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News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, refusing yesterday to back away from his opinion that the Soviet Union has a nuclear edge over the United States, invited Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to join him in addressing the United Nations on disarmament. Asked if the speech should coincide with a summit conference, Reagan told reporters: "I think it would be well if he and I had a talk."

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — A man shot and killed his community college teacher and another student after an angry exchange yesterday about classwork, then took a woman hostage and fled in a car before releasing her unhurt and surrendering, authorities said.

Witnesses said Love was talking to Putman about his grades in the data processing class at Garland Community College before the shootings Monday morning, Kimmeling said.

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Sheriff Joe Jenkins said yesterday he will form Knox County's first vice squad to combat increased prostitution he expects during the six-month World's Fair, which opens May 1.

"Our intelligence is that out-of-state prostitutes are coming here to work during the World's Fair and several more adult book stores will be opened," Jenkins said.

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — An American Broadcasting Co. attorney argued before the Tennessee Supreme Court yesterday that the Elvis Presley autopsy report is a public record even though it was conducted in a private hospital.

The television network is appealing a Shelby County Chancery Court decision which held that the report of the Presley autopsy, conducted shortly after the entertainer died Aug. 16, 1977, was not a public record.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Prayer would be returned to the public school room under legislation approved by the Senate last night.

On a 27-5 vote, the Senate approved the bill by Sen. Bill Jim Davis, an independent from Covington, to require a minute of silent meditation, prayer or "personal reflection" during each school day.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Comedian Andy Kaufman was taken by ambulance to a hospital last night after suffering a possible neck injury during a professional wrestling match. Officials at the St. Francis Hospital emergency room confirmed that Kaufman had been brought to the hospital for treatment.

"All I can say is he's not critical," said Kathy Swafford, an emergency room nurse.

Weather

Chances are good it will be partly cloudy today with a wonderful spring time high in the middle 40s dipping to a warming 30 tonight. If we're lucky, it'll get to 50 by Wednesday.

Winds will also contribute to the cold, as they whip around at 15 mph today.



Photo by Greg Campbell

Hop to it!

Sophomore Susan Harris, an aerospace major from Jonesboro, Tenn., takes advantage of last week's warm weather to jump rope in front of Rutledge Hall.

Senate's budget plan includes land satellite

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON

State Correspondent

An amendment to the state budget as passed by the Senate Thursday would fund the establishment of a Geographic Information System (LANDSAT) here, subject to the approval of the Office of Finance and Administration.

The center would operate through the MTSU-TSU Center for Urban and Public Affairs, with funding provided from state agencies that would use the services of the center. Among the contributing departments

**\$250,000
for "adequate
computer system"**
—Ralph Fullerton

would be State Planning which spends approximately \$40,000 per year on making maps, according to Juan R. King director of the Center for Urban and Public Affairs.

APPROXIMATELY \$250,000 would be needed to equip the center with an "adequate computer system" with a memory able to do the job for the whole state, according to Ralph Fullerton, chairman of MTSU's geography and geology department.

In addition to map-making, LANDSAT's computer-enhanced satellite photographs would be used for planning land-use, identification of vegetation, location of industrial development and other state and county projects.

Another amendment to the budget would provide a full 7 percent salary increase for state and higher education employees, instead of the conditional 7 percent the governor recommended.

ALSO, IN the original budget the governor stipulated that 5 percent would come from the state and the remaining 2 percent must come from payroll cost reductions at each school or government agency.

The Senate amendment, however, allows the schools and agencies to fund the increase from other sources.

In other action, the Senate also voted to delay until at least Oct. 1, 1982, all capital outlay projects for 1982-83, including three projects at State Board of Regents schools.

THE GOVERNOR had asked for \$2.8 million to renovate Brown Hall at East Tennessee State University and \$2.3 million to renovate Matthews-

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Arrests up, theft values down: report

By DOUG MARKHAM

Staff Writer

The total amount of property stolen on the MTSU campus last month was slightly down over February's figures, but the number of students arrested increased, according to the March Uniform Crime report.

