

M'boro experiences a real 'close encounter'

by Faye Hale

With the recent UFO sightings all over the world Murfreesboro is not to be left behind.

Last night Murfreesboro police answered two calls concerning UFO sightings.

One call from Oriental Gardens Trailer Park brought three police cars to the home of Christy and George Hudson.

Christy, 13 and George, 11 were waiting for their mother to come home when they looked out the window and saw "bright lights."

A neighbor, Glenda Climer, 13, said that an object "came down and hovered over the tree tops. It was red and blue with a bright white light and the lights were spinning around. It stayed there a little while and all of a sudden it shot out a bright green light," Climer said.

When car lights appeared, the object suddenly "shot straight up like a pistol" and stayed in the sky at a distance where other people saw it also.

Douglas Hall of the Vanderbilt

Observatory said that they often receive calls after having several cloudy nights then a clear one. "People are bowled over by how bright the stars are after it has been cloudy. We get a call about every other night."

Other sightings included Jane



Artist's rendition

Swaner, a resident of Dusan Apartments in Murfreesboro, who also called the police.

There were sightings reported elsewhere in the state also. WNGE of Nashville had reports from Portland, Tenn. and the Nashville Airport received reports of sightings last night from

Columbia, Tenn.

While reports continue to come in, experts agree that what most people see is the planet Venus.

"Venus is 25 times brighter than any star," Hall said.

Ralph Fullerton, chairman of the Geography and Earth Science Department, said that it was "most likely Venus. Although I'd have to check the charts and compute the exact position, it is almost invariably Venus this time of year."


Bill Hall of WSM News said that his radar equipment had not picked anything up.

"We had some reports earlier in the evening from people working here, but there was nothing on the radar." Although Hall said if there was anything unusual in the Murfreesboro area his radar would have definitely spotted it, Isaac Asimov would probably disagree. Everyone who knows anything about flying saucers knows they are capable of jamming radar.



photo by LARRY McCORMACK

Some Murfreesboro skywatchers were surprised last night when they spotted what they believed to be a UFO.



Sidelines

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Slides and lecture are highlight of Bragg visit

by Jeff Ellis and Janet Hyatt

"United States" breaking of defense treaties with Taiwan is no different than breaking of treaties with the Indians," State Rep. John Bragg, (D-Murfreesboro), said last night.

Recognition of the People's Republic of China and the subsequent withdrawal of support to Taiwan, is a result of a communique jointly written by former president Richard Nixon and Chou En Lai in 1972, according to Bragg.

Bragg's remarks followed a slide and lecture presentation in the LRC's multi media room. The lawmaker, who has visited China

twice, gave the audience insight into today's China.

Normalization of U.S. relations with the communist country follows on the heels of Japanese recognition, Bragg said. He cited recent commercial flights by Japanese airlines as an example of the countries' improved relations.

Bragg predicted that changes will be forthcoming in Taiwan's governmental structure. "Until recently, native Taiwanese have

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photo by BILL COOK

State Rep. John Bragg confers with students following his talk on campus last night.

'Activity fee' resolution passes ASB joint session

by Janet Hyatt

A referendum asking that each student pay \$1 during registration to help maintain the ASB budget will be placed on the ballot in the ASB spring election.

Legislation calling for this "activity fee" was passed by acclamation during a joint meeting of the ASB legislature Tuesday.

In other action, the senate approved Byron West as election commissioner. West is replacing Riley Clark, who resigned earlier in the day. Legislation providing for ASB legislative awards was also passed.

If the "activity fee" referendum passes in the spring, the ASB's budget will be increased from about \$10,000 to about \$30,000.

Mark Floyd, speaker of the house, explained, "the funds collected will be allocated to the ASB to provide student activities. These activities will be determined by the ASB."

Programs suggested, if the referendum passes, include a full time secretary for the ASB office, a photocopying service for use by campus organizations, a shuttle

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ARA lowers budget plan meal price

by Angie Galloway

A ten cent price reduction on meals at High Rise and Woodmore cafeterias goes into effect today for all budget meal plan ticket holders.

Will Potts, ARA area supervisor, approved the plan yesterday which will set the new prices at \$1.10 for breakfast, \$1.45 for lunch and \$1.75 for dinner, according to Doug McCallie, campus manager of ARA.

The price change, proposed by the Food Service Committee Tuesday, comes as a result of double taxation findings by Sidelines.

"These prices are temporary until the end of the semester when a more in-depth solution can be found," McCallie said. As of now, there have been no possible solutions presented for next year, he added.

Cash paying customers will still

pay the same prices. If there are any complaints, McCallie said, they should be directed to the Food Service Committee.

McCallie said he is going to figure up the total amount that has been collected from the double taxation, but has not yet discussed with Potts the possibility of returning the money to the university.

"It's going to take some time because I don't know how far the

records go back, if they are for the last year or if we have them for the three years we have been here," he said.

There is a breakdown in the number of students using the different type meal tickets for breakfast, lunch and dinner, McCallie added.

There are other schools in Tennessee that are contracted with ARA, according to McCallie, but he doubts if they are on the

same plan, with cafeterias that are both cash and boarding.

