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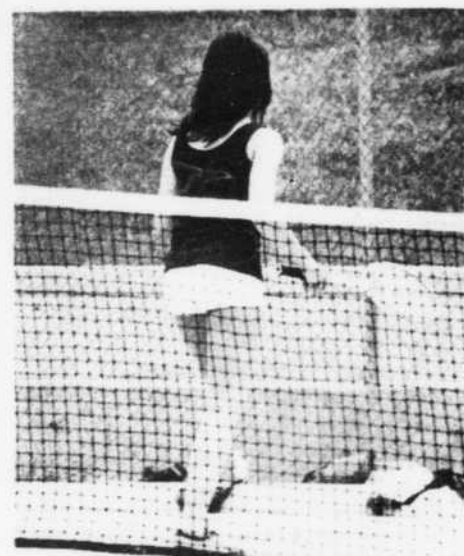


blows the first attempt...



considers methods of improving her game...

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and decides instead that a coke in the grill would go down good on a hot day.

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Thieves, lack of manpower plague pound

by Bill Mason

Break-ins and a shortage of manpower are the two greatest problems facing the Rutherford County Rabies Control Center, commonly known as the county dog pound, Tom Yates, supervisor of rabies control, said yesterday.

"Our biggest problem is break-ins," Yates said. "We are averaging about one break-in a week."

Yates said the latest break-in occurred Sunday night when the control center office was entered. Usually the pen area behind the control center is the target of the thieves, he said.

"The purpose of the thieves is usually to steal a dog," Yates said.

"Each ... break-in ... costs us \$15 or more to repair the damage."

--Tom Yates
Rabies Control Chief

"Sometimes, they are just mischievous and want to play a prank."

Sometimes the thieves are people who own an unregistered dog and steal it from the pound after it has been captured rather than pay the registration fee, he said.

"Each time we have a break-in, it costs us \$15 or more to repair the damage," Yates said.

Yates pointed out the lack of manpower for the rabies control

program and the resultant problems in providing adequate service.

Only two men and one truck are available to answer all the complaints about stray dogs and cats. The men have a great deal of difficulty providing adequate service for the county and the city, Yates said.

He said the budget for the program is adequate for the services which the program now provides,

but the amount of money available is not enough to buy a new truck.

The Rutherford County Quarterly Court and the City of Murfreesboro provide funds for the program, Yates said. The possibility for additional funds for another truck has been discussed, but no action has been taken, he said.

"A new truck would relieve the men of the endless stray dog complaints," Yates said. "They put a lot of effort into their work and often have nothing to show for it."

Jan Flippo, the rabies control officer, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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A dog foams at the mouth in one of the outside pens at the county pound. Seven other dogs were in the same pen as this animal.

Photo by M. Alan Loveless

Democrats schedule caucuses

Precinct caucuses of the Rutherford County Democratic Party will be held Friday night, Matt Murfree, county party chairman, said yesterday.

The caucuses, to be held at each polling place in the county, will begin at 7:30 a.m. Murfree said.

"The primary purpose of these caucuses is to elect representatives to the county convention, which will be held April 13," Murfree said. "This is the beginning of the process by which delegates and alternates will be selected for the national Democratic party conference to be held December in Kansas City."

The county chairman said representatives to serve on the county executive committee will also be chosen during Friday's meetings.

Murfree said plans are to enlarge the county convention without use of the controversial "quota system" which was used

to send Democratic delegates to the 1972 national convention.

"We're going to make every effort to insure a broad base of participation for all Democrats in Rutherford County," he said.

"It is necessary that you're elected as a delegate in the precinct meetings if you have plans to participate in any of the other conventions held by the party this year," Murfree said.

Congressional district conventions will be held in each of Tennessee's eight districts on May 11. The state convention is scheduled for June 8 at the Woman's Building, State Fair Grounds, Nashville.

"Every person interested in the activities of the Democratic party should attend these conventions," Murfree said. "It's an effort to uphold the long tradition of the Democratic party in providing a forum for all segments of American society."