There were 23 reported cases of larceny and three counts of burglary totaling \$12,211 in stolen property, representing a \$1,675 decrease from the previous month.

Of that amount, the theft of four Mettler P1200 electronic balancers (scales), from the Science Hall on March 4, accounted for \$7,180.

CHIEF John Bass indicated there is a possibility that the balancers could be used for weighing drugs.

"The scales could definitely be used for weighing narcotics, but thus far there has been nothing to say that is the reason they were taken," Bass said.

During March, 10 arrests were made, with three of the number being students. One of the arrested was convicted of vandalism and barred from campus after university police apprehended him breaking the lock off a locker in Murphy Center.

BASS SAID university police were following a pattern of locker break-ins when they apprehended the student.

The other arrests consisted of a driving under the influence charge and public drunk.

Bass warned with the arrival

British fleet leaves port for Falkland Islands

LONDON (AP) — A British fleet primed for war sailed for the Falkland Islands yesterday and Britain's foreign secretary resigned, bowing to national outrage and humiliation over Argentina's seizure of the islands.

After Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said, "We have to regain the islands," the aircraft carriers Invincible and Hermes put to sea with a send-off from tens of thousands of cheering, flag-waving Britons—some of them in tears.

The carriers will lead an armada of 40 warships in a bid to reclaim the remote colonial outpost inhabited by 1,800 British shepherders. The South Atlantic islands were seized Friday by an Argentine military force.

Smith elected IFC president

By MINDY TATE

Staff Writer

Byron Smith was elected president of next year's Inter-Fraternity Council by an overwhelming majority last night.

Smith, a member of Kappa Alpha Order, will serve as president both fall and spring semester. The only other office in the IFC which last the entire year is treasurer, a post to be filled by Keith Vanhoozer, a member of Alpha Gamma Rho.

ELECTED as vice-president was Jimmy Burkhard, a past president of Pi Kappa Alpha. Chosen as secretary was Cannon Mayes, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Burkhard and Mayes will serve just one semester.

Elliot Mitchell of Alpha Tau Omega and Jimbo Gray of Sigma Alpha Epsilon also ran for president.

First in series

Abortion 'political battle of '80s'

This is the first article in a series Sidelines will publish during the next few weeks concerning sexual trends in our society, and how the MTSU student community deals with these issues.

The series will deal with everything from abortion to marriage to homosexuality.

Sex & MTSU



Part One

Sidelines conducted a survey last month in order to get a picture of what students here think about these subjects. The results of the poll will be included in the series.

In 1973, the Supreme Court ruled that women have the right to choose abortion instead of carrying a pregnancy to term.

However, the decision in no way quelled debate on the issue, and last year, Barbara Shack of the New York Civil Liberties Union called abortion "the political battle of the '80s" in a Time interview.

Planned Parenthood is one organization in the forefront of that battle, as the recipient of a great deal of "Pro-life" legislative pressure.

Tennessee have already succeeded in having Medicaid funds previously available for abortions squelched.

"THEIR FIGHT IS more focused than ours," Baldwin said, explaining why the pro-life movement wields such influence.

"We are diverse in our efforts," she continued, adding that Planned Parenthood must devote most of its energies to the on-going educational programs and health services it provides.

Meanwhile, pro-lifers are sponsoring a multitude of legislation from state to federal levels, attempting to regulate abortion from every angle.

When the Supreme Court ruled on abortion in 1973, it said that it could not resolve the "difficult question" of when life begins. It also stated if a fetus were proved to be a person, its right to life would be guaranteed under the constitution.

THE HELMS-HYDE amendment, known as The Human Life Statute, is reportedly the ultimate goal of the pro-life movement, and is a "clear attempt to bring the whole issue under federal control," by-passing state's rights on the issue, according to Baldwin.

If passed, the amendment—which defines the term "human

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Anti-abortion forces in



Photo by Animal

And the winner is.....