Members of the Food Service Committee include: Mary Pat Cassidy, chairperson; Elizabeth Turner, secretary; Thomas Keith and Greg Nelson, student representatives; J.O. Gist, business office representative; Burl West, faculty representative and Ivan Shewmake, administrative representative.

Theft of truck first on campus this semester

by David Pierce

The first on-campus car theft of the year was reported Tuesday afternoon by sophomore Bruce Daniel.

Daniel, who reportedly parked and locked his truck in the commuter parking lot north of the agriculture building, reported the vehicle missing when he returned at 6:30.

The Auto Theft Bureau in Atlanta and the National Crime Information Center in Washington D.C. have been notified of the theft, according to Tom Essary, campus police detective.

Essary said that he expects the truck to show up within a week or week and a half. "If it doesn't show up by then, it probably won't" he said.

Matthew Royal, campus police chief, said the theft of four wheel drive trucks such as Daniel's, has increased not only in this area but all over the country.

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photo by LARRY McCORMACK

Fire at Rutledge?

Not really. Resident Pam Brown tries to get a closer look at a steam pipe that ruptured yesterday morning.

Political leaders speak at MTSU's state gov't days

by Jeff Ellis

Figures from the three branches of state government—legislative, executive and judicial—will be among those featured during State Government Days set for Feb. 5, 6 and 7 at MTSU.

Lt. Gov. John Wilder, Rep. John T. Bragg, Sen. John R. Rucker, Assistant Corrections Commissioner Ramon Sanchez-Vinas, Public Health Commissioner Eugene W. Fowinkle, Judge Wilkes Coffey, Chancellor Whitney Stegall and State Supreme Court Justice William Harbison will be the speakers taking part in the three-day event.

The program, co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the Pre-Law Society and the Ideas and Issues Committee, was developed as an opportunity for students, faculty and the general public to become better informed about state government, according to Spence Lyon, president of the Pre-Law Society.

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Club formed to aid handicapped

by Angie Galloway
Sigma Delta Sigma, an organization designed for handicapped students, was approved yesterday by Robert LaLance, vice-president of student affairs.
Handicapped students need to be able to get to class. They should learn the academic aspects of college, know how to use them and have the confidence to pursue their goals despite their handicaps, according to Ivan Shew-

make, advisor to the group and associate dean of students.
"The group is mainly for the mobility of handicapped but any others with a problem such as cerebral palsy, polio, visual impairment or asthma can join. There are 16 different categories that members can fit into," Shewmake said.
Their constitution, which must go through the screening committee headed by King Jamison,

was approved and recommended to LaLance.
The group wants to improve the campus and make it easily accessible for all handicapped students, Shewmake added.
"Two people with different handicaps and one person from this office went through each building with a fine tooth comb and listed all of the problems that face the handicapped," Shewmake said.
At a meeting of the Committee on Programs for Handicapped Students, seven students with various handicaps made a presentation of some of the physical barriers on campus and offered some solutions.
"We contacted 118 handicapped students and held 55 interviews. Of those interviews, we found there were 25 different disabilities on campus," Bart Dodson, one of the handicapped students, said.
Water fountains that are too high, sidewalks that drop off an inch, the carpet in the library and the ramp leading up to the library are just a few of the problems according to Ronnie Doak, another handicapped student.
"The carpet in the library, like any carpet, tends to lay in one direction and when someone is directing a wheelchair, the wheels

have a tendency to run into a bookshelf," Doak said.
"They cannot do many of the simple things that we take for granted. Light switches, heavy doors, high post office boxes for people in wheel chairs and low boxes for people who cannot bend over, all can cause problems," Vickie Justice, who has been working with the group for three years, said.
Some of the possible solutions that the group came up with included letting a group of handicapped students work with architects and contractors to give them a more personal view of the problem, letting maintenance do the shelves and racks in the rooms without getting a contractor or having several students do the ramps for a project in industrial arts.
"We try to meet the needs of the people with disabilities, but they tend to make their disabilities worse. They have to set their own priorities and go from there," Justice added.
"People are reluctant to come to college if they have a handicap," Justice said. "They feel strange until they realize they aren't the only one with their problem and are not really as helpless as they thought they were."
"This group will help students realize their potential," Shewmake said.