Arab compares Zionists to Nazis

by Michael Gigandet

The condition of the Arabs in Israel has been similar to the Jews in Nazi Germany, B. I. Naddy of Columbia State Community College said Thursday night.

"The Zionists terrorized the peaceful Arabs to force them to leave their homes and possessions. Shock and panic are the two major reasons for the exodus of 700,000 Arabs from Palestine since 1949," Naddy said.

Naddy and Anis Salib, Palestinian refugees, spoke at the second session of a seminar on the basics

of the Mid-East conflict.

Naddy cited the massacre of 250 Arabs at Deir Yassin in 1949 as one example of the "many" massacres committed by the Zionists.

"The Zionists used the same mass murder techniques used against the Jews in Nazi Germany," Naddy said.

"The Palestinians are a people without a country," he said. "They are subject to oppression from Arab countries and raids from the Israelis."

Palestinians have resisted militarily through the Palestinian

Liberation Organizations whose aim is to establish a national democratic state in Palestine in which both Arabs and Jews can live together as citizens with equal rights and duties.

Anis Salib, assistant professor of economics at MTSU, spoke on the role of the United States in the Mid-East.

"The Zionist movement has allied itself with the Jewish population in the United States and is using this to affect American foreign policy," Salib said.

He said the United States used promises of economic aid to pressure Latin American countries into supporting the partitioning of Palestine in 1948.

American goodwill to Arab countries has only been temporary, Salib said. Some conservative Arab regimes such as Iraq and Libya who have allied themselves with the United States have been overthrown, he said.

Salib cited the huge American investments in Arab oil and the strategic importance of the Suez Canal as reasons for good relations between the Arabs and the United States.

ASB asks volunteers to advise in fall

Students willing to help MTSU newcomers in their first week on campus next fall may volunteer as student orientation advisers.

"We need 350 advisers," Ginny Bruce, ASB's director of student orientation, said "We welcome anyone that wants to help."

Student orientation advisers show new students the campus, acquaint them with school regulations and organizations and lend a hand when someone in their assigned groups has a problem, Bruce said.

Advisers have been allowed to register early in the past for their efforts, Bruce said, but this bonus is not yet guaranteed for next fall.

SOA's will spend one day of training at the semester's beginning, and they will be needed throughout freshman week, Bruce said.

"It's a great problem trying to round up 350 volunteers in the summer," Bruce said, "so we desperately need a list before everyone gets spread around."

Interested students should send name, classification, campus box number and summer address by May 1 to Ginny Bruce Box 1084.

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Lectures set this week

Meditation helps students 'relax, unwind'

by Gina Jeter

"You don't realize you've been in it until you come out of it."

Denise Krouse, Nashville sophomore, spends about 40 minutes daily in this elusive state of mind--transcendental meditation (TM).

"You sit quietly for about 30 seconds. Then you start saying your mantra in your mind. You let thoughts come in, but if you become absorbed in those thoughts you go back to your mantra," Krouse explained.

The mantra is syllables given the student by his instructor, who has been qualified by TM's innova-

tor, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. These syllables are claimed the vehicle into meditation.

This 20 minute ritual that instructors of transcendental meditation ask their students to practice in the morning and evening affects physical, mental and social benefits, according to scientific research.

"When I meditate, it helps me relax--I can unwind," Krouse said. "It's really a great experience."

However, students and instructors of transcendental meditation say it is an experience that must

be taught.

Frank Norris, an instructor from the Nashville chapter of the International Meditation Society (IMS), will give introductory lectures on TM at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday nights in room 322A of the UC.

Krouse, who learned meditation from Norris, said his documented evidence that its practice has physical benefits and "makes you less irritable" convinced her to pay the \$50 fee for TM lessons.

Learning to meditate now costs \$65, and the money is funneled

into the non-profit IMS.

The fee covers initial instruction and pays membership into IMS, which maintains centers across the nation for promotion of meditation.

"What you're trying to achieve," Krouse said, "is a state with no thoughts and no mantra."

Krouse said she has reached that "desired" state of consciousness only once since she began meditating in February, but said her meditation "has helped."

"I don't regret it at all. It does pick me up, and I think things bother me less."