There have been many inquiries at Sidelines as to who was the winner of "MTSU's Baby Toss and Drop" contest after we published the picture of the runner up in Friday's issue. Weighing in at 12 lbs., six ounces, little Zackery Daniels was able to fly 12 yards and one inch to retain his two year old title. He won by a nose, as it were.

Moral Majority topic of religion lecture

Is the Moral Majority really moral or amoral?

"Moral Majority or Amoral Majority: Religion and Politics in America Today" will be the topic addressed by Dr. Robert B. Bellah, guest speaker for the seventh annual Henry Harrell Memorial Lecture in Religion, at 7:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

BELLAH IS currently the Ford Professor of sociology and comparative studies at the University of California at Berkeley where he is the department chairman.

After receiving his doctorate from Harvard University, Bellah taught at Harvard, Stanford, Princeton and has been at Berkeley since 1967.

In addition, he has written, coauthored or edited eight books, including *Religion in America*, *Varieties of Civil Religion* and *The New Religious Consciousness*.

Open to the public, the Henry Harrell Memorial Lecture Series is provided by a gift from Mrs. Henry Harrell to the MTSU Foundation in memory of the community leader.

Careers focus of Handicap Day

By Randall Witt

Staff Writer

"Career Day" will be the theme of Thursday's fourth annual Awareness Day sponsored by the Sigma Delta Sigma fraternity.

The purpose behind Awareness Day is to identify and break down barriers which confront disabled job-seekers—problems that the general public

hasn't considered, according to Merry Clifton, coordinator of disabled student's services.

"THERE IS discrimination," Clifton said. "The Awareness Day speakers will inform as to how to find a job, what the law is, what to do if you think you are being discriminated against and what questions you are legally required to answer."

Awareness Day will feature

various speakers from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the University Center, Room 322.

At 4 p.m., fraternities and dorms will compete in a wheelchair rodeo in Murphy Center, Auxiliary Gym 1.

SCHEDULED speakers include Linda Ghorbani, from the Veterans Administration Medical Center; Martha Turner

from the MTSU placement office; Beverly Youree of MTSU's Todd Library; and a spokesman from Nissan.

Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome, according to Clifton. Speeches on resumes, interviewing and hiring practices will benefit "ABs"—or able-bodies—as well as the disabled.

Sex

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being" to mean an egg at fertilization—would do just that.

Sen. Henry Hyde, co-sponsor of the legislation with Sen. Jesse Helms, said last year "defining when life begins is the sort of question congress is designed to

Trial schedules available from advisers only

Trial schedules for the fall semester will no longer be available in the Class Schedule booklet, but may be picked up from advisers during Meet Your Adviser Week, April 12-16.

During that week, students should obtain an approved fall 1982 trial schedule and retain it for the fall semester, in addition to having summer schedules signed.

SUMMER COURSE catalogs are available outside the office of admissions and records office on the first floor of Cope Administration.

Fall courses should be approved now, with the exact time for each course being chosen when the Fall 1982 Class Schedules are released in July.

answer, is competent to answer, must answer."

Whether the issue will be settled during this decade remains to be seen.

IN THE MEANTIME, organizations such as Planned Parenthood, which Baldwin says performs around 280 abortions a month, continue to provide pregnancy termination services for women who choose them.

In the next issue Sidelines will look at how MTSU students feel about the issue of abortion, and how they have dealt with it in their own experiences.

Run to benefit cancer society

As part of the cancer awareness month declared by the American Cancer Society, Sigma Chi and Budweiser Light have joined forces for a 10 kilometer Derby Run to be April 18.

Budweiser Light campus representative John Curley, a member of Sigma Chi, presented a check for \$1,000 yesterday to Ben Womack (also a Sigma Chi), treasurer of the Murfreesboro-Rutherford County Unit of the American Cancer Society, and Mike Fann, Sigma Chi Derby Chairman.

THE DERBY Run will be at 2 p.m. April 18 at MTSU's Greenland Drive parking lot.

There will be five categories of runners ranging from 19 and under to 50 and over.

Pre-registration deadline is set for April 14, and there is a \$5 fee.