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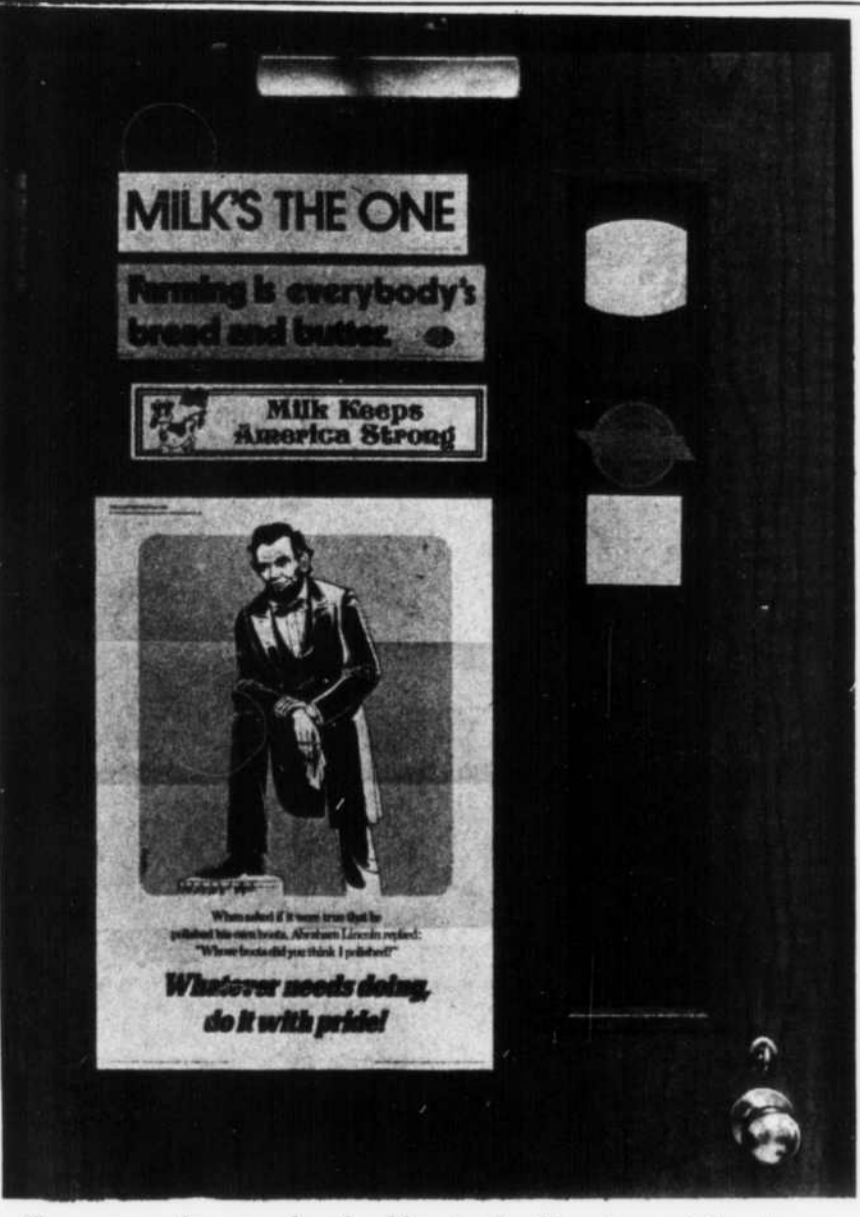







Et Cetera

by Bill Cook



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Here are a few words of udder truth. The door of the day belongs to Robert Alexander. Alexander is chairman of the department of agriculture. His office is Rm 101 of Stark Agriculture Center.

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ASB election dates set; dollar limits established

by Janet Hyatt

ASB spring elections will be held March 15 and 16 the election commission decided Tuesday.

Last year's spending limit of \$200 for president; \$150 for vice president and \$50 for senators will be maintained by the commission this year.

The president, two vice presidents, five senators from each class and two graduate senators will be included on the ballot. The referendum for a \$1 activity fee which passed the joint session Tuesday, will be included on the ballot also.

Candidate qualifying petitions may be picked up two weeks prior to the election. They must be turned into the election commissioner by March 7. Active cam-

paing may begin March 4.

A motion was passed requiring all candidates to present their spending receipts with their campaign expenditure sheet.

Tentative polling places were set in Peck Classroom Building and the UC from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. If voting machines are acquired for the election, additional polls may be set up.

Candidates will be allowed as many standard poster board size signs as they want. However, no more than four signs larger than that will be allowed, according to the commission's vote.

The commission will meet at 4 p.m. Feb. 7 in the ASB conference room to make further plans for the elections.



The old saying "shower with a friend to conserve energy" has become a reality to McHenry Hall residents.

photo by FAYE HALE

Showers need repair

by Jackie Gearhart

Although a work order was requested in November for damaged showers in the basement of McHenry Hall, work did not begin until Tuesday.

Since the beginning of December only two showers have been available for use in the basement. When work began Tuesday, the residents had to begin using the upstairs showers.

The ceiling over the showers had been leaking for about a year, causing a bulge in the ceiling, according to Estelle Fann, head resident.

The maintenance staff investigated the problem last year and found that the source of the leak was another shower. Since the leak was going from one shower to

another rather than into another room, it was considered better to let it continue rather than make a major renovation, according to Harold Jewell, director of maintenance.

Fann knocked in the damaged ceiling in November so there would be no danger to the residents if it fell. She then called the housing office to request someone come to repair the ceiling.

When a work order is received by housing, it is sent to Jewell who gives it to the foreman of the particular maintenance crew involved. When asked why it took so long for the crew to start work, Jewell said that work orders pile up and that sometimes they get as many as a hundred or so.

Bragg visit

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been unable to run for the legislature," he said. Those in power, many of whom were members of Chiang Kai-Shek's regime, are now being replaced by younger native Taiwanese.

"Taiwan is militarily able to take care of itself," Bragg said.

Oil will probably be the top export from China to the United States, Bragg said. Silks, handicrafts, jade and ivory are also expected to be sought for the American marketplace.

Conversely, American trade to China will primarily be foodstuffs. Although 80 percent of China's

900 million population are farm-workers, food production falls below needed levels, according to Bragg.

"Wait until the market is flooded with Chinese merchandise," Bragg warned. "If they can keep the price of production down to current levels, the price of goods will be lower than American produced items," he said.