Forum to debate 'responsibility'

by John Rawlston

The topic for discussion at tomorrow night's campus forum will be "Resolved, that the Republican Party is responsible for the ethics of the Nixon administration," Jim Brooks, forensics director, said.

The Forum will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 324 of the University Center.

Brooks said the room will be divided into two sections. Those supporting the resolution will sit to the right of the moderator, while those opposed to it will sit on his left, he said.

Members of the audience may change sides of the room at any time during the discussion, Brooks said. At 8 p.m. the discussion ends and a final vote will be taken.

"The results of this forum should be interesting," Brooks said. "A forum in the fall of 1972 decided that Nixon should be elected. A forum in October of 1973 said he should be impeached. Now we want to see how students relate Nixon to the overall Republican Party."

After short speeches by students Ken Shelton (in favor of the resolution) and Charles Lea (opposed), the audience may participate with short speeches and comments. Cheers, boos, applause, and heckling is encouraged, Brooks said.

"You can't just come in and sit," said Ron Howell, moderator of tomorrow's forum. "You have to get involved."

Howell said that the decision reached at the forum will be important because the campus community is a "microcosm of the country."

"The forums have always been well contested," he said. "They draw the most verbal and intelligent people on campus and they defend their opinions to the death."

Citing the Watergate affair as a turning point in overcoming a period of public apathy, Howell said he expects the forum to be the largest of the year.

Two tired buckdancers rest their soles after hours of shuffling steps to the country picking at Friday and Saturday's Mid-Tennessee Fiddler's Convention at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville.



Old-time musicians stage 'success'

by Crouse Powell
Music reviewer

A rather unlikely site for a fiddler's convention, I thought. The wooden stage was set at one end of the Austin Peay gym in front of a row of bleachers and the scoreboard above them was flanked by "school-spirit" banners: "Phi Kappa Delta Says Austin Peay Sack Um" and "Play Defense." Yes, very unlikely indeed....

But the setting was quickly forgotten when the music began--the music of the backwoods of Amer-

ica and the grassroots heritage of the South.

The crowd was not large by any means. About 400 people sat in the wooden stands and on the brown metal folding chairs on the gym floor. Contestants were abundant, though, and my hasty notes recorded that "groups are practicing and jamming in halls, classrooms, etc... Men's bathroom has pickers backed into mirrors and urinals.."

But in spite of its size, the crowd was largely enthusiastic. Toddlers and old-timers alike clapped and cheered the contestants on as the divisions were judged--buckdancing, mandolin, banjo, guitar and fiddling.

Fiddling conventions provide the dedicated people watcher with more than adequate entertainment. The old-timers swap tall tales back and forth at a furious pace. One harmonica player told me how he "missed his big chance to play on the radio."

"It was in 1941," Johnny Bellar said as he pulled on his chin. "I was the next boy to play in the contest, and right as I started to play, they cut in on the radio and said that Pearl Harbor had just been bombed by the Japs. I could have won it if it hadn't been for them Japs."

Well, maybe so. War is hell, ain't it?

Steve Davis, a psychology professor at APSU and the head organizer of the festival, proclaimed the convention a "total success."

Charles Wolfe of the MTSU English department and a contest judge, said the event had in attendance the "best set of musicians in the Southeast."

I must agree. The organizers are to be complemented for their vision and its tangible result, and the "1st Annual" fiddler's convention will be, I hope, a new landmark in the bright and happy world of American traditional music.

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Grading change lacks decision

A proposal for a new grading system which was forwarded to President M. G. Scarlett by the faculty senate last week is still awaiting final action.

Scarlett will have to approve the proposal before it can go into effect, John Hood, administrative assistant to the president said yesterday. Scarlett may act on the measure this week.

Approval by the Board of Regents

will not be necessary, Hood said. However, Scarlett will probably forward the proposal to the board for their information.

The 13-stage grade scale is designed to employ a "plus and minus" system, providing faculty members more flexibility in grading.

The proposal would present a more accurate picture of a student's grades, according to propo-

nents of the measure. Faculty members may still use the old grading system by neglecting to add a plus or minus.

