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Restricted information found in garbage can

By CHRIS BELL

Sidelines News Editor While Middle Tennessee State

University intends to prosecute a former student for accessing classifed computer records, similarly classifed records were found in a wastepaper basket in the Keathley University Center.

Several "locator cards," cards containing information about MTSU students were found by a MTSU student. "On March 31st, 1986, shortly after 11 a.m., I happened to be walking down a common hallway on the first floor of the Keathley University Center when I spotted "locater cards,' in

a wastebasket," a letter sent by a unidentified student to Sidelines stated.

"If these cards had fallen into the hands of a psychopath, a female could EASILY be harrassed by phone or tracked down and attacked" the letter states. "... this negligence is a direct violation of the Buckley Amendment, which, when enforced, results in the withdrawal of Federal funding to the University.'

The Buckley Amendment, known properly as the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, protects certain types of student information from public ac- (Please see Restricted page 2)

cies," College Student Press Law states.



Wayne Cartwright®Staff

As summer approaches, crowds flock to Walter Hill for some sun and a cool dip. Many students have been known to skip a class to enjoy a relaxing day by the waterfall.

Smith wins national award

which Middle Tennessee State University students are active par- by the chairman of the board, ticipants on five different commit- selects one individual who meets tees. Each committee is dedicated standard requirements and has certo certain aspects of campus enter- tain qualities. A staff, student, or tainment.

make the decisions and entertainment programming selections, Dennis said.

A selection committee, chosen associate member of NACA may Smith allows the students to submit nominations. Nominations from staff members as well as stu-

The types of information con-

trolled by this law are academic

work, course grades, attendance

data, health information, family in-

formation, ratings and observations

by school personnel, reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns,

and scores on intelligence, ap-

titude, psychological, and interest

tests. Release of this type of infor-

mation can be made only upon the

written consent of the studen⁺, ex-

cept where release is to school of-

ficals or authorized education agen-



Harold Smith

By Tracy D. Bush Sidelines Staff Writer

Director of Student Programming, Harold Smith, has been honored for outstanding achievement in the field of campus activities advisement, according to Georgia Dennis, promotions facilitator.

Smith developed the current format of student programming, in board of directors.

"He will advise them on university policy and good business," Dennis said.

Smith will only go against a student decision if it is not university policy, Dennis said.

The Patsy Morley Outstanding Programmer Award was established in 1982 in memory of a former chairperson of the National Association of Campus Activities

dents were submitted on Smith's behalf.

The Patsy Morley award is prestigious because it deals with accomplishments made on campus and not with the organization [NACA] itself, Dennis said.

The award belongs to MTSU, and it is dedicated to the students and staff, Smith said.

"The award means a great deal, and I am really flattered beyond words," Smith said.

Collage winners announced for art and literature contest

From Staff Reports The spring 1986 Collage contest

winners have been chosen. For the second consecutive semester, MTSU's creative arts magazine, Collage, has sponsored a contest for student work in both

had an early spring. We looked at

the forecast and decided it will stay

warm so we are turning on the air.

Everybody should have air before

"I have not been receiving any

"The procedure used to report a

maintenance problem is first you would notify your housing director

and they will contact my office,' Bill Smotherman director of uni-

The response time for problems is shortened in the case of emergency situations, Smotherman

"Last semester there was an

awful stench around K apartments

and in the rooms of K apartments,"

Cartwright said. "It took from Aug.

to the end of Nov. for maintenance

That is not the only report of slow

"The heating and air in my apart-

ment have been messed up since

the beginning of the semester," a

source which requested confiden-

tially said. "I have to turn the heat

up to 90 to have a proper temper-

ature. Maintenance said they fixed

it at the beggining of the semester

but it still doesn't work. I told my

resident assistant about the prob-

lem several times but I gave up

hope of getting the problem fixed."

to solve the situation."

maintenance.

complaints [from students about

maintenance]," Curtis said.

versity maintenance said.

Monday.

said.

literary and visual arts. Two awards are made in each of several catagories, \$25 for first place and \$10 for second. Submissions are judged anonoymously by MTSU faculty members or qualified people from outside the university community.

Linda Badley and Angela Hauge, associate professors in English at MSTU, awarded Kathy Brady first place in fiction for her short story "Goodnight, Irene." Elkin Brown's "Perfect Timing," took second place.

Poetry, judged by Guy Anderson of the MTSU English department, was swept by Kathy Brady. Brady won both first and second prizes for her poems "My Kind of Man," and "My Uncle Tom."

James Tucker took first place in two-dimentional art for an untitled drawing and Amy Harris won second place for an untitled mixedmedia piece. Danny Phifer of Phifergraphics and Glen Emery of Emery's Fine Arts Gallery, both of Murfresboro, were judges.

A visiting freelance photographer, Greg Kinney from Atlanta, judged photographic entries. First place winner was Kelly Hayes for "striving." Kathy Brady won second place for an untitled photograph.

Collage begins production this week and the magazine will be out in late April. Copies will be distributed at various sites around campus. All prize-winning work will be published as well as other work from MTSU students and faculty.

ASB senate approves **Electorial Act changes**

By CRYSTAL NELMS Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Article three, section two of the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983, was amended during the Associated Student Body Senate meeting on Wednesday, Ralph Thomas, speaker of the Senate, said.

"No poll worker or other individual who is working for the Election Commission shall be a candidate for any Associated Student Body office, nor shall he campaign actively for any caididate while the polls are open,"according to article three, section two.

Additions to section two state what will happen to a student who violates that policy. The additions read as follows: "Any person charged in violation of this section

Students complain maintenance sl

By BRIAN CONLEY Sidelines Staff Writer

"Maintenance is one of the worst problems [in K apartments]," Wayne Cartwright, resident of K apartments, said.

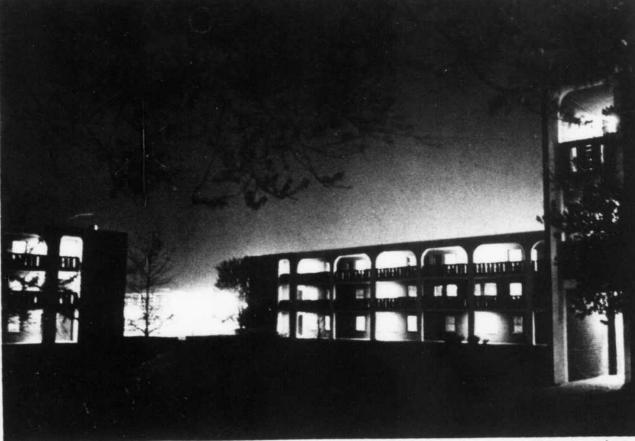
"The response time from the maintenance department is hellaciously slow," Cartwright said. "It

is not just on the little things. They Cummings Hall, said. "This hap- said. "It will get cool again. We have are also slow on problems that are pens every year. Last year we had considered emergency situations." These sentiments were echoed

by several residents Sidelines talked

"The air (conditioning) in my dorm room was just turned on to go and buy fans to cool down our rooms so we could study.

The reason that housing has taken so long to turn on the air is that it is still early in the year, Robert Curtis, associate director of today," Alisa Cramer, a resident of housing for facilities maintenance,



Wayne Cartwright•Staff

J and K apartments on campus are one of the numerous housing units under fire for inadequate facilities.

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person campaigned shall be brought before the Supreme Court for adjudication. If the Supreme Court finds the candidate 'guilty' of participating in the alleged charges the candidate will be disqualified from the election. The verdict shall be appealable to the university administration. If appealed, the university president shall appoint an ad hoc committee comprised of three faculty members and three MTSU students to

and the candidate for whom this

This amendment was sponsored by Jeffrey Herring, an ASB senator.

cast final judgement upon the

charge(s).