Bragg said that in his opinion President Jimmy Carter timed the announcement of renewed relations with the People's Republic in order to gain leverage in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks with the Soviet Union.

West is appointed as new ASB election commissioner

Byron West, ASB chief of staff, was appointed election commissioner Tuesday about an hour after Riley Clark vacated the post.

West was approved by the senate at the joint house-senate meeting shortly after Clark resigned at a meeting of the election commission.

Clark will be taking West's former duties as chief of staff.

"Due to outside work and the fact that I'm a part time student, I don't feel like I will have the time to be election commissioner," Clark said.

"I accepted the position of chief

of staff because it will only take a few hours a week, not a more concentrated amount of time like running an election would," he added.

West said he anticipated no problems with the spring elections. "We are going to follow the electoral act by the letter of the law and as long as we do that we'll have no problems," he said.

West was originally appointed and approved election commissioner in the fall, but resigned after it was discovered he did not have the number of hours required for the position. Clark was chosen to fill the vacancy.



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'Activity fee'

Will it benefit students or ASB?

Now that the "activity fee" legislation was passed by both houses of the ASB, it will appear on the ballot for the spring elections.

By unanimous vote in the joint session Tuesday, the ASB approved legislation requiring every student to pay \$1 upon registration each semester.

Students, however, will make the final decision when the "activity fee" referendum appears on the ballot in the spring.

Although one dollar may not sound like much, when you consider that the ASB yearly budget will be boosted from about \$10,000 to about \$30,000, the issue should be considered carefully.

Although we feel the basic idea may be sound, the legislation is objectionable in several respects.

ASB officials are pushing for the legislation under the heading of "activity fee," which leads one to believe that it would go toward funding increased general student activities such as concerts and speakers.

The heading however, is actually a misnomer in that most of the programs proposed thus far will not benefit the majority of students.

For example, one suggested program is the Blue Raider Emergency fund. The emergency fund, which would supply short term, small loans to students, would only duplicate or extend a MTSU Foundation program already in existence.

Another proposal for the funds is to hire a full time secretary for the ASB offices. Though a full time secretary is needed and would be nice, should it be at the student's expense?

Also suggested was the retaining of an attorney to be on hand to consult with students. If the newly organized legal aid program is functional, is there a need to keep another attorney on retainer?

Two proposed programs do have merit. The photocopying service could be a workable idea and would benefit members of campus organizations. But the proposal included a "flat fee" for usage—so how is it different from other professional copying services?

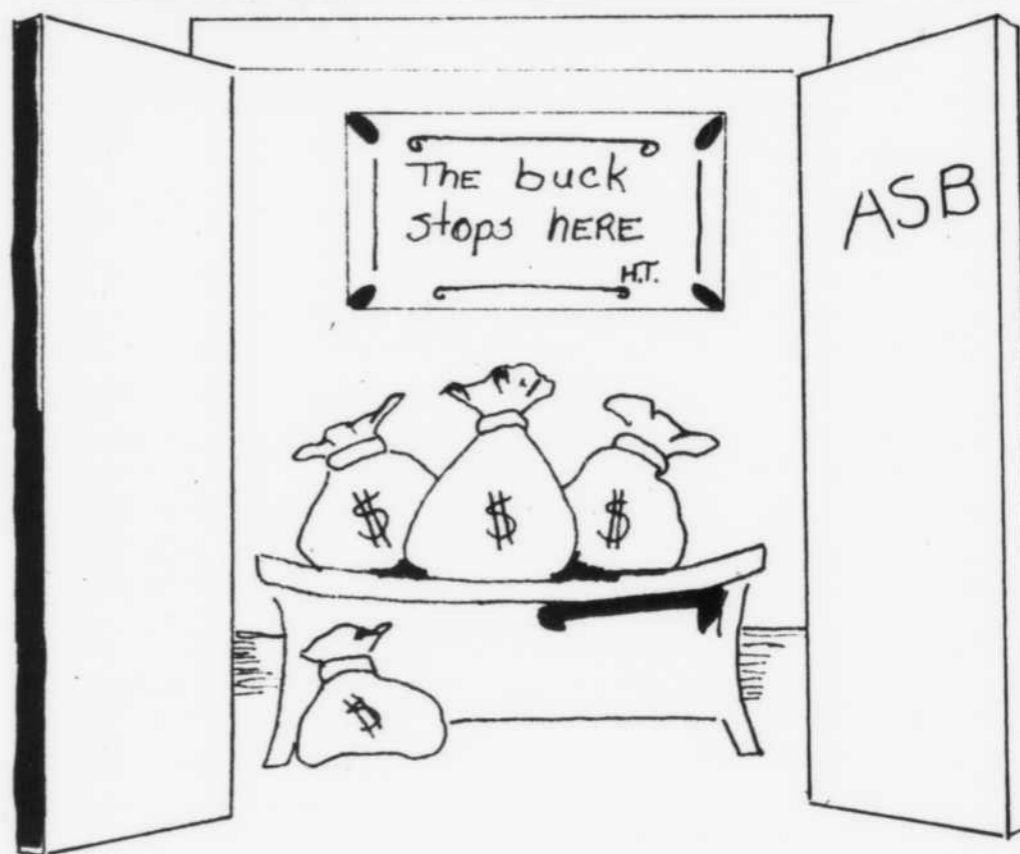
The proposed shuttle bus would probably be applauded by many. However, when the total costs are tallied, wouldn't the expense of such a program exceed the bounds of even the increased budget?