The proposal which was considered by the faculty senate for two years passed last week on a 26 to 8 vote. It was approved by the ASB last month.

File 13

The cost of photocopying at the MTSU library has been reduced to five cents. However, the change may not be permanent due to the paper shortage.

A "Master of Blackness" will be chosen from 10 contestants at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the University Center theatre. Admission is 75 cents at the door. The pageant is sponsored by Omega Psi Phi sweethearts.

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Emily Webb, left, speaker of the ASB house of representatives and Dean of Women Judy Smith join Cecelia Ray, Shelbyville junior and Nancy Mosley, right, Nashville sophomore, in examining the new female locker rooms recently installed in the basement of Murphy Center.

Program will certify 'reading' teachers

The education department has revised its graduate program in reading.

"Revision of our graduate program," Robert A. McCrummen, education professor, said, "is to allow students to meet state requirements to be teachers in reading."

The program combines academic work with related laboratory experiences for instructors who wish to concentrate on reading, McCrummen said.

It is designed to improve reading instruction at the elementary and secondary levels through training of classroom teachers, he said.

Certification can be obtained in three grade areas: kindergarten through eighth, seventh through twelfth and kindergarten through twelfth.

This revised program meets the basic requirements of the graduate school for the master of education degree as well as the requirements of the International Reading Association for the professional training of special reading teachers.

MTSU's graduate study includes developmental, corrective and remedial reading programs.

As a result of the revision two new courses are being added to the curriculum. They are Education 675 (research seminar in reading) and Education 546 (reading methods and materials in upper elementary and middle school).



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Demo meets give chance for input

Watergate, inflation, fuel shortages, the Middle East crisis -- these are only a few of the growing problems which have proven to be beyond the control of the corrupt, lethargic leadership in Washington.

The multitude of plagues cry out for resolution, but the American people only get partisan bickering and empty words designed to prop up failing public opinion poll ratings.

It is time that Americans do something to bring an end to governless government. It is time they participate, from the precinct level upward, and by doing so rejuvenate all levels of our nation's political system.

The Democratic party, beginning Friday, will offer that chance for participation. On Friday, meetings will be held across Tennessee to select Democratic delegates for county, district, state, and national conventions. This is the time and place to be heard. This is the opportunity to take the smelly system by the vote and turn it back over to the people.

Remember Friday, April 5. It could well mark the turning point in a crusade to make America more than the ugly behemoth it is fast becoming. You can be a part of that effort.



"The Fault lies on Mrs. Gracey B. Whimperton. I failed third grade math under her at Whittier Elementary." Jan Ellis

Rock Era vanishes, true art form appears

by Schuyler Traugher

Only the strong survive; the weak fall by the wayside.

Well, it had to come sooner or later! The Rock Era has vanished, and the true form of the art is steadily rising. As this may take a deep meeting of the minds, sit back while we take a microscopic look at the situation. For the record, let's call this "True Music" course number 1974. The syllabus for this course is as follows:

- 1) "Rock" was not True Music
- 2) The True Music is Surfacing
- 3) Final Exam

I'm sure that this is going to break some hearts, and possibly infuriate others, but the fact that the Rock Era was basically a vo-

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ciferous mixture of electronic sounds placed in an age of confusion is going to have to be accepted. (If you can't accept this fact, then it will be meaningless for you to continue with this course. You may as well soak your brain in the sound of Springfield, Joplin, The Cream, etc.) Thank you. Now, for those of you who are willing to learn and can advance your mind for further interpretation of this subject, let's see why Rock Music was literally not music at all.

(a) Rock music appealed basically to the age group 17-21. The human mind at this stage is open to whatever is considered "hip."

(b) The loud guitar, the screaming voice and the "far out" musical structure of Rock Music was considered "hip" because it was powerful, loud and wild. Not to be excluded is the connection of drugs and Rock Music. This left a bad impression on the music scene. Believe me, there is a "natural" beauty to music that the hardest drug cannot reach.