In other business, Outstanding Senate legislator award was voted on. Results of the election will be disclosed April 24 at the ASB banquet.

Campus Capsule

SATURDAY

GRANT JOHANNESEN WITH THE NEW YORK PHILOMUSICAL will perform at Middle Tennessee State University's Music Hall on April 5, at 8 p.m. For ticket information call 898-2469.

SUNDAY

"THE SEVENTH SEAL" a film directed by Ingmar Bergman (1957), in Swedish with English subtitles, will be shown on Sunday, April 6 at 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center Theatre. It will be free and open to the public.

MONDAY

TREATMENT OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES is a public service conference sponsored by the Social Work Program. It will be held Monday, April 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Dining Room B of the James Union Building. It is free and open to the public.

THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS invites members to a presentation by Nancy Boyd, "Technical Competency is Only Part of the Job Preparation." The meeting is Monday, April 7, 6:30 p.m. at Mrs. Boyd's house.

TUESDAY

A VIGIL SUPPORTING CONGRESMAN BART GORDON'S VOTE ON CONTRA AID will be held Tuesday, April 8 from 12 to 5 p.m. on the lawn of the Rutherford County Courthouse.

"WOMEN AND LANGUAGE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY" is the title of a lecture to be given by Dr. April Snyder, associate dean for Academic Services, Vanderbilt University. The lecture will be held on April 8 at 3 p.m. in Room 305 of the Keathley University Center.

WMOT PRESENTS "ALICE WALKER: IF GOD EVER LISTENED" on HORIZONS. Tuesday, April 8, at 8:30 a.m. Alice Walker, the first black woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Literature, will share segments of her famed novel. *The Color Purple*.

ARMS will hold a meeting Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 324 of the KUC. Nominations for officers and constitutional revisions will be discussed and voted upon. All members should attend this important meeting.

WEDNESDAY

CREATIVITY IN TEACHING is the title of a seminar that will be given on April 9 by Dr. Bace Bergman. It will be held in Room 314 of the Keathley University Center from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

OMEGA PHI ALPHA will hold a Wishing Well at the KUC Wednesday and Thursday April 9 and 10 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will also hold a Rock-a-thon Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12 from 5 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Northfield Blvd. Krogers. All money raised will go to Muscular Dystrophy research.

THURSDAY

THE 1986 SWING INTO SPRING JAZZ FESTIVAL will be held on April 10 at the Wright Music Building. Jimmy Raney, internationally famous jazz guitarist, will be featured along with saxaphonist Jamey Aebersold and the Middle Tennessee State University Blues Crusade. High school jazz ensembles will perform throughout the day, and Aebersold will give an improvisation clinic for all instruments starting at 3 p.m., followed by Raney's improvisation clinic at 5 p.m. Admission to the festival's clinics and concert is \$3.

"CHALLENGES IN THE STUDY OF AMERICAN MUSICS" will be the title of a lecture given by Dr. Archie Green, professor of folklore, retired from the University of Texas. The lecture will be given on Thursday, April 10 at 3 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the Learning Resources Center. Reception to follow. The lecture will be free and open to the public.

NOTICES

A STRESS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. on April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 and 17 in room 243 of Peck Hall. The seminar is free.

THE FIRST TENNESSEE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL will hold auditions for jugglers, mimes, magicians, musicians and various other street workers will be held Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m. near the KUC.

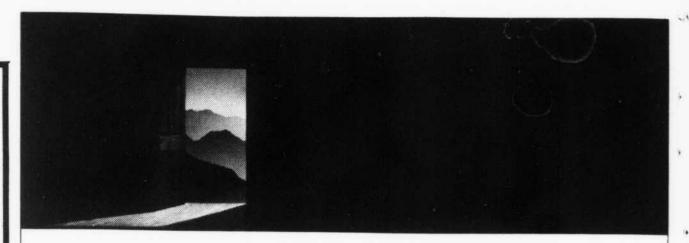
"SEE YOUR ADVISER' period is scheduled from April 14 through April 18.

TYPING QUALIFICATION EXAM for MC 171 will be given in room 204 of the James Union Building on Monday, April 28 at 11 a.m. and 2 and 7 p.m.; and on Monday June 2, at 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS must be in by April 16. They should be turned in to the Public Relations Office. Interviews will be held on April 22.

JSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for the 1986-1987 academic year are due in by April 30. The scholarships are limited to Middle Tennessee State University women students. Applications can be picked up in the MTSU Financial Aid Office. Applicants must be 23 years of age, either single or married parents with dependent children, and majoring in a non-traditional field.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN A \$750 SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE FALL 1986 SEMESTER and who are considering a career in entertainment reporting or promotion should contact Dr. Glenn Himebaugh, MTSU box 299.



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(Continued from page 1) Some of the information on the cards fall into these catagories. Locator cards contain home address and phone number, grade point average, ACT scores and class schedule, all covered by the Buckley Amendment. While the amendment does not specify criminal procecution for violation, "the law simply cuts off federal funds to the in-

formation," *Press Law* states. Approximately 40 campus offices have access to these cards, George Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, said. While his office usually burns or shreds the cards, "all offices may not dispose of them in the proper fashion," Gillespie said.

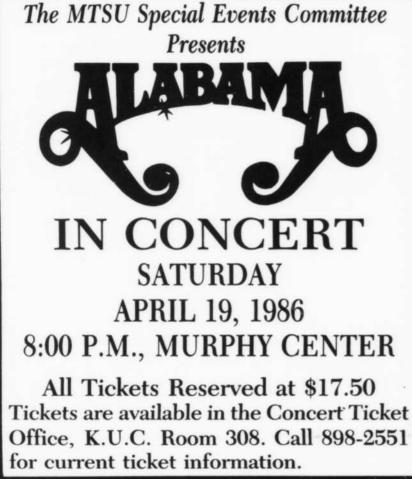
stitution which releases private in-

"There was no policy violation in the way they were disposed of...but

Students (Continued from page 1)

"I will certainly be glad to meet with students about any problem they have with maintenance," Smotherman said. "We want to work for the students. We are a service organization here for the students. If we are falling down, we need to get better communication to solve the problem." contacted she expressed displeasure with the discovery.

"I don't really appreciate it, and I don't think it should happen," she said. "Some information should remain confidential."



THE JAPAN CENTER OF TENNESSEE announces two Photographic Exhibits, "Scenes from Japan," from March 24- April 24. The exhibits will be in The Todd Library and in The Cope Administration Building Lobby.

GRADUATE STUDENTS enrolled for fewer than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors who plan to attend graduate school the semester following graduation must notify the post office by Tuesday, May 6, 1986, of their desire to retain their present post office box.

THE IDEAS AND ISSUES COMMITTEE OF THE STUDENT PROGRAMMING DEPARTMENT is now accepting applications for membership for the 86-87 year. Applications are in Room 308 of the Keathley University Center. For information call 898-2551.

SMYRNA SETS HOMECOMING '86 PARK CELEBRATION at Smyrna's Recreation Park, Sam Ridley Parkway, May 10. The celebration will include a crafts fair, entertainment and food and games for everyone. The crafts fair will begin at 9 a.m. Booth space is \$25; non-profit organizations will be charged \$15. Only hand made crafts will be allowed in the fair.

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: all submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to Sidelines by 1 p.m. Monday for Tuesday's paper and 1 p.m. Thursday for Friday's paper. All submissions are printed on a space available basis.