It should be made clear that all the programs mentioned are merely proposals. Actual implementation would be up to the new ASB president should the fee referendum pass in the spring.

Though the idea of increased "activities" in return for a one dollar remittance might be agreeable, students have the right to know what they are paying for. Until the ASB demonstrates worthwhile, workable well-thought-out programs for the money, the fee referendum should not be passed.

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Nursing demands much of special people



Preparing solution for tubal feeding.

It takes a special kind of person to remain calm at the sight of a bleeding wound or while pumping out a stomach or emptying a bedpan.

These special people are nurses, and MTSU has one of the best nursing programs in Tennessee, according to Betty McComas, nursing program director. "For the past few years we have had the best state board pass-rate of any other school in Tennessee," she said.

The two-year program which combines nursing and general education courses, was begun in 1966 and accredited in 1968 by the National League of Nursing, McComas said. MTSU's program is also approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

"All classes are on campus," McComas explained, "except some labs and clinical experiences at Rutherford County Hospital, the Veteran's Administration Hospital and the Murfreesboro Nursing Home. We have contractual agreements with these facilities."

Length of the program is four semesters and one summer session. According to Woodbury freshman Larry Taylor, it is very taxing. "It's a tough course," he said. "You don't have many spare minutes mainly because you're working during them!"

"Our nursing program is a strict and demanding course," McComas agreed. "A C-plus average (2.5) must be maintained. If a student makes a D in any nursing course, he or she must repeat that course. Quite often, a student can not handle the time or work demand and will drop out."

"A majority of students who obtain their associate degree go on to further study, particularly the male students," McComas said. "Some stay here and receive a degree in an associated field such as psychology. Others go to different schools to get their bachelor of science degree in nursing."

One freshman class is admitted each fall semester with a definite quota of 72 students, McComas said. Presently, 63 freshmen and 53 sophomores are enrolled in the program.

All prospective nursing students must take a nursing entrance exam, which is administered by McComas every April. The exam is basically an achievement test which covers the fields of vocabulary, reading comprehension, biological and physical sciences, math and general information.

Prospective students must also obtain and submit a nursing school application in addition to the university's general admission forms. The nursing school applications must be received by mid-March each year.

Once students successfully complete the program and receive an associate of arts degree from the university, they are eligible to take the state board examination for registered nurse licensure, McComas said.

The state board exam covers five nursing areas—medical, surgical, obstetrics, pediatrics and psychiatric. If a student fails any aspect of the test, they must wait approximately six months before taking the test again, McComas explained. Then they are required to take only the part that was failed.

This month several groups of freshmen nursing students are obtaining clinical experience at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Last semester the class was studying basic nursing procedures and working at the Murfreesboro nursing home.

"This semester things are a little more complex," Patsy Forrest,

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Student nurses attend training session at V.A. Hospital.



MTSU's students check for flow of medication in patient.

assistant professor of nursing, said. "The students are now studying neurology and are learning assessment skills and other aspects of this field. Presently, they are assisting the patients with hygiene needs, in nutritional aspects and in various medicinal situations, such as tubal feedings or wound dressings. Most of all, they are learning communication and interpersonal relations with patients, one of the most important features of nursing."

Forrest, who has been teaching at MTSU for six years, detailed the lab schedule of the nursing students. "The students must report to the hospital at 7:30 a.m. and have a pre-conference with the VA staff about the patients."

The group is divided into three sections of 10-13 students each. Each group has its own instructor. The next three or so hours are spent in patient care, then a post-conference is held," she continued. "Sometimes the whole class meets together for this and sometimes just the separate groups to discuss various problems and situations."

The students also have to study the patient's history and formulate a plan of care for each patient, Forrest said. During their work, they record a patient's daily health status, vital signs and record any medications administered.

Kay Blues, a registered nurse and associate chairman of nursing services and education for the VA, coordinates all work done with

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Maggie Norwell assesses the tubal feeding apparatus.

Sidelines Sports



Susan Vaughn of the Lady Raiders track team works on her long jump form in preparation for the teams first meet. Vaughn, a freshman from Mt.

Juliet, is the first woman to be included in the womens track scholarship fund.

photo by LINDA WARD CORLEY

Blue Raiders face Hilltoppers in OVC television Game of the Week

by Eddie Gossage

MTSU basketball coach Jimmy Earle is going to get a chance to plead his case against the officials in front of tens of thousands of people Saturday when the Blue Raiders invade Western Kentucky University.

Earle, a long time sideline critic of some officials, will lead his team against the Hilltoppers in the OVC's televised Game of the Week. The game can be seen locally on WNGE, Channel 2, starting at 12:30 p.m.

Middle is coming off back to back OVC wins and a great performance by senior forward Greg Joyner. Joyner canned 31 points Monday night against Murray as everything seemed to go right in the Raiders 84-71 victory.

MTSU shot 78.2 per cent from the field in the first half and went to the dressing room with the nets smoking. The Raiders continued to blaze the nets as they ended up shooting 63.4 on the evening. That average is only two points

lower than the MTSU school record.