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Campus Capsule

PROSPECTIVE SPRING GRADUATES IN THE SCHOOL OF BASIC AND APPLIED SCIENCE should check either the list posted outside Room 202 of Peck Hall, or the one on the bulletin board outside Room 102 of the Cope Building to make sure your name listed.

If your name is not listed, it could mean that the graduation fee has not been paid or that there is an academic deficiency. In this case, the Records Office should be contacted immediately.

THE NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION is offering a \$500 grant for the fall semester of 1982.

Applicants must be either a sophomore or junior, have a major in broadcast journalism, news editorial or public relations, have a GPA of 3.0 or better and have a need for financial assistance.

Letters of application must be submitted to Glenn Himebaugh, Box 299 by Friday.

Four finalists will be chosen who will be required to write a 1500-word paper on "The Role of An Entertainment Journalist in Today's Entertainment Community." A committee will interview the finalists and make the final selection.

VETERANS who are full-time students and are interested in forming a veterans' association should attend the organizational meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 324 of the University Center or contact Dan Palko at Box 5347.

CAMPUS RECREATION is sponsoring Superstars competition April 12. All groups and organizations interested in playing must sign up by 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Campus Recreation Office, Room 203 of the Alumni Memorial Gym.

ROTC BLOOD DRIVE will be April 12 and 13 on the second floor of the University Center.

Anyone interested in working should contact Capt. Galbreath at 898-2470.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTIAL DEFERMENT OF THE PRE-PAID HOUSING RENT for 1982-83 are available for persons who show a definite monetary need in the ASB Office.

Applications must be turned in to the ASB by 4 p.m. April 16. A final decision will be made by the ASB and the Housing Office.

THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION will have their spring meeting in the Women's Building at Tennessee State University Saturday April 17.

Deborah Richardson of the University of Georgia, will speak on the abuse of women.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD applications are available in the ASB Office, Room 304 of the University Center. Deadline for return of the applications is April 12.

Applications now available
for next year's
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Sidelines summer and fall editors.



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There are still good Reserved seats left at 9 and 11 dollars.

There will be a \$1.00 student discount on each of the first two tickets bought with a validated MTSU I.D.

Miss MTSU to be chosen Thursday New medical service may be formed here

By PAULA J. STAMPLEY
Staff Writer

Twenty-four women will be competing for the crown of Miss MTSU and a chance to advance to the Miss Tennessee pageant Thursday at 7 p.m. in Murphy Center.

The sixth annual Miss MTSU pageant is sponsored by MTSU's Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

"THE MISS MTSU pageant is more than just a beauty contest," said SAE Pageant Director Herb Perry. "The purpose of the pageant is to further the total development of each girl through competition in the four categories or private interview,

evening gown, talent and swim suit."

The winner of Miss MTSU will win a \$300 scholarship and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee pageant to be held in Jackson, Tenn. in June.

It's "more than just a beauty contest"
— Herb Perry

Judges for this year's pageant are Ben Thomas, host of WSMV's "The Noon Show" and Helen Glaser, owner and director of the American Institute of Modeling and AIM Model and Talent Agency.

OTHER judges include: Rich Boyd, writer and director for the

Live Entertainment Department of Opryland, USA; Ruth Sweet, director of The Acting Studio in the Tennessee Performing Arts Center; and Carol Bryant, a Nashville career consultant and free lance model.

John Hood, senior vice president/marketing of Murfreesboro Bank and Trust, will act as Master of Ceremonies.

"I am especially excited about this year's pageant due to the unique variety of talent and distinguished panel of judges," Perry said. "The talent ranges from a fiddle player to a horseback rider."

PAGEANT entertainment will be provided by singers

Richard Walker and Jeannie Stalcup.

A Brand New Day is the theme for the 1982 pageant and exemplifies each girls' optimism in being crowned Miss MTSU, according to Perry.

Admission is \$2.50 in advance and \$3 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from any brother of SAE.

A booth displaying each of the contestant's pictures will be set up in the University Center today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Faculty recital set for Wed.