Betsy Drewry was crowned Miss MTSU Thursday night at Murphy Center in front of a packed house. The runner-up was Jennifer Messick.

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The Blotter is a record of incidents investigated by the MTSU Department of Public Safety and Security and submitted to Sidelines by that office.

The below covers a period from March 5 through March 20, 1986.

Incident: Vandalism to Auto Victim parked car in ROTC lot, returned to find the front window shattered.

Incident: Vandalism to Auto Victim parked car in Jones Field lot, returned to find the font passenger quarter pannel damaged.

March 6 - 7

Incident: Theft of State Property A RCA video cassette recorder was removed from Murphy Center sometime between the 6th or 7th.

March 10

Incident: Burglarly to Auto Victims car was parked at Tennis Courts near Cummings. When victim returned, found stereo missing. Entry was made through trunk.

Incident: Larceny

Victims car was parked near I-Hall. The car bra was removed sometime between the 10th or 11th.

March 12

Incident: Arrest

Dongias Vandriver, a non-student, was arrested for disturbing the peace and assault to a police officer after he resisted arrest. He was arrested at High Rise after throwing rocks and harassing a resident.

March 13

Incident: Larceny

Victim stated she reported her purse missing to Lost and Found in the KUC on 3-13-86. On 3-24-86 Lost and Found notified victim her purse had been found in the LRC on 3-14-86. Valuables were missing.

March 14

Incident: Damage to Auto

Victim parked car in the Bell Street parking lot at about 6 p.m. A nearby neighbor saw the car had been damaged at about 8 p.m. and went to MAC to tell victim. The driver's side window was shattered.

March 15

Incident: Fire of a Toaster

Resident had his toaster on and left the room. A neighbor heard the smoke alarm go off an smelled smoke coming from the dorm room. A fire extinguisher was used to put out the fire.

March 16

Incident: Vandalism

Victim parked her vehicle just prior to the John Congar Mellencamp at MAC. At 9 p.m. an officer observed broken glass near the vehicle. It was found the driver's side window had been broken.

Incident: Assault

Victim stated two females attemted to steal his wallet from his back pocket and then sprayed mace in his face and fled with a John Cougar Mellencamp T-shirt that he had bought at the concert. The assault occurred in the Greenland Drive parking lot.

March 20

Incident: Buglary from Auto Victim stated she parked her vehicle by the University Center. When she returned she found her purse missing.

March 22

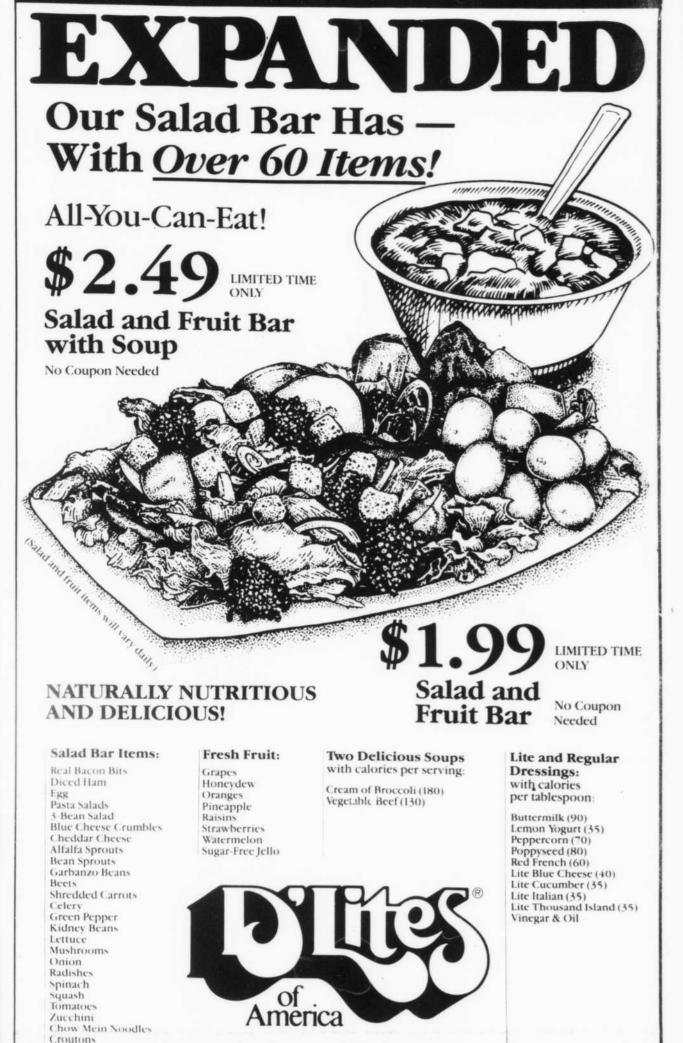
Incident: Larceny

Victim reported his bicyle had been taken from Family Housing some time after Noon on Saturday.

March 23

Incident: Burglary to Auto

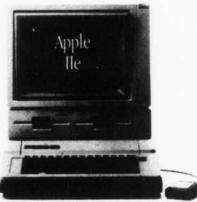
Victim asked his son to lock his vehicle around 10 p.m. The vehicle was discovered by a DPSS officer with the door open later that night. The victim found nothing missing, but some contents were removed from the car and were found in the parking lot.



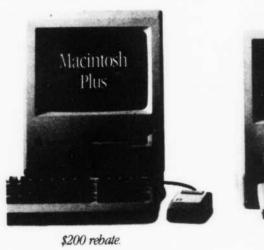
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Editorial/Forum

MTSU housing unresponsive

The MTSU housing department is unresponsive to students' needs.

When university housing wants students to do something, they do not seem to hesitate enforcing their power. But when the students of the university need something from the housing staff, we can all wait and the room and unplugged see how long it takes.

university. That should be enough clout to get more adeptly to the students needs. But the university seems to bypass this as trivial.

student paid to live in the dorm during that week and was greatly inconvenienced due to the ineptness of the housing department. The students room was checked as if the student would not be there for the week. This means that a housing employee came into all of the electrical plugs. Students pay to live in As a result, the food in facilities provided by the her refrigerator spoiled. Instead of an apology from the housing staff, the university to respond the student was reprimanded for a beer found in the refrigerator. First of all, the stu-

dents pay enough money During spring break a for housing, without

being charged an extra weeks rent during the break.

If the housing department would take into consideration the students needs more often, there would not be so many complaints about it. Instead it seems that housing staff members are just another bunch of authority figures out to 'get us.' Catching stu- about changes is to let dents breaking the rules and regulations seem to be the top priority.

Student complaints range anywhere from slow maintenance and pest control, to invasion of privacy.

The only way to bring too!

complaints your be known. We challenge our new ASB President Troy Baxter to speak for the students, hear the complaints and do something about them. After all, Greeks live in the dorms

wonderful month" April is "pets are

Jackie Solomon Sidelines Guest columnist

I was delighted to learn that April is "Pets are Wonderful" month. Now, I'm not normally one of these people who gets excited about National Potato Month or even National Women's History Week, but you talk about my pet and you're talking my language.

My pet is somewhat unusual. I don't know whether even I can call her "wonderful" but she's unquestionably a cat in a class all her own. We're celebrating our third anniversary this month, and I plan to cook her a little steak and a scrambled egg (her favorite meal) next Friday. Some of my acquaintances think that's a bit crazy, but after months of Tender Vittles and Kal

Needless to say, the owner of Solomon's was not particularly happy to find an ugly orange cat pooping all over his attic and munching on turkey and Swiss cheese scraps. He gave my buddies one week to find the pussycat a home or call the folks at animal Auschwitz (the Humane Society).

"Jackie, come on, you can take it for just a few days until we can find someone else."

"NO.'

"Think about it. If you don't let this cat stay with you, it will die. Nobody will adopt a cat this ugly."

"No. I hate cats. I think pets are ludicrous. What do you think I am, made of money? There's food and litter to buy, and shots and getting fixed. No."

dled under the sofa

"Come out from there right now," I screeched. Cat huddled further under the sofa. I grabbed the broom and took a swipe at the cat, which immediately made a dash for the bedroom.

I headed the little furball off at the door and grabbed it.

Suddenly my heart went out to the poor thing. It was trembling like a leaf. We spent the entire evening - five or six hours - sitting on the sofa listening to Vivaldi. Hunter still likes classical music best.

I didn't like Hunter very well for a long time. In fact, I abandoned her once when she refused to get into my car to go to my parent's house for Christmas. Somehow she survived three weeks of the coldest weather ever in West Alabama. The next spring she had kittens (by this time I had figured out that she was a female; a cat in heat is pretty darned unmistakable.) I didn't even know she was in the family way. Finally, after her second litter (seven kittens in a one-bedroom apartment), I decided to take the plunge and get her fixed. It was terrible; I didn't know they took everything out. I panicked when she wouldn't eat on the day she came home and cried over the phone to my vet. He laughed and asked me if this was my first cat.

when I sleep on my back.

Those who know Hunter well, however, claim that she is somewhat disturbed, probably because some jerk gave her LSD when she was a kitten. (That's why I named her after Hunter S. Thompson.)

Usually a quiet cat, she occasionally goes into a frenzy of running around the apartment and yowling. These episodes don't last long, but they can be startling to a stranger. (Hunter is a demanding roommate) I think that she hates doing things alone. She is now in the springtime habit of arising at 5 a.m., and she insists on my going with her to the living room window to look at the early birds. For your information, "insists" means 1) prowling around the edges of the bed and meowing softly, 2) walking up and down my body and meowing more loudly, and 3) crouching on my chest and biting my nose and chin. I usually sleep on the sofa during birdwatching time, and after breakfast (5:30 or 6 a.m.) I can go back to my own bed. Hunter's most vocal critic is a doctor friend of mine who contends the cat is drug-damaged and neurotic, and that I am incapable of disciplining her. I think he makes fun of Hunter because she expresses her jealousy by using her litterbox loudly and at great length whenever I pay attention to a man. If the litterbox action doesn't get my attention, she'll crawl under the bed and start chewing and scratching at my storage boxes. If the unobjectionable activity on my part continues, she'll begin running around the apartment and pouncing on the couch or table or wherever the man happens to be.



"Reagan is completely ignorant

is childish."

Khadafy.

puberty.

in international policy, he does not

even know the significance of the

Gulf of Sidra. Geographically, he does not know where it is. Reagan

Certainly this is a biased opinion.

If I had just lost several million dol-

lars in military equipment to Amer-

ican war planes I would be feeling

the same way - but this is the norm

for Khadafy. Instead of acknow-

ledging the massive embarrasment

as a result of his "line of death,"

Khadafy has chosen a typical

foreign policy tactic. This includes

the use of name calling, the "we

are the savior of the world" speech,

and a dubious accusation that

Ronald Reagan has not yet reached

Sound familiar? Probably does.

We hear it all the time from our

own president, it just sounds more

For the past six years we have

official coming from an actor.

said Moammar

CENTERFIELD **By Mark Bell** Sidelines Columnist

Vote now, shoot later

the President on election day. According to the 1980 Presidential election, it is a fact that only half of the American population participated. Of this percentage, if only little more than half of the votes are for a particular candidate the result is that only 30 of every 100 persons actually want this person to direct the future of the country. You do not need a calculator to determine the relevant percentage of persons that are not responsible for inadvertantly choosing the course of American foreign policy. Of this 70 percent who are NOT responsible, 20 percent voted against the winner and are therefore justly able to criticize the Administration. The remaining 50 percent are the ones who have no room to complain (for those who need a calculator).

A very important distinction concerning Reagan's foreign policy need be noted: there is a difference between what should be, and what will be policy. Instead of going to the World Court to reach an agreement, Reagan deployed a large Naval task force into the Gulf of Sidra in order to exerpt pressure on Khadafy and his Imperialist Arab Circus. This was not an act of defending international waters, but an act of tightening the screws on Khadafy's thick skull. You can bet that if Libya, according to Khadafy, tries to hold naval manuvers 12 miles off shore of the U.S., our missles will not miss!

Kan, she deserves it.

Hunter is named for Hunter S. Thompson. If you don't know who he is, you can stop reading right now.

I named Hunter after a man because when I got her three years ago, I didn't know what to look for under her little tail that would tell me what kind of cat she was. She behaved male, begging for attention and then abruptly distaining my caresses, so I assumed she was male. I had a lot to learn about cats.

Hunter was the scrawniest, most wretched-looking ball of orange and white fur I'd ever seen when I first made her acquaintance in Tuscaloose, Alabama one April afternoon. She was hanging around a bar where several of my friends worked, eating scraps from the meat-and-cheese slicer. One of them had set up a litter box and blanket in the attic of the bar where Hunter could hide from the burntout acid freaks and frat boys who delighted in tormenting her.

Doodles

Doodles

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"If I were a cat, where would I hide?" I thought. Using my incredible powers of deduction, I started looking under and inside things. Sure enough, there she was, hud-

After the spaying, Hunter and I became better friends. She no longer climbs the curtains and yowls at the outside cats every two weeks. Nor does she find it necessary to race outside every time the door is open. Content to lie in the sun in the window, she's a much more amiable pet. She licks the tears off my cheeks when I'm unhappy and curls up on my stomach

by C.S. Hayes

Once I broke off a romance with the owner of a large and particularly offensive dog because he threw the cat off the sofa and threatened to pull out her claws if she interrupted us again. Fortunately, my doctor

been listening to a recording: we are the Dalamation, Reagan is the victrola, and his speeches are the 78 rpm records, all of which are spinning too fast. Maybe that is why we are tilting our heads a little to the left.

The basic tactic of the Reagan Administration is little different from Khadafy. It is standard policy for any government's officals to call its opposition whatever it feels necessary to insure that it receives bad PR. After all, aren't other countries just as obligated to justify their beliefs as well as the next?

Yes? No? Maybe? Only on a full moon?

There are as many answers to this question as are people who are willing to state an opinion. If the 'flaky" Khadafy is indeed sponsoring terrorist activities, the U.S. or any other country has the right to counter such threats. Reagan says that he has enough evidence to prove such a claim. Consequently, Reagan is one of thoes who is willing to take a stand: he has to, it is his job.

Elections; they are a wonderful thing, often taken for granted (say it isn't so!). The importance of American influence is invested in

The goal of Reagan's foreign policy has often, and accuratly, been described as anti-Communist. The oppressing moves against Libya as well as Nicaragua were both aimed at cutting the strings of these Communist puppet states. This move does not fall out of the shadow of past American presidents and their policy's. Reagan's policy is justifiable and open to criticism, especially from those who are responsible for electing him. However, alternative methods of achieving democratic goals are also available and open to criticism.

Shoot and ask questions later? Don't vote and then criticize the Administration? Bat right handed and hit into left field.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? YOU DIDN'T THINK IT WAS FUNNY? BUT. BAXTER NEW ASB I THINK SIDELINES RUINED ITS IMAGE BY INDULGING IN LOW I THINK IT WAS TWISTED AND WIERD friend owns two cats. THAT'S NOT FUNNY. THAT'S SICK AND DEPRAVED !!! JOURNALISM. Middle Tennessee State University Lisa Flowers C.S. Hayes GET THE CROWBAR HAL. ROTATION DIET !!!