(c) All Rock groups were basically sending the same vibes to the public. The vibes didn't necessarily show true talent nor did they present a meaningful message (in most cases.) But they did show that young people relate to loudness and wildness. Most Rock music was a "big trip."

For those that are still with me, I suppose you are wondering what will replace the spot that Rock music had occupied. Stevie Wonder deserved every inch of his four Grammy Awards. Not only does he write his own material, but also produces, engineers and literally plays all instruments involved in his works. And the instruments don't get in each other's way. Check out "Innervisions." Elton John is taking the music scene into the next galaxy. "Bennie and The Jets" uses only voice, bass, drums and piano (along with a sound from Mars towards the end). While the sound is soft, the musical elements are placed to create a new and pleasant sound.

The Sound of Philadelphia is the outcome of years of hard work by the likes of Gamble-Huff and Thom Bell. When you listen to TSOP (Soul Train Theme) you are rocking to the sound of a full orchestra including strings. No easy task to bring this type of sound together. **Charlie Rich** has brought country music a long way with "The Most Beautiful Girl" and "Very Special Love Song." One of the key elements to the success of these songs are the true expressions that are used in lyrics and especially in the string arrangements. Please listen to the STRINGS.

It is now time for me to prepare a final exam for those who are still here. Mmmmm . . . I'll tell you what; I'll give you a "C" for accepting the fact that Rock was not a true form of the art. I'll go a step further and give you a "B" if you can accept the fact that the music scene is developing a more pleasing sound to the ear. Sorry, I get the "A". **Only the strong survive; the weak fall by the wayside.**

Readers' views

To the editor:

The car pool parking lot and its system can't be called "a success". First, one half of the parking lot next to the baseball field was designated as space. Secondly, they couldn't fill it, so they started using only half of the half and still they can't fill it up. Thirdly, if you want to park behind the visitor's football bleachers, you can't do that between 7 and 10.

I'm doing my bit of the fuel problem by only coming three days a week. If they lower the car pool number from three to two, they might fill the lot.

But, if they are so wrapped up in conserving fuel, then why do they run their little white "cop cart" from 7 until 10. Their motto is "Don't Be Fuelish."

Gallatin commuter

To the editor:

As I was walking between the dramatic arts and ROTC buildings, there was a German Shepherd tied

to a tree next to the road. When I walked by the dog, it leaped and barked at me without cause. I know of another similar incident with the same dog, so I am sure that I am not the only one the dog would attack.

A dog like this is dangerous on campus and should not be left unattended. I am also concerned for the children who go to the

Speech and Hearing Clinic. If they should happen to go near the dog, there could be serious injury.

I love dogs but when they become vicious when unprovoked, something needs to be done. I suggest that the owner keep the dog away from populated areas for everyone's safety.

Name withheld upon request.

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"Put dogs here" reads the sign on a brick pit used when strays are first brought to the pound.

Pound suffers poor conditions

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A brief inspection of the pound's facilities showed crowded and dirty pens in the outside areas where the dogs are kept.

As many as nine dogs were confined in one of the outside pens. Only one of the pens was occupied by one dog, a German shepherd.

A dog which was foaming at the mouth was housed in the same pen as seven other dogs. There was no way to determine if the dog was rabid.

The water in all of the pens appeared to be stagnant, and there was no food in any of the pens except the one occupied by the German shepherd.

No one was present at the rabies control center yesterday and an inspection of the facilities inside the building was not possible. However, (through the building's windows) the inside pens appeared to be no cleaner, but much less crowded.

ASB to poll students on specialized courses

ASB will soon gather student opinions on specialized courses that may be added to the MTSU curriculum, ASB President Tim Watson said Wednesday.

"We feel the specialized courses would provide a more enriched general curriculum for our students," Watson said. ASB's Academic Affairs Committee is scheduled to conduct the poll.

Some of the possible courses are: in psychology--Psychology of Women, Play Therapy and Psychology of Careers; in business administration--Commodity Markets and International Marketing; in industrial arts--Avocational Metal Spinning, Cabinet and Furniture Design and Free-hand Sketching for Visual Thinking.

The specialized courses come from a list of classes departments

could offer if sufficient student interest is shown, Watson said.