Composer, percussionist James Russell Smith will present a free faculty recital tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

The program will include his original compositions spanning a 10-year period from 1972 to the present and will cover a wide range of musical styles and instrumental combinations.

THE VARIED instrumental combinations include oboe-vibraphone, four keyboard percussion instruments, flute-percussion battery, voice-piano and woodwind quintet-percussion ensemble.

Featured will be several soloists: Melanie Messick, soprano; Lynda Daugherty, oboe; and Cindy Walker, flute.

A dance trio will perform their own choreographed dance to the work written for woodwind quintet and percussion ensemble.

THIS IS the only composition on the program that is not based on original material by Smith.

Although he has been composing since the age of 14, Smith began his formal study in the last years of his study for his bachelor's degree in percussion performance at Memphis State University.

Smith obtained his master's in composition at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and later studied independently with

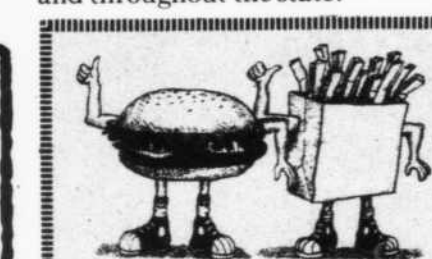


The compositions of composer/vibraphonist Jim Smith will be performed tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

Augusta Willson, a former student of Nadia Boulanger.

SINCE THE fall of 1980, Smith has been a faculty member at MTSU.

In addition to his duties as a classroom instructor, he directs the MTSU Percussion Ensemble and the Band of Blue Drum Line. He is a frequent performer and soloist with the university ensembles and is active as a recitalist and lecturer on campus, around the community and throughout the state.



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ville's General Hospital and a resident of Sim's Hall, is involved in an attempt to form an emergency medical service for the MTSU campus.

It is Briggs' hope that the group can be a "liaison between what the police department and the health services offer."

"The main service of the group will be to triage," he said, or to assign medical priorities to cases.

EACH MEMBER of the organization will have to be a certified emergency medical technician, and the charter will be designed after the state Legislature's policy for EMTs.

It will be a good chance for pre-med students and nursing students to get experience, Briggs said.

While there is a lot of red tape involved in trying to form a new campus organization, Briggs is well on his way to cutting through it.

TOMORROW he will submit the club's constitution to the ASB screening committee.

"I feel like it will probably get approved," Briggs said.

If the club gets school approval, it can get state funding for communication equipment and emergency supplies, Briggs said.

BRIGGS already has support from both University Police Chief John Bass and Dr. Robert Hackman, head physician at the health services.

"If they have qualified people, there are times they could offer services," Bass said.

Dr. Hackman likewise expressed the constant need for specialized care.

"It's bad to have them around and not use them when they don't want anything in return," he said.

ANY STUDENT who is interested in the emergency medical service organization can attend the organizational meeting tonight at 7 in Room 311 of the University Center.

There will be an EMT training program here from April 19 to June 8.

Mean what you say

Prof: Language can be deceiving

By JENNIFER WELLS
Staff Writer

"No language is truly predictable to us who speak it," said Ortrun Gilbert, speaker at Wednesday's Honors Lecture Series titled "Linguistic Encounters of the Third Kind."

Gilbert, an associate professor of foreign language at MTSU, focused her lecture on words and their meanings.

LANGUAGE, "by itself, or enveloped in such resplendent cloaks as music or art, is the ultimate humanizing factor in our lives and a force that should

be used with prudent voracity," she said.

Gilbert's animated lecture kept the group chuckling as she used her knowledge of language to demonstrate not only how Americans often misunderstand the meaning of foreign words, but also how deceiving the English language can be to foreigners.

For instance, the German word "gift" does not mean what we might assume, Gilbert said. In German, "gift means poison."

LANGUAGE misunderstandings of this sort can lead

to "unforgivable diplomatic indiscretions," she said.

A foreigner may find American's usage of words perplexing because the words can mean so many things, Gilbert said.

As an example, Gilbert used the American expression "to strike up an acquaintance."

"YOU STRIKE him up?" Gilbert asked. "Sounds cruel doesn't it?"

Elaborating on other American expressions that can be deceiving to foreigners, Gilbert mentioned such phrases as:

- to cut to the bone;
- to cement relations;
- to roast someone;
- to lose one's head;
- to kill someone with kindness;
- to blow one's mind.

Gilbert asked the group to pay attention to the use of language to see if words "mean what they say," as well as "say what they mean."

"Language is the most bounteous feeding ground for our minds. It is the essential vehicle for mankind's communicative power," Gilbert said.

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On this date

On this date in 1199, Richard I died from complications resulting from a crossbow wound. Earlier in his career, Richard was imprisoned and condemned to death by Modard, king of Alamyn, who starved a lion for three days to make it more vicious and then put it into Richard's cell. The young English king grabbed the lion, thrust an arm down its throat, and extracted its heart, killing it on the spot. Afterwards, he took the heart to Modard's dining hall, dipped it in salt, and ate it raw. Ever since he has been known as Richard the Lionheart.

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MTSU's own advice column: from parking to unwed mothers

As in most newspapers, Sidelines does indeed have an advice column. Fortunately, we have only received enough letters to write this one column. Here are the letters.

Dear MacArthur,

I'm a 36-year-old and have attended Middle Tennessee State since 1967. I am still only a freshman and here is where my problem comes in. I need to start going to class but I really can't find a parking spot. I have been driving around campus since Sept. 9, 1967 and haven't found a space designated for me to park.

I have seen a few roads added around campus. I've passed by many different clothing styles. I once blew my horn during a small demonstration on March 15, 1969.

I'm sure there are others with the same problem (I once fell in love with a blonde who rode around from October '71 to January '73). Please, what can I do?

Running out of gas,
Beaver Cleaver

Dear Beaver,

Don't worry, I just talked to Mike Wallace and the "60 Minutes" crew is coming to do a story on you. If that doesn't work, I graduate in August and I will save my space and you can use it.

Dear MacArthur,

I am 23 years old and an unwed mother. The Republican that got me pregnant promised that America needed the added population to ward off the dreaded Hun. And now I am left alone.

My problem is that what little Aid to Families with Dependent Children I receive is being cut. I just can't make it anymore. My child needs food and a warm place to sleep and the way the programs are being cut, I don't see any future.

Please reassure me that things will work

out. If possible tell me where I can go for any kind of help.

Pleading for help,
Mary

Dearest Mary,

I must find comfort for you.

Don't worry about the future. President Reagan has assured us that his current terms will work out, they really won't start until July (he did promise change by this spring at this time last year, but he is human like your child's father). Just because he plans more cuts in programs such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children and food stamps, doesn't mean you won't still live in the greatest country in the world. Live comfort in that.

Dear MacArthur,

I am an 18-year-old coed and most tell me that I am pretty. I led a fairly normal childhood. When I turned 13, though, my mother became very protective. That is alright to a certain extent, but recently she has made me carry a lead suit in case of nuclear fallout.

I know that she knows more than I do (she watches Cable News Network), but it makes it difficult for me to meet people. I wanted to join a sorority, but it was impossible to tan in this lead outfit.

Please tell me what to do. If you could please write my mother and tell her my problem, she might just listen to you.

Jacking social life,
Wanda Clinch

Dear Wanda,

Just tell your mother not to worry. The probability of you surviving the initial blast is very slim. And think how it would be being the only person left on the block if you did survive. There would be no one to Pogo with. So live and let live.

If this advice column has not added any hope or help to the readers, hang on, for Easter will soon be here.

—GREG "MacArthur" CAMPBELL
by Garry Trudeau



L.A. Coroner Naguchi praised for blunt talk about stars' deaths

By DANNY TYREE

Columnist

A few months ago when Los Angeles County Coroner Thomas Noguchi lashed out at alcohol's role in the deaths of William Holden and Natalie Wood, I cheered. At last! