get Closer*, Ronstadt presents the title cut, which is shaping up to be her thirteenth top-40 single. It is a mid-tempo song with some aspects of old time spirituals embedded in the arrangement. Dressed with a heavy guitar solo, "Get Closer" has been described by some as Ronstadt's answer of the Rolling Stones' "Start Me Up."

Most of her rock-oriented croons are from the 60s. Among the notable picks are "Lies," which sounds like "Justine" from *Mad Love*; and "Tell Him," an excitable offering with a high pitch vocal accompanying it.

Various country plus rhythm and blues sources are frequent on the album, and there are three songs in which Ronstadt teams up with other pop artists.

A good single possibility is "I Think It's Going to Work Out Fine," a duet with James Taylor which brings back memories of "Mockingbird," the duet in which Taylor exchanged words with his now ex-wife, Carly Simon.

ALREADY moving up the country charts is the single "Sometimes You Can't Win," a duet with J.D. Souther. This duet lacks the appeal that the Taylor-Ronstadt team-up has, but it has a jaunty waltz pace that lifts the song above the album's standard material.

The third team-up is a trio combination of Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris and Ronstadt called "My Blue Tears." This balladry has a pseudo-religious sound to it with the three pop singers wafting the tune heavenward. The Parton/Harris/Ronstadt trio has already been proven successful when "Mister Sandman," featured last year on Harris's LP, hit the top-30.

Until then, will the real Linda Ronstadt please stand up?



Linda Ronstadt returns from a long absence via stage and screen work. "Get Closer," her new LP's title cut, is her first release in two years.

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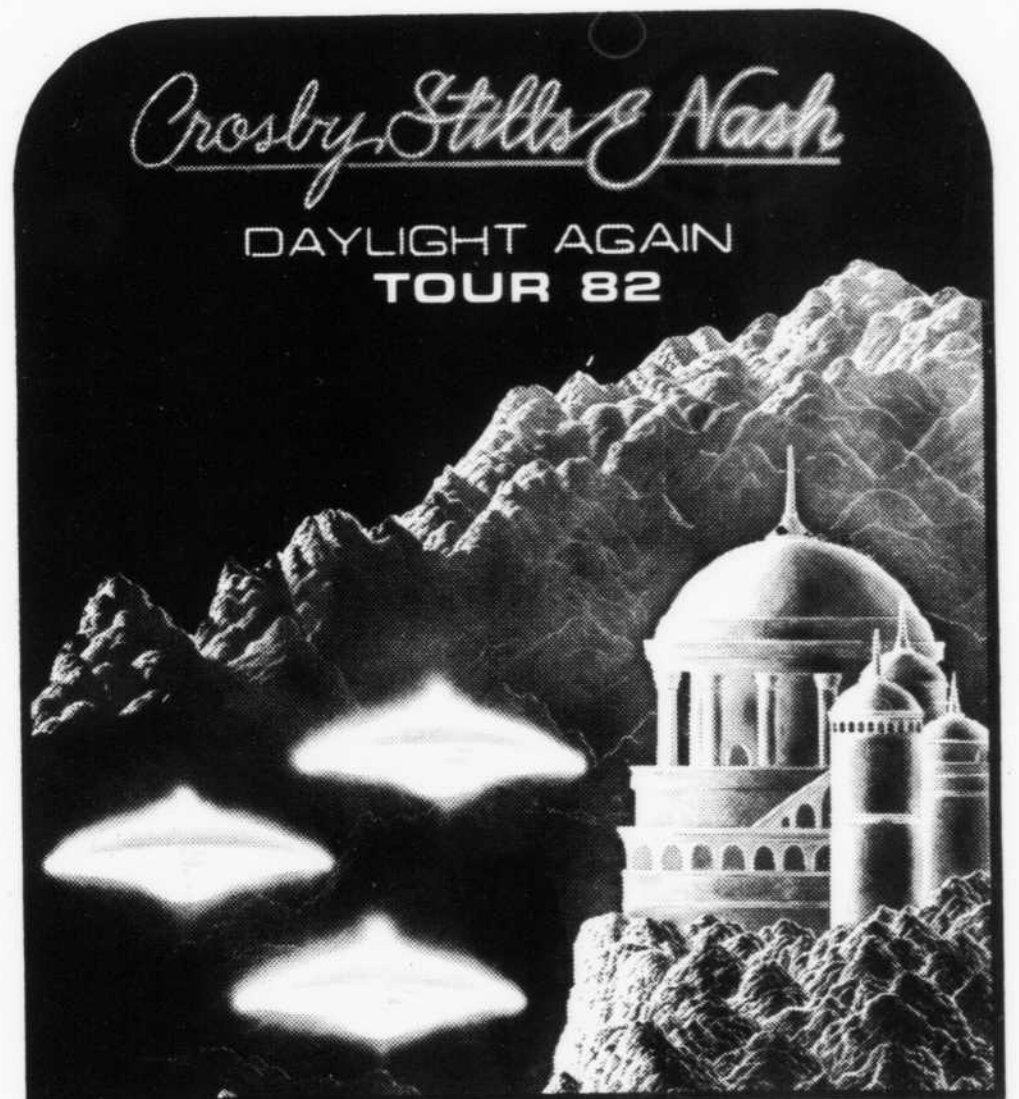
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MTSU legislators fail to consider viable issues

The recorded annals of MTSU history show that many students perceive the ASB legislative branch to be non-functional. After viewing the "business" discussed at this week's meetings it is not difficult to agree.

Members of both the House and the Senate act as if they are more enamored with viewing their names in the meeting minutes or *Sidelines* than they are with attempting to conduct the business of this university.

LENGTHY DEBATE (the term is used loosely) on the ASB budget, attempts to see who can get whom impeached or whose credentials can be questioned only serve as examples of the trivial nature of the matters discussed. And looking at the amount of time given to such topics, it can be said that these are not merely important issues, they are the *only* issues.

While the real, immediate and visible impact of ASB action is considered negligible, the fact remains that legislative representatives should be concerned with the future of this

university, as well as the present.

Their recent inactions show a serious lack of true concern for the needs of the people they were elected to represent and a total void in dealing with issues of depth, substance and far-reaching impact.

WHILE WE cannot claim to hold the key to all issues, many complaints have been aired this semester concerning the police study, the Housing Office policy of visitation and/or hiring, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's funding of programs and the issuance of "excessive" citations by the police department.

These are issues which students view as important, yet they have been repeatedly ignored, and certainly there are other complaints or questions yet to be addressed.

It would appear the "duly elected and sworn in" representatives of the ASB find their recent actions, which are of no real consequence, vital to their public image.

We don't!

New Red scare looms in 1980s

In the 1920s, the United States was subject to its first Red scare. Thirty years later in the 1950s, Americans were forced to suffer under the unfounded accusations of Sen. Joe McCarthy and his now infamous "lists."

It has been another thirty years. Ronald Reagan and friends are right on time.

WHENEVER the political tide seems to ebb more than flow, a Republican administration drags from the hell of public opinion demonic charges of communist sympathizers in government and "un-American" worms in America's apple pie.

The past attempts at stirring hysteria among the masses were initially met with favor, as it provided a unique opportunity for those with a grudge to rise above the law and the Constitution.

THE BASIS of our society has remained intact. There is no guarantee it can do so again against the onslaught of hearsay, rumor and innuendo which are currently appearing on the political horizon.

However, America does not perceive itself or its values to be in danger.

That's what the Slavs thought when Hitler moved into Austria, and that's what Poles believed when Hitler moved into Czechoslovakia.



Letters From Our Readers

Bicyclist states her grievances

To the Editor:

This is directed to those motorists on campus who seem unwilling to share the road with those of us who bicycle to school.

Do you not consider us vital human flesh with nerve endings that feel pain and bodies that break? Why else is it that so many of you will constantly look a bicyclist in the eye and then pull out or turn right in front of them?

Granted, when backing out a parking space, a bicycle can be harder to spot than a car but that's not a good excuse. That's only a good reason to slow down and look carefully before you whiz out.

And while I'm on it—to all of you men who just can't resist drooling out of your car windows and "hey babying" every female you see on foot or bicycle, I can't find strong enough words to tell you how little anyone cares to hear your warped opinions or how ridiculous you sound making your wounded animal noises.

I understand that it gives you that strong sense of male dominance and macho identity you so need, but are you really so understimulated? Sexually frustrated? Just plain bored?

Maybe you should take up bicycling.