"This poll will allow more students to participate in the determination of university curriculum at the departmental level" he said.

Emily Mann, ASB secretary of academic affairs, asked each department to list courses of a specialized nature that it could offer.

"The response to her request has been pretty good," Watson said.

Grill construction converts utensils, eliminates trays

University Center Grill has been using paper cups, paper plates, plastic silverware and no trays since the dishroom was torn out during spring break.

The Grill has been under enlargement construction for several months and should be completed in June.

The Grill will be open until 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Grill manager Steve Thurston said closing at 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. instead of 1 a.m. was a good idea because the number of people using the Grill late at night has gone down.

Job Interviews

Today: Prudential Insurance Company; Hamilton Bancshares; Wilton Corporation, Winchester.

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SIDELINES SPORTS

Wood chatter

Blue netters: a good bet for MTSU's first '74 title

by Tom Wood

An Ohio Valley Conference Championship at MTSU in 1974?

The answer to that question may come during this week as the tennis squad gets into the full swing of things.

Thanks to tennis coach Larry Castle's efforts, a once mediocre tennis team has turned into a top notch contender.

Following a practice match against Murray last Friday, Castle said this is the best we have played since spring break.

"Everybody is playing well and Geoff Gilchrist is doing extremely well," said Castle.

The team is at Vanderbilt this afternoon and opens its OVC schedule against Murray on Friday and Western Kentucky Saturday.

A native of Paintsville, Kentucky, Castle is in his third year as head coach of the Blue Raiders. He has carried a winning tradition to MTSU and is a fine player in his own right.

Last year, Castle and Eustace Kigongo, a senior from Kampala, Uganda, teamed up to win the Nashville Municipality Doubles Championship.

Castle's squad will face some outstanding competition this year, and will have to play at a peak performance level against other OVC contenders.

"On paper, Austin Peay has the best team," said Castle. On the courts however, is where the winner is determined, and MTSU meets all qualifications in that department.

Coach Castle to the rescue!

★ ★ Raider jock shorts ★ ★

TRACK: Blue Raider high jumper Jesse Agnew cleared 6 feet, 8 inches to set a new meet record at the Florida Relays last weekend in Gainesville. The jump was Agnew's highest of the year.

All-American triple jumper Tommy Haynes grabbed second place with a leap of 50 feet, 11 inches at Gainesville.

BASEBALL: Jack Laverty, the ace of the Blue Raider pitching staff last season, suffered a freak accident recently and will be out for the remainder of the season. Laverty lost a portion of two fingers on his pitching hand in the accident according to sources in the MTSU Sports Information Office. The full details surrounding the accident have not been disclosed.

FOOTBALL: Tommy Beaver, a quarterback on the Raider squad last season, has decided to drop football in favor of baseball. Beaver, a Maryville sophomore, is one of the leading hitters on the MTSU team with an average in excess of .300.

BASKETBALL: All-Ohio Valley Conference forward Jimmy Powell will be playing for the Tennessee All-Star squad tonight in the Tennessee-Kentucky clash at 7:30 in the Vanderbilt gymnasium.

INTRAMURALS: Today is the final day to get an entry in for the IM tennis doubles tourney. Anyone interested should file an entry in

the IM office on the main floor of Alumni Gym.

The IM Fishing Rodeo, open to all MTSU faculty and students, will be open for entries next week.

IM Director Joe Ruffner said he is looking for a response concerning the faculty volleyball tournament, scheduled for April 11.

TABLE TENNIS: Jim Campbell will represent MTSU in the national table tennis championships to be held in Wisconsin. Campbell placed second in the regional tournament, earning him a spot in the national contest.

GOLF: MTSU linksman Jim Hurt fired a 69 to take the Stones River Invitational Tournament crown last weekend at Stones River Country Club. Hurt edged teammate Gary Sharber, who shot a 71, for the victory.

WRESTLING: Raider wrestling coach Chip Langley has been on the recruiting trail for the past few weeks and he says the outlook for next year is "getting brighter." Langley is recruiting from wrestling rich Chattanooga and Nashville.

SOCCER: The MTSU International Soccer Club will put its undefeated record on the line next week in a re-match with Vanderbilt on the Raider fields. MTSU is 4-0 on the year with wins over Knoxville Webb, Vanderbilt and Peabody twice.



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UTC to apply for OVC entry

Chattanooga, Tenn. (AP) - The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga voted Saturday to apply for membership in the Ohio Valley Conference.

UTC officials said members of the eight-school conference have informally been contacted about admitting the Moccasins.

Representatives of the four Tennessee members reportedly support UTC's admission while the Kentucky members are reluctant to vote OVC membership to another Tennessee school.

The UTC board also voted to create a women's inter-collegiate athletics program with a first-year budget of \$15,521. The program will include women's basketball, volleyball and tennis competition.

Raiderettes win two net matches

Five veterans on the MTSU women's tennis team swept to singles victories over Trevecca Nazarene and Peabody colleges last Friday to power the Raiderette netters to a double win in the squad's season opener.

Led by Janet Simpson, Nancy Allen, Lynn Burklow, Marjie Nix and Sandy McMillen, MTSU trounced Trevecca 12-0 and Peabody 11-1.

The Raiderette's only loss was by freshman Laura Davis, who was edged by her Peabody opponent.

MTSU Coach Linda Farver said she was very pleased with her team's performance, but added, "Our toughest matches are ahead."

Backing up the Raiderette veterans are Davis, Honey Pike, Donna Conquest and Gay Gimble.

The lady netters will put their record on the line tomorrow against the University of the South in Sewanee.

MTSU will compete in a tournament in Clarksville this weekend against Austin Peay, UT-Knoxville and Tennessee Tech.

The Raiderettes' first home match will be played against APSU April 18 on the MTSU courts.

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Raider nine takes twinbill from UTC

by Reid Andrews

MTSU's baseball team ran its record to 9-6 by defeating UT-Chattanooga 9-1 and 14-2 in a doubleheader here yesterday.

In the opener, pitcher Gary Matthews upped his record to 4-0 as he allowed only three hits and struck out 11.

Chattanooga scored in the first inning when Bobby Rodgers tripled on the opening pitch of the game and came home on an infield out by Mike McCarthy.

The Raiders erupted for seven runs in the third. Scott Sain walked to lead off and scored on a double by Tommy Owens. After a walk to Wally Mathis and a balk that moved runners to second and third, Denton Peters delivered a two-run single, scoring Owens and Mathis.

Rodney Jones added two RBIs in the inning, and the Raiders batted around, scoring their seven runs on only five hits.

The Raiders added their final runs in the sixth when Owens



Preparing to slide into home is Raider outfielder Roger Cox. Cox scored on the play as teammate Scott Sain watches closely.

singled and scored after Gary Melson's fly ball was dropped for a two-base error. Melson scored when Tommy Beaver tripled to left.

In the second game, Billy Krei tossed a six-hitter as the Raiders pounded out 13 hits in their 14-2 win.

The Big Blue opened the scoring when they sent nine men to bat in a six-run second inning.

The Raiders added two runs in the fourth. After Garner walked, Cox scored all the way from home when his bunted ball was thrown by the catcher into right field. The ball was mishandled in the outfield, and Cox scored easily.

MTSU added five runs in the fifth. Cox drove in Murray, who had walked, for one run. After a wild pitch and a passed ball produced two more runs, Mathis tripled, scoring Sain and Owens, both of whom had singled.

The Raiders added their last run of the day in the sixth when Garner's fly ball drove home Keller, who had doubled.

MTSU's game with Western Kentucky was cancelled Saturday because of wet grounds.

The Raiders will meet Tennessee Tech in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. today in Cookeville.

On Thursday Coach John Stanford's team will be in Nashville to face Tennessee State, which lost to MTSU 12-0 last week.

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Seven students place in karate tournament

MTSU was represented well in the Wade Invitational karate tournament held in Alumni Memorial Gym last week as seven students and an instructor scored in the event.

Terry Thomas of the Murfreesboro Bushido Club grabbed first place in the white belt division over James Avery of the Northside Bushido Club.

David Deaton, instructor of the MTSU Wade Club, scored a first place triumph in the black belt division over Mike Vanatta.

Other MTSU students who scored were Guy Freeman, Janet Simpson, Bill Eubanks, Sheff Harman, Gary Taylor and Bill Herzer.

"The tournament went very well," said Newton Harris, MTSU karate instructor and the tournament's host. "It was highly competitive, and it was one of the smoothest running tournaments I've been involved with."

Harris said the tournament was closely officiated by black-belt artists and had no incidents of temper flareups.

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Scott's Spot

Is any team or athlete too good to play?

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

It's happening all over the country. Too many people affiliated with sports are placing themselves above the crowd, throwing away some old values and creating their own new ones.

It almost happened in the consolation game of the NCAA basketball championship tournaments. The great UCLA Bruins, NCAA champs for nearly a decade running, were defeated by North Carolina State and deprived of the chance to once more defend their title.

So, Bruin Coach John Wooden said he did not know whether his starters would play in the consolation game. He said he didn't know whether they would even show up for the game, but Bill Walton and company did play.

A couple of months ago a nasty situation arose in the Ohio Valley Conference involving ex-Morehead basketball coach Bill Harrell.

Claiming he wanted to rest his best players prior to a key conference encounter with Murray State, Harrell kept his first six players out of the Morehead-Illinois State game.

It wasn't long after the game that Harrell resigned his post at Morehead.

To bring up a more recent controversy, the 1974 professional baseball season is about to get underway, and the focus of attention is on Henry Aaron.

A few weeks ago it was announced that Aaron would not play in the Atlanta Braves' opener at Cincinnati. The Atlanta owners were frightful Hank might knock a couple homers in Redleg territory, depriving the loyal Atlanta fans of witnessing Aaron break Babe Ruth's record.

However, the irrepressible Bowie Kuhn, commissioner of baseball, stepped in and ruled that Aaron must play in the Braves' opener if physically capable.

So, how does all this tie in? The link can be found in the philosophies of the individual involved in these controversies.

First, there's Wooden, the unchallenged king of coaches in collegiate roundball, and the Bruin squad.



Pointing the finger is ex-Morehead Coach Bill Harrell. Harrell was the subject of controversy last basketball season when he kept his starting players out of MSU's game with Illinois State.

Sure, they played, but why did they stir up things to begin with. I don't think anyone gets excited over third place games, but if they're existent, they should be played with competitive attitudes.

To me, Wooden and company were saying, "We were champs for a long time--so why should we knock ourselves out in an also-ran game?"

Concerning the Harrell situation, I can only hope that his attitude is not indicative of OVC coaches.

I remember a game MTSU played with UT-Chattanooga last Feb. 4. The Raiders were in the thick of the OVC race, and they had George

Sorrell, Fred Allen, Mason Bonner and Tim Sisneros ailing at the time.

The following weekend Jimmy Earle's squad had an important game coming up with conference foe East Tennessee.

But Earle didn't keep any of his men at home, and even the hurt players participated in the game. MTSU lost by a bucket, but I was glad to see Earle had the class to go after the win wholeheartedly.

Finally, we come to the Aaron controversy. Kuhn has pulled a lot of boners in his time as commissioner, but this time I think he was right.

There's no denying that Aaron's

quest to break Ruth's record is the hottest sports story in a long while.

But when any player, no matter what his status, views the breaking of a record to be prevalent over the winning effort of his team--it's a sad thing to me.

Atlanta has never been a fired up baseball town anyway. When the Braves made the play-offs a couple years ago, you could still buy a ticket at the gate five minutes before game time.

I agree with New York Met short-stop Bud Harrelson, who said, "If the Braves' owners want Aaron's fans to see him break the record, they should play him in Milwaukee."

Why are player strikes popping up at signing time in pro sports? Why does Jack Nicklaus skip a couple tour events tuning up for the Masters while his peers are playing the regular stops? Why do prize fighters require a million dollars to stage a good fight?

I don't know the answer, but there are definitely some people in the sports world who should avoid mirrors.

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