"I've said all along I thought our ball club would jell around the middle of January," Earle said. "I think their performance is indicative of this."

Earle and his squad will have to put this fine performance behind them and face a new problem in the Hilltoppers from Bowling Green.

"I opened up the sports page this morning (yesterday) and almost had to go back on valiums," Earle explained at yesterday's Faculty-Press Luncheon. "The paper said they beat Dayton, at Dayton."

Western beat Dayton, a team ranked in the top 20 in the nation, 78-72.

"The talk around the league was that as soon as Western jelled they would be tough," assistant coach Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson said. "Well, from the looks of things, it looks like they have gotten it together."

The Raiders will open against Western Kentucky with the lineup it has used in recent games. Starting at the point guard position will be senior Greg Armstrong. Armstrong has handed off 89 assists, tops on the MTSU squad. At the other guard position will be 6'3" freshman John Denen. Denen started the last two games and tossed in 14 points against Murray.

At forward will be Joyner, coming off his great performance against Murray and either Leroy Coleman or Jimmy Riley. Both have shared equal time at the position and the starting berth probably won't be decided until game time.

Starting at the center shot will be Chris Harris. Earle earlier this week called Harris the "premier freshman in the OVC." Harris is averaging 11.9 points per game and 6.5 rebounds.

Earle, who likes the idea of OVC basketball receiving the exposure on television, said he hopes a large contingent of Raider supporters will be on hand in Bowling Green. However, he expressed his concern over the change from a night game to an afternoon contest.

"I don't like to use the television as an excuse," stated Earle. "It could help us and it could hurt us. We don't know. This is our first time to play on television but it is also Western's first time."

"I don't know if it will have any effect," he added, "but it will be interesting."



Greg Joyner



Greg Armstrong

Lady Raider track team eyes 1st conference meet

by Doyle Parham

The year is 1979, the place is Murfreesboro, Tn. The attraction is the first women's track team in MTSU's history.

Not only is 1979 the first year for a women's track team to be recognized it is also the first year competition will be included in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"We are anxiously awaiting for our first meet. We have some super talent and the girls have really worked hard since the fall to develop a good team for the first year," Debbie Chitwood, graduate assistant and coach, said.

Coach Chitwood will be depending upon the talents of Susan

Vaughn, Milly Mosley, Antoinetta Scruggs, Marion Gilbert, Suzanne Dorris, Cindy Moore, Kathy Riley, Josephine Wright and Celissa Polk.

Susan Vaughn, a Mt. Juliet freshman, is the first female to be included in the track scholarship fund. Vaughn will be competing in the 100 meter dash and possibly other races.

Mosley, the first female ever to run on the Air Force track team, did very well. Although she admits she is basically a lazy person and doesn't like to train for a track meet, she says she loves the competitive atmosphere. Mosley is from Virginia, and has

competed in national track meets.

The one mile relay run will most likely fall upon Scruggs and Gilbert. Both girls are from Nashville and Chittwood said these two girls were among the top athletes on the team.

"We have already set goals for the first year and I believe we will see the goals come to past," Chittwood said. "Our goal in this first year is to be respectable in the OVC and to get as many girls as possible to qualify for the AIAW track meet."

The first competition will be Feb. 24 at the Lady Vols' Invitational Indoor Meet at the University of Tennessee.

More to football than just playing

Donnelly brings new atmosphere

by Eddie Gossage

New MTSU football coach James "Boots" Donnelly is bringing in a whole new atmosphere in hopes of bringing a new attitude to the sagging Blue Raider football program.

Donnelly is changing everything from the players' living quarters to the uniforms and even the players' faces.

"There is a lot more to football than just playing," Donnelly explained. "The players can learn a lot about self discipline and self pride through the team. If you don't have pride in the way you look and the way you act, you just won't win."

Donnelly has instituted weekly room inspection, plans on purchasing new uniforms (even though the old ones have only been around a year,) and has ordered his players to shave their beards to look more presentable. Some have opposed the rules the new coach has placed upon the squad, but that does not bother Donnelly.

"We feel that it takes a great deal of sacrifice to be a winner," the coach explained from behind his desk. "We give the players a few rules and regulations to go by—we don't ask them to like them, we just ask them to go by them. Sooner or later it will become second nature...just like losing."

Then he paused before adding, "and just like winning."

Donnelly's approach, an approach he said he took while coaching in high school at Father Ryan in Nashville and most recently at Austin Peay, is one that if a player is willing to do it "our way then he is willing to make the sacrifice to become a winner. And if he is not willing to make that sacrifice, he is gone," Donnelly stated without reservation.

As for next year's team, all positions are vacant, according to Donnelly.

"Every position is wide open...there are no guaranteed positions to anyone," revealed Donnelly. "Everyone on this team has to prove that they can play and win. There is a difference in the way it has been done here and the way we want it done."

The returning players will be hard pressed in their battle for starting berths next season by a group of highly talented high school seniors. Some have called this year's recruiting efforts the best in recent years. The recruits that have signed thus far are:

Offensive Backs
Lonnie Burch RB Gallatin
Butch Hamby QB Mt. Juliet
Denver Howell QB Gallatin
Denver Sanford QB Murfreesboro
Oakland

Receivers
Lee Bullington SE Camden
Allen Curtis SE Hendersonville
James Lyons TE Murfreesboro
Oakland

Offensive Line
James Gary OL Spring Hill
Ralph Saffles C Bradley County
Marty Luplow OG Hillsboro

Defensive Line
Charles Gregory DT Goodpasture
Walter Hall DE Red Bank

Linebackers
David Crowell LB Shelbyville
Tim Dickerson LB Madison
Donnie Lewis LB Atoka

Defensive Backs
Dennis Mix DB McMinnville
Clint Satterfield DB Hartsville

In addition to the high school

seniors going out for the 1979 squad, former All-OVC defensive lineman Reggie Bell has gone out for the team and is participating in the Blue Raiders' winter workout program as is former tight end Toby Miller. Bell and Miller left the squad last spring along with several other players after a spat with former head coach Ben Hurt.

"We feel we have had a real good recruiting year," Donnelly admitted. "We don't make a big to do about recruits. It is a big adjustment going into college, but we do feel they can help us out."



SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

by Eddie Gossage

James "Boots" Donnelly doesn't walk on water. He can't feed the multitudes with three fish and five loaves of bread. He will never be confused with Anne Sullivan or any other miracle worker, yet that's what most people are expecting—a miracle.

In hoping to accommodate everyone's wishes, Donnelly and his staff have been working 12-15 hours a day, trying to turn the sagging football program around.

Donnelly and his assistant coaches have started at the bottom, making subtle changes, in hopes of getting the football players in a different frame of mind than they have been in during the past few seasons.

Among the subtle changes is the "renovation" of I dorm, MTSU's athletic quarters. The dorm has been cleaned up, including the players individual rooms, and Donnelly plans on painting it as well as some other maintenance in the future.

Other changes instituted by Donnelly, who was a psychology major at MTSU, include clean shaven faces and plans for buying brand new uniforms, although the old ones have only seen one season of action. The reason for all of this can best be described by Donnelly.

"The players can learn a lot about self discipline and self pride through the teams," explained the new Raider mentor. "If you don't have pride in the way you act, you just won't win. We also have a product to sell—an entertainment product. If people don't like the way they (the players) look away from the field, or the way they act, they are not going to pay to see them."

Donnelly hopes to bring on a winning attitude. However, several players have left the team for one reason or another since the squad's winter workout began. On the first day, 106 players reported. Four days later, the number had dropped to 92.

"Ninety percent quit because they don't want to endure the time and effort it takes to be a football player," Donnelly stated emphatically. "At this stage we don't care if they stay. That's not crude or harsh. We plan on having a select few that are dedicated to making the sacrifice to be a winner."

Several players have predicted an OVC championship and Donnelly doesn't rule out the possibility.

"The OVC championship requires dedication and work that only a few are willing to exert," Donnelly said. "Once you find a few, then it is easier from there. That's what we are looking for, those willing to make that sacrifice."

Donnelly wants more for his players than just a championship, though.

"What does a player have if he plays four years but doesn't get his degree?" Donnelly questioned. "We want more for our players. We want them to be somebody."

The statement is worth noting. All too often in recent years, this feeling has been missing around athletic departments at colleges all across the nation.

Though it is premature to predict an OVC championship, the enthusiasm exhibited by Donnelly and his players is encouraging. I don't know what next season holds in store for MTSU, but I am looking forward to next fall to find out.

ASB

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bus service, a Blue Raider Emergency fund to supply short term, small loans to students and retaining an attorney for consultation with students.

"This referendum is the year's most important piece of legislation," Mike McDonald, ASB president, said.

He told the joint session that if they "search in their hearts" they will realize that the fee is the only alternative to make ASB self supportive. "At this point, once the legislation passes, we can feel

we are serving the students again," he said.

In other action, a bill providing for the establishment of legislative awards was passed. An award for the "outstanding legislator" in each of the two houses and an award given to the writers of "the most effective" piece of legislation will be given at the ASB spring banquet.

John Paffrath, sponsor of the bill, called it "a method to initiate some kind of incentive" for legislators.

Theft

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The value of loss due to theft on campus in 1978 was \$56,981.95, according to Royal. The amount recovered was \$30,800, a recovery rate of 55 percent compared to the national recovery rate of 36 percent, he added.

The police had no leads as to the possible location of the stolen vehicle at press time. "We'll probably find it either stripped or parked somewhere," Royal said.

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Nursing

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groups of students and trainees.

"Our other departments of social work, psychology and speech and audiology also use trainees," she said. "But most of these students are from Vanderbilt, Columbia and Motlow State, not MTSU. Most nursing classes that do come here, however, are from MTSU.

"I enjoy everything about it. I love it!" nursing student John Kniesel said. "The only hard part is sometimes getting accustomed to the areas in which I'm working."

Kniesel, who has already received a B.S. in psychology from MTSU, plans to travel around for a while after passing his state board test because the availability of nursing jobs for males is very good. "A lot of my friends heckle me about being a nurse," he grinned, "but it's in good jest only. No one has ever made any really crude remarks."

State gov't days

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"It is the desire of the organizers," Lyon said, "that all those participating will have a better understanding of state government after attending." He added that planners hope participants will "see the officials as human beings, not just as stereotyped figures."

A speech on "The Role of the General Assembly in Tennessee Government," by Wilder will climax the first day's events Monday, Feb. 5. Wilder's 1 p.m. speech in the University Center Theatre will follow earlier speeches by Bragg and Rucker.

Bragg will speak on "The Legislative Animal" at 9 a.m., followed by Rucker's remarks at 11 a.m. on "Legislation: Past, Present and Future."

The executive branch of state government. The speech is set for 9:30 a.m. in the UC Theatre.


Fowinkle will speak on "The Executive Branch as Seen by a Department Commissioner," at 2 p.m. in UC 324. Referred to by many as the "dean of commissioners," Fowinkle has served under four governors.

The spotlight will fall on the judiciary branch Wednesday, Feb. 7, with Judge Coffey of the Eighth Judicial District Circuit Court speaking on "The Experiences of a Circuit Court Judge," at 9 a.m. in the UC Theatre. Following Coffey will be Chancellor Stegall of the Chancery Court of the Eighth Judicial District speaking at 11 a.m. on "The Role of the Chancery Courts."

Justice Harbison will continue the three-day event with his discussion of "The Role of the Tennessee Supreme Court" at 2 p.m. in UC 324. Known to many as "a lawyer's lawyer," Harbison is former editor of the "Vanderbilt Law Review."

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Campus Calendar

FRIDAY

Basketball Tournament: Campus Recreation; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., AM Gym

"Hoop Shoot" District Contest: Tennessee Elks and MTSU Athletic Dept; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Murphy Center

Dance: Alpha Phi Alpha; 9 p.m.-1 a.m., JUB Tennessee Room

Exam: GMAT; 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UC 322 and 324

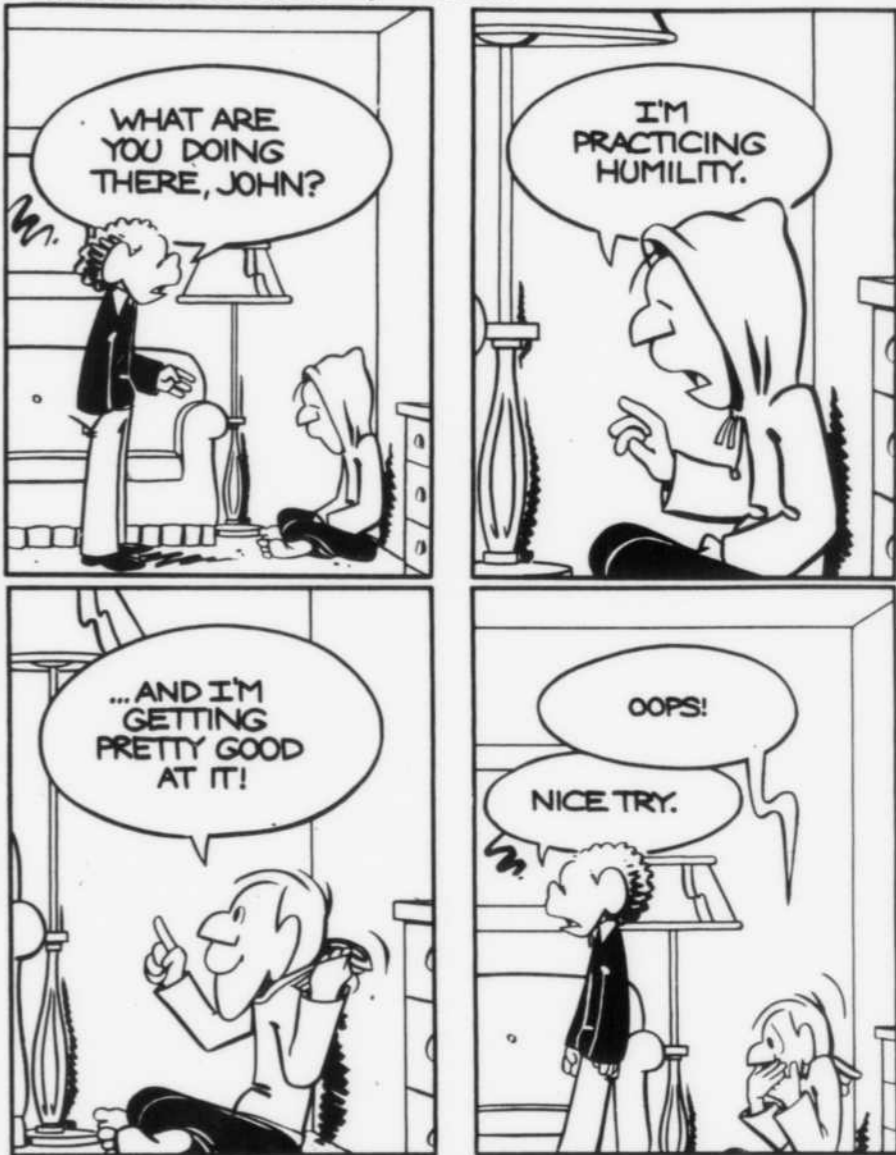
MONDAY

Movie: Choir Boys; 3:30, 6 and 8:15 p.m., UC Theatre

SATURDAY

Basketball: MTSU vs. Western Kentucky; 7:30 p.m., Bowling Green, KY

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