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INSIGHTS By Brian Conley Sidelines Columnist

The parking situation on this exist. campus is atrocious.

That statement can be heard daily on this campus from every commuter. There are about 5,700 student parking spaces on the campus. You might think that is a lot of spaces. It really isn't when the university sells 10,200 parking stickers and there are only 5,700 spaces. Where are the 4,500 people that do not have a space going to park? All of these people have paid \$5 for a parking space that doesn't

When a person is late for class because he has been looking for a parking place for 20 minutes, he must illegally park and consequently is ticketed. That is not so bad. If you park illegally you expect to get a ticket. The negative aspect is where the parking fines go.

One might think the money would go to help alleviate the parking problem. NO! It goes into a general fund. That makes sense.

Money from the general fund can be used for everything - from football jersey's to student programming to anything on campus. Why isn't there a special fund set up by the administration with the money from parking fines? If there were such a fund it would be much easier to see just how much money the university could spend to solve the problem.

Granted the administration has put forth an effort to alleviate some of the problem by building a parking lot next to the Greenland Dr. lot. However, that is too little too late.

A parking tower would be a good solution. In fact, it is about the only way to solve the problem. I admit a tower would cost an arm and a leg to build, but there are ways of raising money. If the administration could work it out where beer was sold as a concession in a special booth during football games that could raise a tremendous amount of money.

Another way of raising money would be to set the money from parking tickets aside for the construction of a parking tower. That in itself would raise a fortune. I know a student who hands out tickets and he told me he averages 100 a day. That is \$400 a day for one person not counting the \$32 tickets. That is \$2,000 a week or \$30,000 a year from one ticketer. That is a lot of money that could be used for a tower.

Money could be raised be charg-

taken to improve the situation. It is hard to ignore the fact that it takes 15 minutes to walk to a class from a main lot and thus you must get to the lot at least 15 minutes before your class to have any hope of being on time. And the fact that you'll still have to get to school at 7 a.m. to get a half-way decent parking place.

The university needs to start doing something about parking either build a tower or more lots or stop cheating 4,500 nice students out of a parking place.

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Epitome of weirdness

By CHRIS BELL Sidelines Staff Writer

The house looks like the typical Maine beach hove. Perfectly situated on a craggy coastline; owned by an older couple; retired after years of trolling for lobsters, now ready to enjoy their lives. The rock garden is carefully arranged and fairly well tended. The deck is perfect for looking out onto the horizon for approaching boats.

The only problem is that the house is located about 1/4 mile south of that intesection known as Triune. Up on a hill, this impressive as hell cottage sits looking out over, not the sea, but the damn Tennessee midlands

I've gone past that house 100 times, and every time it amazes me. What is that house doing there?

Triune consists of a market, a saddlery store and a vacant building that changes occupants about every month. It's not really a town, just

a place to send mail to and a place for people to live. But if you wanted to live in a beach house and were going to go to the trouble of building it wouldn't you just move to the beach?

Maybe the builder didn't have that option. Maybe he or she just wanted the house, but loved the area. If I were a better reporter I'd go up to the door and ask whoever answered; if I were a better writer I'd make up a story that answered all my questions. As it is I just wonder about the thing.

I am glad the house exists. It's nice to have my thinking jarred by a sudden anomaly every once in a while.

We spend most of our lives going about the day to day routine. Even heads of state probably get in a rut. Something out of the ordinary wakes us up every so often, but most of these breaks are usually

things like an accident or a surprise call from an old friend.

They're nice, they're different, but somehow they fit into our perception of the scheme of things. But every so often there's a power surge in our circuits, something that just doesn't belong. It's these epiphanies that really make us think about the real world around us.

Another story. I was out driving one Sunday night last summer trying to clear my mind, not a difficult task. I drove by the airport and looked at the searchlight like I usually do.

A few minutes later I passed it again in the opposite direction. There, standing by the road underneath the sign, were a couple carrying several bags of luggage. What were they doing there at 11 p.m. on a Sunday? Who would pick them up? Where were they from?

ing concert go-ers \$2 or \$3 to park in the major lots. They could raise \$2,000-\$3,000 in one night. The parking disaster is not a problem that can be remedied in one night. However, steps could be **COMING SOON**



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Features/Entertainment

Local bands play for anti-apartheid benefit

By BRIAN CONLEY Sidelines Entertainment Critic

Six Murfreesboro based bands performed a benefit concert March

31 for South African Freedom Education Inc. (S.A.F.E.).

In a letter sent by S.A.F.E. to publicize a benefit concert in Nashville stated that S.A.F.E. was chartered as a non-profit, Tenn. based organization in Dec. 1985. Its' purpose is two-fold: to call attention to the oppressive system of Apartheid; and to raise funds for the education of South African refugees.

The founder of S.A.F.E. is Aashid Himons — a member of the band Afrikan Dreamland. He attempted to have a benefit concert in Nashville to be held on April 12, 1986, but because of problems with the mailing of correspondence he was forced to cancel the concert. Scott Mac Leod of Murfreesboro heard about the Nashville concert (Freedom Jam '86) and decided that Murfreesboro needed to have a concert to go along with the Nashville benefit.

"I felt that we needed to have a concert to help South Africa and it would be a good place to showcase the bands we have in Murfreesboro," MacLeod said.

MacLeod then contacted several bands and the "Rock Profiles Anti-Apartheid Benefit" was born.

The bands featured in the show were The Look, Riff Raff, the Blind Farmers, F Particles, Mordred Lane and H.R. and the Audio Blisters.

The first band to come on stage was The Look. If you like well-done covers off alternative music hits The Look is for you. Their versions of Guadalcanal Diary's "Watusi Rodeo," and the Clash's hit "Should I Stay or Should I Go," sounded as if the original bands were on stage. Other covers they performed are R.E.M's "Driver 8," "I Will Follow" by U2 and the Jason and the Scorchers hit "White Lies."

Covers are not the only music

the first show since an ARMs party at Mainstreet last fall, Riff Raff proved they are still one of the best bands in Murfreesboro.

Riff Raff's show included mostly original material set around a couple of covers. They did the best cover I have ever heard of "Pictures of Matchstick Ends" (Status Quo). In fact, it was even better than the original. They also did "Huggin" off the RIM IV album and an excellent cover of the Doors classic "Roadhouse Blues."

Their original material was the fast driving music that just makes you want to get up and "Riff and roll." "Scatterbrain" is one such song. If you can't party to this song vou just can't party. Riff Raff is definitely back.

After the Look satisfied the audiences desire for alternative music, and Riff Raff performed their brand of party rock - The Blind Farmers came on stage and did what they do best: rockabilly/punk/

Review

party-rock. As usual they were excellent.

The Blind Farmers started their show with a cover of the Sufari's "Wipe Out." Then came a good rendition of the all-time country classic "Tea for Texas."

The Blind Farmers have diversified their act somewhat since their move from Hell to Lascasas. Incoporating Nick Lowe's "Seven Nights to Rock" and a good cover of U2's "I Will Follow" they have started a move to play more contemporary rock'n'roll while still retaining some of their country roots.

The Blind Farmer originals have country and rock'n'roll roots. "I'm Big", a Blind Farmer original about their rhythm guitarist Buford St. Pilot, is a good slow melodic country tune while the "Blind Farmers



Breakdown" features good fast driving guitar licks that could either be heard on "Hee Haw" or "American Bandstand."

When the Blind Farmers finished plowing down the audience, the F Particles made their first ever appearance anywhere. The F Particles sound is the only good merger I have heard between the early Black Flag and the Dead Kennedy's. It is hard to imagine a really good hard core punk band from Murfreesboro but the F Particles are just that - a good hard core band.

Suprisingly (I say suprisingly because Murfreesboro is not known for liking or supporting alternative music - much less a hard core band) the audience ate them up. The F Particles were the only band that had an encore.

The "Gumby Theme" and the theme from "Sesame Street" are a couple of the songs they re-did in a unique punk version. Their original music was excellent - especially since it is hard to find any decent new hard core bands that don't sound generic and commercial

Job Hunt", a F Particle original, deals with one of the main concerns of the punk movement - coporate greediness. "Fone Secks" (another F Particle orginal and yes, that is the right spelling), is self explanatory. Both songs have good, typical, yet not generic, punk beats. Middle Tennesse finally has a punk band which we can take pride in.

If the hard core sounds of F Particles did not agree with your musical palate, the next band, Mordred Lane, should satisfy your musical taste buds

Mordred Lane is Murfreesboro's answer to the 80s psychadelia movement. Their sound is a combi-

nation of Jimi Hendrix and the Doors.

Their lyrics as well as their sounds follow the traditional psychadelia movement. A Mordred Lane original, "2 Old Men" is a nuclear protest song that would do the Vietnam protest groups of the early 60's and late 70s justice.

Their other originals, "Wretched Nihilism," "Desperation," and "The Rod" are equally impressive originals from the repetoire of Mordred Lane.

Besides having good original

songs, Mordred Lane proved that they can also do good covers of old 60s acid/psychadelia songs. With impressive covers of the Door's "Peace Frog" and the Lou Reed classic "Sweet Jane" they proved they can rock with any 60s revivalist band.

If psychadelics still didn't satisfy your musical hunger the R&B sounds of H.R. and the Audio Blisters should have filled you up. They started their high energy set with



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the Look can play, however. They did two original songs "Come Back Laura" and "Her Daddy Don't Like Me" that are real good and might be able to be hits if they could get national airplay and a major record label.

After The Look finished their

set, Murfreesboro saw the return

of Riff Raff after a long haitus. In

Hopper and Bobbitt, two members of The Look, rock at benefit.

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Producers overcome quirks and are back on track again

By BRIAN CONLEY Sidelines Entertainment Critic

"We [the Producers] try to be as honest about ourselves as possible and try to dispel some of the criticism that has come up about phoney people [in rock]," Tim Smith, bassist for the Producers, explained.

"We are real people and honest about what we are doing," Smith added.

The reason the Producers have taken so long to release their third album, Run For Your Life is because of the management and recording difficulties they have experienced, Smith explained. The Producers recently fired their manager, and they left CBS records.

CBS was experiencing financial problems and would only budget the album for half of what they promised. After CBS told the Producers that they would not have as much money as they planned for, the Producers decided to gamble and leave CBS, Smith said. The Producers are currently releasing their albums on their own label,

Marathon Records.

Another reason for the delay is the Producers have been experiencing problems with personell. Their bass player, Kyle Henderson, left the band around two years ago. The Producers found Tim Smith when a friend of Smith's told him the Producers were hold-

ing auditions, Smith said. "I sent them a demo tape," Smith said. "They liked it, and asked me to join the band. I was still in high school at the time so I had to wait until after graduation to start play-

ing with them." The wait was worth the effort as the Producers are now on a coast to coast tour that includes stops in California, Utah and Kansas. The Producers opened for John Waiter

on his tour two months ago. "This [Mainstreet] is one of the smaller places we've played in," Smith said. "We play a lot of colleges and smaller auditoriums."

Smith explained that the constant touring gave the Producers the concept and ideas for their latest album Run For Your Life. "The whole album is about what

the Producers have been doing touring the country," Smith said. "We have had to do things the hard way by playing all of the time to keep our fans and followers happy. We have had to constantly tell ourselves that better things will happen.

The Producers will start work on their next album this summer.

"It will hopefully be more agressive and energetic. We want to get back to the original energy of the Producers," Smith explained. "The third album was just getting all of the frustrations out of our system."

"Our goals are to obtain a good record contract, find a manager, and get back to writing songs," Smith said. "We are trying to be musicians and businessmen like we have been lately.

The Producers have been responsible for their own management since they are without a manager at this present time.

The Producers are Van Temple on lead guitar and vocals, Bryan Holmes on drums, Wayne Famous on keyboards, and Tim Smith on



Tim Bennett●Staff H.R. and the Audio Blisters (I. to r.) Evans, Lutz, Harris, H.R., and Norman jam for anti-apartheid.

Local

a cover of "Blue Highway." The H.R. and the Audio Blisters originals "Strange Place" and "Twilight" show that Mufreesboro bands are not to be left out of the Middle Tennessee music scene.

Besides the remarkable performances of all six bands, Scott Mac-

ductions.

"I am pleased with the big turn- of the best I have ever seen.

Leod deserves recognition for a out," MacLeod said. "Everybody great job orginizing this benefit helped out a lot. I'd like to thank which raised \$637 for the S.A.F.E A&R Sound and Lights for the lights, Philip Austin for letting us be here at Mainstreet, and Cat's Records and Video for helping with advertising."

> Scott MacLeod did a good job in putting together one of the best line-ups I have ever seen at a local benefit concert. This show was one

Simple Minds rock Vandy

Review

By BRIAN CONLEY Sidelines Entertainment Critic

When it comes to good melodic mainstream alternative music Simple Minds almost unmediately comes to my mind.

Their April Fools day concert at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym proved that they can also put on a good show.

The Call came on before Simple Minds in an effort to warm the audience up. They were pretty good musically but their show was dead. There was no action. All The Call did was get on stage, sing five songs and leave. The songs were fairly decent, one of them "The Walls Came Down" was a top 40 hit about 3 years ago, but their set only lasted for 25 minutes. That's way too short for an opening act.



On Monday Simple Minds performed to an excited crowd at Vandy.

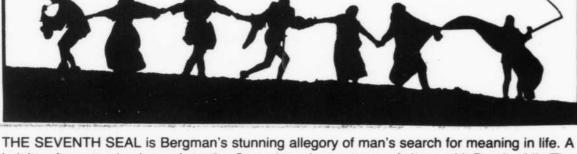
They also had two smoke Yourself", they attempted to make machines on the sides to add a touch of mystique to the show without overdoing it like 90 percent of the bands who use smoke do.

Jim Kerr, Simple Mind's vocalist, Me A Miracle." really got into the show. He jumped and danced his way around the stage for the entire set, only stopback to the dressing room and relax ping to rest for a minute or two on but the capacity crowd would have the middle riser. The rest of the none of that. Simple Minds had to band followed suit and almost come on and do two more songs never stopped moving. before they could leave. The audience got into the act Even though the opening act was several times as fans jumped on disappointing because of their bre-

a getaway. The audience did not allow them that pleasure. They screamed, chanted, clapped and made loud noises until Simple Minds came on and did "Promise

Simple Minds still wanted to go





knight, after returning home from the Crusades, plays a game of chess with Death while The Plague ravages medieval Europe.An exceptionally powerful film, it is a work of awesome scone and remarkable visual pleasures

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organization.

Other people that ought to be recognized for their efforts are Aashid Himons of Afrikan Dreamland and founder of S.A.F.E. who helped Tracy Blair with the intro-

The good thing about The Call's show was the fact that Simple Minds did not need any warming up. They got the audience going without the aid of an opening act.

The set itself was relatively simple. It consisted of two tilted risers with steps in them on the outside, a riser for the keyboards and drums next to the stair risers and another stair riser in the middle of it all.

There was also three screens and the three biggest venetian blinds in between the three movie screens. That set was not that complex. However, it is what Simple Minds did with that set that was so impressive

Their light show was spectacular. On the three screens they had images of suns at times and on a couple of songs they had a giant dove on the middle screen that moved with the beat of the song.

stage and danced with band members, several times too many to the dismay of security officers.

One particularly rambunctious fan chased Kerr around the stage for several minutes before being escorted off the stage by security. It was your typical Vandy crowd.

Simple Minds accented their energy and good special effects by playing all of their hits. They even played their hit off the Breakfast Club soundtrack "Don't You Forget About Me" even though they did not play it on their last tour.

After the two last songs of the act, Simple Minds' hits off their latest album Once Upon A Time "Alive and Kickin" and "Santicfy

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vity, this was still a very good show. I did not see one person leaving the concert that did not have the look you have after you've had a great time.

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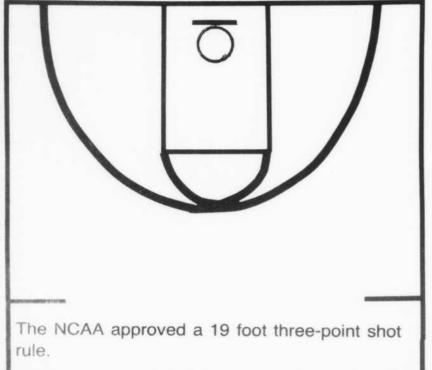
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Sports



Coach likes NCAA rule change

By BRIAN CONLEY Sidelines Sports Writer

The NCAA Rules committee has approved the use of televised instant replays and a three-point goal for college basketball next season.

Three-point goal was adopted by the NCAA after experimentation in 20 conferences over a five year period, Dr. Edward S. Steitz, secetary-editor of the Rule Committee, said.

The three-point goal line will be 19 feet 9 inches from the basket. The pro distance (23-9) was used by some conferences during the test but they found that distance to be undesirable, Steitz said. A questionnaire was handed out and the majority of coaches prefered 19-9.

"I think it is a good rule along

with the 45 second shot clock,

Dave Clement, a graduate assistant

coach for MTSU, said. "It was

needed. The rule will make the

out," Clement said. "I don't think

it will be a run and gun show. The

new rule will be healthy for basket-

"It will not take the inside game

and that is good."

game more exciting.

ball.

Vanderbilt Coach C.M. Newton "It's going to force teams to play while Tennessee Coach Don more defense away from the bas-DeVoe doesn't like the bomb's ket," Steitz said to the Associated away incentive it will give some Press. "People will say you are putteams. ting the little man back in the game

The use of TV replays will be for correction of timing and scoring errors. This is a result of a clock malfunction during the NCAA Midwest Regional in which a clock malfunctioned and took 15 seconds off the clock. This loss of time took something away from the Kansas win over Michigan.

The three point rule is okay with

Another rule change approved by the NCAA committee was a rule which will no longer charge a coach with a technical foul if he leaves the coaching box to protest errors in timing, scoring, or alternating possesion.

Some items the committee approved for experimentation include widening the free-throw lanes to the NBA length of 16 feet; reduce the size of the part of the backboard underneath the basket as a safety factor; allow a player with four fouls in regulation play to have two more fouls in overtime (players who foul out in regulation will still be forced to sit out OT) and instead of requiring 10 seconds to cross midcourt, teams will have to advance to a rear boundary arc within 10 seconds.

Tentative football schedule set

tackle

By MICHAEL FREEMAN Sidelines Sports Editor

In less than five months, it will be that time of year again.

That's right, football season. The Blue Raiders have taken to the practice field, and Head Coach Boots Donnelly has set a tentative schedule for the season.

The game that many dreamed of - a season opening game between the Raiders, who finished the regular season undefeated last year and were ranked number one in the nation in Division I-AA, and the Tigers of Tennessee State University won't quite be the game everyone planned.

The game is still set for Sept. 6, at Vanderbilt's Dudley Field, but it won't be the opener for either team.

"We found out that they had already scheduled a team the week before, and felt that that would give them an edge, playing in Nashville, and with a game already under their belt," Donnelly said. "We felt that since other teams wanted to play us, it would be in our best interest to schedule one of them ahead of TSU."

The Blue Raiders open up against Miles College, August 30, their season at home again against at home at Horace Jones Field. Tennessee Tech, November 23rd.

They then take on the TSU Tigers during the Labor Day weekend.

The Raiders will then take a week off before returning to Murfreesboro to face defending national champion Georgia Southern. Sept. 20.

Southern was the only team to beat Boots Donnelly and company last year during the NCAA playoffs. Georgia Southern has never beaten MTSU during the regular season

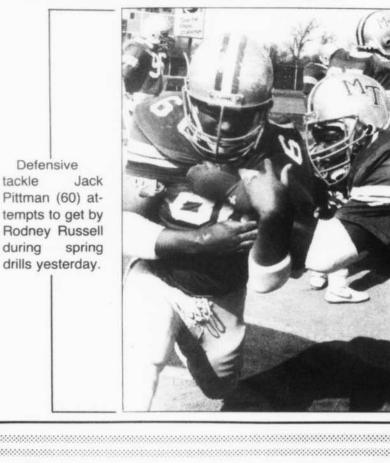
MTSU then takes to the road as they open their 1986 conference schedule at Eastern Kentucky on the 27th, and then at Austin Peav Oct. 4th.

They then return to Floyd Stadium to take on the Akron Zips Oct. 11th.

Donnelly and crew then travel to Springfield, Mo. Oct. 18 to face non-conference foe. Southwest Missouri.

The Raiders take a week off and head north to face Youngstown State, in Youngstown Nov, 2.

They then have Morehead State, at home the next week at home, and travel to Murray State the 16th.



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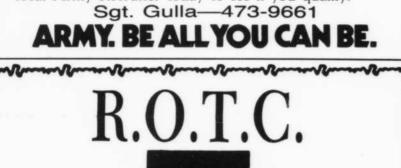
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The Blue Raiders will wrap-up

BULLETIN — The

MTSU baseball team lost yesterday to Western Kentucky, 3-2 in

Bowling Green, Kent, Barry

Vetter took the loss for MTSU

kick off their schedules this

weekend, the Southern Division

will wait until next Thursday to get

things going. The Blue Raiders will

open their league schedule at home

against arch-rival Tennessee Tech

for a twin bill, while the Governors

of Austin Peay travel to Murray,

Chip Carnes leads the Raiders

Following his performance at

The Northern Division also has

games scheduled for Tuesday, with

Akron at Youngstown and Eastern

Against UT, Wednesday Chris

UT-Knoxville, Carnes had compiled a mark of 11 home runs and

in both home runs and runs batted

Ky. to take on the Racers.

33 RBI's.

at Morehead.

as pitcher.

Raiders rip Vols

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Middle Tennessee State baseball team improved its season mark to 17-16 Wednesday thumping the University of Tennessee 8-6 in Knoxville, as the Ohio Valley Conference gears up for its 1986 season to begin.

The Blue Raiders, sparked by a two run homer in the first inning by Chris Whitehead took the early lead and never looked back.

The Vols made a try for the lead in the third inning, tying the game 2-2. Both teams scored in the fourth to push the score to 4-4.

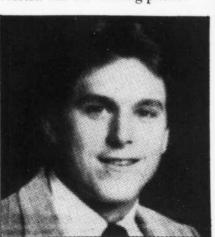
MTSU edged out of reach in the fifth when junior Chip Carnes of Chattanooga, knocked in two runs on a double, and Anthony Holmes hit a two run homer in the eighth to ice the game.

This weekend marks the beginning of conference play for the OVC, as Northern Division powerhouse Akron takes on Morehead State in a three game series, and Youngstown State plays three against defending conference champion Eastern Kentucky in Richmond, Ky.

While Northern Division teams Norton was the winning pitcher.

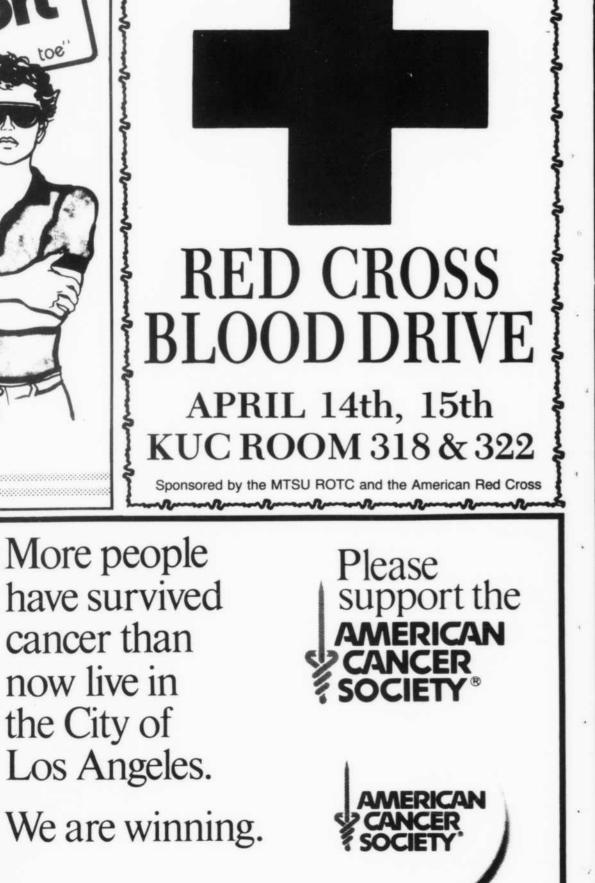


Anthony Holmes



Chip Carnes





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Upshaw opposes tests

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The head of the NFL Players Association said yesterday he would urge players individually to refuse to submit to random drug testing if Commissioner Pete Rozelle unilaterally implements such a program.

NFLPA Executive Director Gene Upshaw, in an interview with United Press International, denied that Rozelle's program could cause a players' strike, contradicting a report published Wednesday in the Washington Post.

"I do not advocate a strike. I said we were on a collision course because Rozelle says, 'It's my way or no way," Upshaw said.

Upshaw said the union does not have the right to strike over the issue, under the terms of the current collective bargaining agreement with management, which expires at the end of the coming season

Rozelle said during league meetings March 11 in Rancho Mirage, Calif., that if the union did not approve his plan for random drug testing of all players, he would impose it anyway. The commissioner contended illegal drug use among players had become a significant threat to the financial stability of the league.

Upshaw said the union would not accept spot-check testing of players for drug use.

The collective bargaining agreement currently permits drug testing only during the annual pre-season physicals given by each team doctor and at other times when the team doctor cites "reasonable cause" to suspect drug use.

If Rozelle attempts to implement the plan without union consent, Upshaw said: "First we would file an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board. Secondly, we would use all our resources to tell our players to resist testing."

It is uncertain how long the NLRB would take to act on the complaint, which would seek an injunction to halt the testing.

But Upshaw told the Post in an if they choose to do so."

interview conducted Monday: "I'm not suggesting [a strike]. But what I am is that if Rozelle tries to implement his own program without negotiating with us, we'll take all the necessary steps to stop him, including withholding our services."

Upshaw cited a union survey indicating that 72 percent of the players are opposed to random testing. The union has maintained that such testing is a violation of the players privacy.

The Players Association last month unveiled its "get tough" drug plan, which allowed random testing of only those players who already tested positive under one of the two existing stipulations for testing. It also proposed a series of punishments for drug users, including a life-time suspension for three-time offenders.

Rozelle said the union's proposal would not solve the problem, saying: "I hope the Players Association and the [league owners'] Managment Council will negotiate further in order to develop a more effective solution.'

Upshaw maintains Rozelle has no power to implement his own drug testing program under the current collective bargaining agreement, which states, "there will not be any spot-checking for chemical abuse or dependency by the club or the club physician.

Upshaw added that the Rozelle plan would supercede the drug testing provisions in the collective bargaining agreement.

The drug abuse prevention plan that we have put in the CBA was a mandatory subject of bargaining between labor and managment (during negotiations four years ago)," Upshaw said. "We bargained, we reached an agreement, and we implemented the program."

However, Rozelle told the Post: Within the (NFL) Constitution, there is language which I think will give me the authority to implement (the program). I am not saying it won't be challenged by the players



SOC plans to run random drug tests

COLARADO SPRINGS, Colo. (UPI)-The U.S Oylmpic Committee will perform drug tests on more than 3,000 American amateur athletes this year, officials said yesterday.

"Our program has shown a significant drop-off in the use of drugs since 1983, and it must be working," said Dr. Robert Voy, the USOC's chief medical officer who supervises the testing.

"Athletes coming through the system are getting used to it (testing)," Voy said. "Many of them are asking to be tested now to prove they are clean, and their sport is clean."

All 38 U.S. national governing bodies of amateur sports have signed an agreement perm'tting testing of their athletes at n jor events in 1986, 1987, and 1988 w USOC secretary general.

The confidential results will be sent directly to the governing body, which will carry out any sanctions, he said.

The USOC will test 650 athletes--including all medalists, and random testing among other athletes --at the U.S. Olympic Festival July 25-August 3 in Houston, said Miller. More than 2,800 American athletes in 34 sports will perform at the event.

Vov said the USOC already has received requests from the national governing bodies to test almost 3,000 athletes in 1986, and he expects more. The USOC has tested regularly since 1983, when two American athletes were among several whose tests were positive for the use of banned drugs at the Pan American Games at Caracas, Venezuela.

The USOC has tested 3,500 athletes since then, Voy said. None of the 597 athletes who made up the U.S. Olympic team at Los Angeles, or the 125 who made up the U.S. Olympic Winter Games team at Sarajevo had failed a test.

Voy said he will meet this week with the NFL about the success of the USOC's drug testing program, particularly steroids and other performance-enhancing substances.

It costs the USOC about \$60,000 a vear to maintain its lab at Los Angeles, and \$150 to \$200 per test, . ut Voy said the tests were worth the expense.

'The fact that all 38 national governing bodies in the USOC family are in agreement and will allow testing, in fact request it, says a lot about the commitment of amateur sports to tell the public of the majority of Olympic athletes are not drug users," said Voy.

Colburn leaves team

By MICHAEL FREEMAN Sidelines Sports Editor Blue Raider standout Alan Colburn has left the baseball team for what is listed as personal reasons.

Colburn, during his three years at MTSU averaged .294 at bat, had 22 home runs and 93 RBI's.

Last year, he tied the team lead for runs batted in, with 41, and provided a needed hitting force for the team.

their 1986 Ohio Valley Conference schedule Thursday at home against Tennessee Tech.

Their will be a competition aimed at increasing attendance during the game, according to Robin Lowe, the event co-ordinator.

"The campus organization at the game with the most members in attendance will win a pony keg from the 'Boro," Lowe said.

There will be a tailgating party The Blue Raiders will open up at the 'Boro before the game.

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