Jennifer Jackson
Box 6114

Housing policy called victorian

To the Editor:

When I first came to MTSU last fall, I immediately realized the rules concerning campus life were somewhat victorian. But I generally kept my feelings about it quiet.

But now things have gone too far.

MTSU residents are forced to put up with innumerable idiotic rules thrust upon them by the housing office and State Board of Regents (who haven't touched base with reality in some time) and I'm sick of it.

In an average male dorm (and some of the women dorms) the resident must share a bathroom with five others, live in a room the size of a well-designed broom closet and contend with housing rules as liberal and loveable as a locked chastity belt with a missing key.

Last week and this week,

MTSU residents are experiencing the joys of room check, when strangers called RAs enter your room to see if they like what you've done with it and to make sure nothing weird is growing on the walls.

When my room was inspected it received a "Satisfactory" rating.

Fair enough. But next to the word "Comments" was written: "Straighten up."

That's way too much. My mother is the only person that tells me to straighten my room.

I've got news for the housing authority at MTSU:

- We are adults, we've paid through the teeth for these expensive and inadequate rooms, and we don't like being treated like citizens of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood.

- We're not allowed to bring any alcohol on this campus although the overwhelming majority of us are well over the drinking-age limit, we're told when we're allowed to have the opposite sex in our rooms and we're limited to the cooking utensils we can use there.

- If the SBR truly doesn't want you to cook in your room, how about supplying a couple of small kitchens in each dorm. It's been done in other Tennessee SBR schools that charge substantially less for their rooms, (i.e. ETSU).

- If the SBR truly doesn't want the sexes intermingling at any time and unsupervised (oh, my!) in their rooms, how about an adequate lobby where people can quietly visit one another. No way.

Most of the lobbies at MTSU are loud meeting places with dirty, tired furniture and constant traffic. They have all the quiet and comfort of an airplane crash and more resemble Grand Central Station than a dorm lobby.

These aren't MTSU's rules, they've been brought to us from the great unseeing and unseeable SBR.

These rules sound like they were printed in 1951, and it's time for a change.

Freshman residents are forced to purchase a \$300 meal ticket whether they want to or not (which merely provides a nice and assured profit for the ARA Food Services), everyone has to get their classes approved by a guardian adviser and now RAs are asking folks to *clean up their rooms!*

Wake up, folks! If a person can't handle a meal budget or his or her own class schedule, then what in the world are they doing in college? Why not have somebody walk everyone to class for the first week and help them with their homework?

It's time for some

alterations in the rules governing dorm life at MTSU.

I think it's the housing office that has a little straightening up to do.

David Jarrard
Box 727

WMOT format complaint aired

To the Editor:

What ever happened to rock n-roll in Tennessee?

I have been in Murfreesboro for three years and during this time period, two fair stations have gone off the 106 in Nashville and WMOT cut off its rock oriented weekends.

I'M SORRY that I come a city of many choices of entertainment—not just college. But the times change.

So, come on Tennessee, wake up to the 20th century and try to adjust to the changing world. You'll benefit and won't be bored.

I lived for the weekend when WMOT featured rock from 12 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday mornings. What happened?

WMOT is still carrying the soul on the weekend, we not carry soul on either Friday or Saturday and rock on the other night.

Come on WMOT, I miss your progressive rock. There is no entertainment or weekends in Murfreesboro.

It's not that I haven't looked for any, but when I have, the only conclusion I come to is a lot of wasted time and a ton of depression on my ratings.

PLEASE COME back at least one night a week with rock. I can't stand the bubble gum so called rock stations from Nashville.

I wish Tennessee would stop trying to please the bubble gum preppies and try to please the progressive student.

Michael Lanke
Box 332

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by STONEHENGE

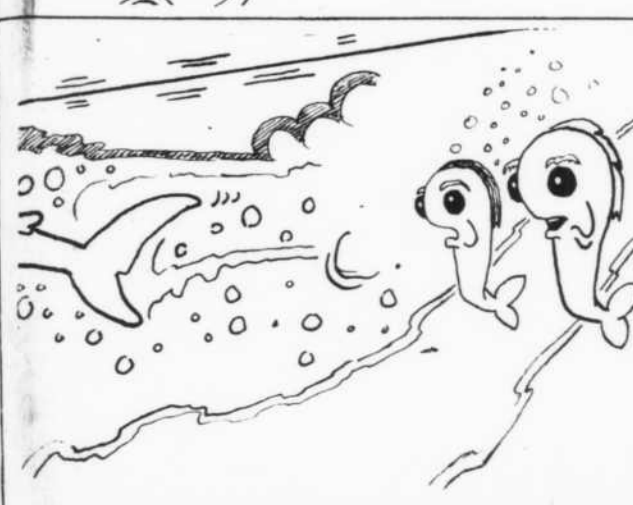
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Stonehenge

Students clown around town

By GAIL HURT
Staff Writer

In today's world where many people think there is not a lot to smile about, the people of the Wesley Foundation say they believe there is reason to smile.

Michael O'Bannon, director, explains that his organization sponsors a non-commercial enterprise known as the Clown Troupe.

IT IS ALSO known as their "ministry of smile," since the main goal of the clowns is to make people smile.

There are different types of clowns, but this group uses only what is known as white face clowns. The reason is that the white face clown's features are not greatly exaggerated. This tends to appeal more to children and older people and doesn't frighten them as some clowns do.

The makeup they wear is kid-proofed, meaning it is applied so that it will not come off. This allows people to touch the face

of the clowns.

THE CLOWNS have three areas in which they minister to people.

They participate in hospital visitation. They visit the patients, but they also visit the staff and people in waiting rooms, feeling these last two groups are often forgotten about. They hand out balloons and try to raise smiles.

The clowns also visit nursing facilities. Here the emphasis is on touch. They feel that many people in these facilities are rarely touched and the clowns bring a "touch of humanity" to these older citizens.

THEY ALSO perform at non-commercial civic events such as parades, car shows, and the story hour at the library.

In addition to the areas they minister in regularly, they are occasionally invited to do clown worship services at local churches here and around Middle Tennessee. They also perform a couple of times a year



The MTSU Wesley Foundation has as part of its ministry a clown troupe made up of students who want to reach out to the campus and community the message of God's love.

at the Wesley Foundation.

Clowns are not funny in themselves, they need help. The troupe uses gimmicks when performing. They hand out balloons, juggle and do simple magic. They may use puppets, horns, giant toothbrushes and things of this nature.

O'BANNON participates as "Root-n-Too" the clown with the troupe in addition to traveling and performing at places he has been invited to.

He has performed all over the state, and such places as Shreveport, La.; Roanoke Rapids, N.C.; and Huntsville,

Ala. to name a few.

The clowns have certain rules they go by in order to "preserve the magical character of the clown," O'Bannon said.

"When performing, the clowns are not allowed to speak, and no skin or hair may show. They do not eat or drink while in character and never appear unless they are fully made up and in costume," O'Bannon said.

The troupe's next performance will be at the Homecoming Parade to be held on Oct. 23 at 9 a.m.

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Loggins gains new high

By STAN MOORE
Staff Writer

Kenny Loggins' unique ability to write and sing from his very soul is evident in his latest effort, *High Adventure*.

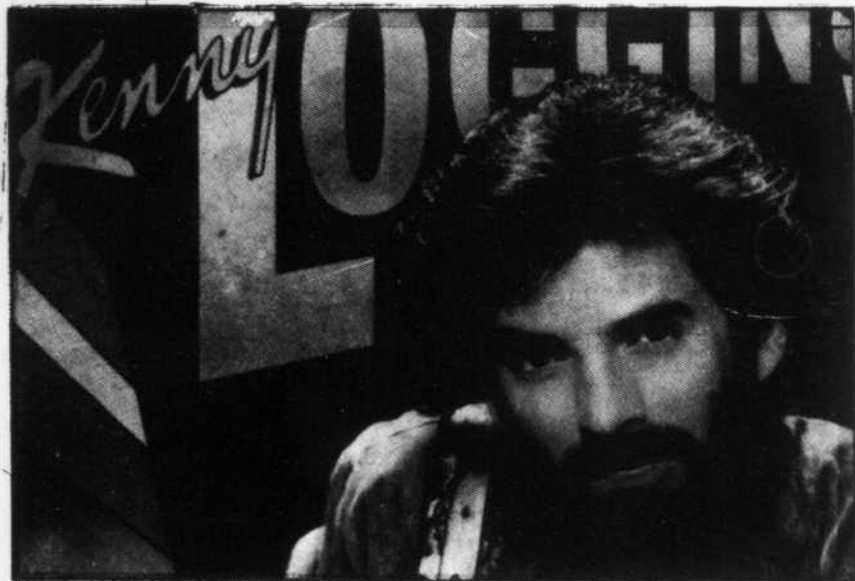
Loggins demonstrates once again his mastery at writing poetic lyrics and using varying music styles.

ALL THE cuts in *Adventure* are written by Loggins, with a

that make each song an adventure in listening.

WHEN ASKED of Kenny Loggins as an entertainer, energy is definitely a key word in the conversation. I was fortunate to catch Kenny's outstanding performance during the State Fair and enjoyed it thoroughly.

The energy and enthusiasm that he maintained throughout



Kenny Loggins gets help from some very talented individuals like Michael MacDonald and Steve Perry on his LP, "High Adventure."

little help from friends like Michael McDonald, Steven Perry, David Foster and others.

Like many of his previous albums, *High Adventure* contains a variety of music, from the high energy sing-a-long rock of "Don't Fight It" to the slow and beautiful orchestration of "Only A Miracle."

The dominant instrument in every cut is the versatile voice of this artist. His very wide vocal range, and his expressive and energetic delivery are key factors

the show and all three encores was a stamp of his integrity and professionalism as an entertainer. If he comes back to town, beg, borrow or steal your way in, the man is a "god" in concert. Oh yeah, about the album...

I tried to find a bad tune on "High Adventure" but to no avail. It's a strong and enjoyable album from groove to groove. Loggins' combination of strong lyrical songwriting, high energy music and superb vocals add up to another hit album in a long line of successes.

Horrors tops

Amityville Horror II: The Possession was not expected to do well in the box office, but it has surprised many critics by debuting as the largest grossing film this week, according to *Variety Magazine*.

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Sports

Racers host MTSU

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

Both MTSU and Murray State are on losing streaks and both teams will be trying to eradicate those streaks when Murray welcomes the Blue Raiders in their homecoming game this Saturday in Murray, Kentucky.

The Blue Raiders have dropped their last two meetings, the first to Akron in a last second nail-biter here in Murfreesboro and the most recent to the nation's number one unit, the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

THE RACERS have dropped four straight, failing to walk off the turf victorious since their opener against Southeast Missouri. They have since lost to Central Missouri, Tennessee Tech, Morehead and UT-Martin.

Both the Racers and the Raiders feature two of the league's better defensive squads. On the other side of the coin, the two teams are considered to be two of the weaker offensive units in the conference.

MTSU could be said to have the offensive edge, with the dynamic backfield tandem of

Vince Hall and Danny Colwell having gained more combined than the entire Murray State offense has managed to rush for this year.

A GREAT deal of the Murray scoring comes from their defense, with the Racers leading the conference in scoring. The Blue Raiders are second in that category.

The defense is led by the likes of hammering Rodney Lofton, tackle Donnie Wilson, safety Ralph Robinson and linebacker Donald White.

Part of the offensive ineptness could be attributed to the fact that Racer signal caller, Winston Ford, has yet to throw a touchdown strike. Back-up, Brian Fine, may also see action in the battle.

HEAD COACH Frank Beamer will rely heavily on the likes of wingback Micheal Moore for offensive weaponry, Moore leading the team in rushing.

Hauling down what Beamer hopes will be touchdown passes against the Raiders will be split end, Stan Trice, and wingback, John Walsh. The two are the

finest the Racers have to offer in the way of pass receivers.

MTSU seems to have the recent bad luck in the league. The Blue Raiders fell in a white knuckler to Akron, a game that saw both teams play their guts out and the foot of Dennis Heckman thwarting a valiant Raider comeback. Eastern blasted the Raiders last week, with a blistering second half of football in which the Colonels racked up 21 points against a waning performance from the men in blue.

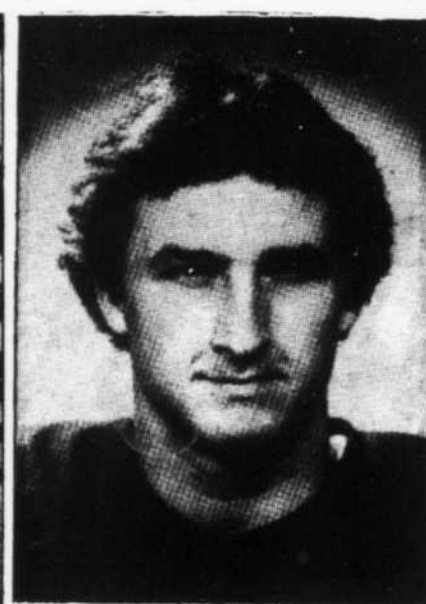
THE BLUE Raiders have the "meat" of their schedule coming up, facing only one more opponent at home and then finishing out the season on the road. A victory over the Racers is imperative for the prospect of working towards a respectable finish in the conference.

Die hard Raider backers will have no trouble remembering the tremendous victory that Middle notched last year when the Raiders spanked the then number one ranked Racers here by a score of 14-9.

Murray was number one in the nation as well as the conference at the time.



Quarterbacking duties for Murray State will be handled by Winston Ford and Brian Fine. The Racers will be looking for their first victory in the conference, having dropped four straight.



Have some Chili

by Mat 'Chili' Williams

With all due respect to the popular Cleaver family, today's college sports fans are into the game with a much greater intensity. They're not afraid to show their explosive emotions during the course of an intense battle.

For example, you would never see Wally or the Beaver take their neatly-pressed suits off during a ballgame even if the temperature was 110.

THE NEW breed of fans will take their shirts off no matter what the weather is like. It could be 20 below zero and you will still see dedicated fans braving the freezing atmosphere to support their favorite team.

Today's fans like to paint their faces with bright colors and patterns. Can you see Ward, Mr. Conservative himself, with his face painted?

You would never see June sneak a bottle of Seagrams into a game to mix with her 7-Up. June didn't need to get drunk at a game to enjoy it and neither did

the rest of the Cleaver clan.

OF COURSE the language at the games was considerably less vulgar during that time.

Wally—"Gee Beave, wasn't that a swell tackle?"

Beaver—"Boy, it sure was Wally!"

Ward—"Yes fellows, Bart Armstrong is a fine linebacker, indeed."

Compare that to today's abusive dialect.

Woody—"Man, he knocked that boy's damn head off!"

Joe Bob—"Damn right!"

Elmer—"That sucker didn't even know what hit 'im! Hand me that bottle of Jack there Bubba! Let's raise it boys!"

The most vocal members of the college crowd are unquestionably the students, who are classified into two main sections—One, the fraternities and sororities and two, the rest.

THE FRATS must be given credit; they are supportive. Their biggest problem is their conservative appearance. Their

clean-shaven faces, closely-cropped hair, green pants and pink shirts do not offer the intimidating look that is important to explosive intensity. (In all fairness, not all fraternity and sorority members look like this and I am not prejudiced against this style—my roommate dresses like this and we get along great.) The frats, however, do have great cheers, colorful banners, and of course, "can put the liquor in the dungeon."

The remainder of the fans consists of a "little bit of everybody," from good ole boys to true supporters. Many of these people come to the game with a case of Weidemann or Sterling gurgling in their guts ready for some fast-paced excitement on the field. These are the folks that rip their shirts off and paint their faces. They are not concerned about picking up girls after the game, but are more interested in helping the team win with their support.

Coach Dean Hayes, two others receive Hall of Fame honors

Current Middle Tennessee track coach Dean Hayes and two former Blue Raider greats, Elmer "Molly" Malone and Elmer "Moody" Bain, will be inducted into the MTSU Athletic Hall of Fame this year, when former lettermen, alumni and

the general public gather for the annual "Lettermen's Breakfast" on Homecoming morning.

The Blue Raiders' homecoming is set for Oct. 23 against Austin Peay. The breakfast will kickoff the day's activities at 7 a.m. in the

Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

THIS IS the seventh annual breakfast and to date, MTSU has seen 18 men inducted into its Hall of Fame.

Hayes came to MTSU in 1965 as the University's head track coach and has guided the cross-country, indoor and outdoor track squads ever since.

In the past 17 years, honors have been poured upon Hayes and his Raiders. He is currently the NCAA Division I Track Coaches Association President and was honored as the Division I National Coach of the Year in 1981. Hayes has had countless All-Americans and has led his Raiders to numerous Ohio Valley Conference titles. MTSU has earned a name, nationally, do to Hayes' Raiders top performances at the NCAA Championship meets.

MALONE was a four-year letterman at MTSU from 1926 to 1930. He was a playmaking guard on the Raider basketball teams under coach F.A. Faulkinberry. He is a native of Dowlintown, Tenn., attended Liberty High School and then moved on to MTSU in 1926.

Bain, a DeKalb County native, passed away in May of 1981 at the age of 61. He was a standout football player at MTSU in the World War II era. He played in 1940 and 1941 before entering the service and then returned to play under Coach "Bubber" Murphy in 1947. As a player, Bain stepped forward as a tremendous runner, but drew most of his recognition from his linebacking prowess.

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OVC powers into second half

The upcoming weekend for the OVC sees conference leader Eastern Kentucky taking the week off, while all remaining seven teams hurl into action.

Two high powered offenses and two no power defenses take the field in Clarksville when Austin Peay welcomes Youngstown State.

PARIS Wicks is the top rusher in the conference for Youngstown and it will be up to the lowly Peay defensive unit to stop the invincible back. Quarterback, Griffin Keys will handle the field generalship and could prove worrisome with a potent air attack.

The running attack owned by the Governors is simply deadly, with freshman Freddie Motes setting the league on fire in his first year with good performances in all the Peay outings. Big fullback John Brown maims and plows defenders with his bruising running style.

Morehead State takes its 1-2 conference record to Akron to play the Zips.

MOREHEAD is the lowliest team in the conference when it comes to offense and will have

its hands full with the time bomb offense of the Zips, which can go off at any time.

Quarterback Kevin Meade of Akron is having a fine year, hitting 52 percent of his passes and has thrown three touchdown strikes. James Black, the second best in the conference in rushing, will be back this week for Akron, and will definitely boost the ground assault for the Zipping Akronites.

Dan Reeves leads the Eagles, who have seen little success on the grid this year. The team hopes to up its conference standing and get out of the always dreaded OVC dungeon.

TENNESSEE Tech welcomes ex-conference member Western Kentucky. WKU has posted three wins this year against OVC teams and are probably regretting leaving the conference.

Ski team wraps up fall frolics

By ROMIE BESHAKES

Sports Writer

The MTSU Water Ski team closed out their fall agenda recently with what could be termed a very productive campaign.

The women placed third in the Mid-Atlantic conference, while the men placed fourth. The team wound up fourth overall.

THE TEAM also competed in the MAC Regionals in Montgomery, Ala., but failed to come away with a victory. The winner of that event travels to the Nationals, which are also held in Alabama.

Cross country tunes for OVC finals

The next outing for the Blue Raider cross country team will be Saturday morning at Percy Warner Park.

The meet will be the prelude to the OVC meet which is coming up in the near future.

The run will be a five miler and will feature two of the finest runners in recent years for the Raiders.

Quarterback Mark Powers has found the going tough for the Golden Eagles so far this year and has thrown nine interceptions. He replaced preseason All-Conference selection Tony Constantine, who has fallen to the wayside with injuries.

WESTERN is currently 3-2 for the 1982 campaign, and behind the quarterbacking prowess of Ralph Anderson hopes to sweep all its OVC rivals this year.

Middle Tennessee goes to Murray State to face the Racers in their homecoming.

Defensive minded MTSU desperately needs a notch in the win column to even its OVC record at 2-2, while the Racers have dropped four straight and look for their second win on the season.

This year the squad is fortunate to have the likes of Rhonda Whetzel gracing the skis. Whetzel is a national skier who holds all the conference records in Women's Intercollegiate Conference Skiing. Members of the team are encouraging anyone who is interested in participating in the spring to get in touch with one of them.

THIS YEAR the team has several full time members, including Andy Key, Bucky Law, Scott Whitehouse, Jimbo Eddins, Rhonda Whetzel, Cathy Smith, Melissa Woodfin and Kim Eddins.

Jeff Skinner will be heavily favored in the race. Skinner was the victor in the Fisk Jubilee meet this fall and has been praised by Coach Dean Hayes.

Robert Willis will also be taking to the countryside for the Running Raiders. Willis is the recent victor in the Old Hickory Road Race.

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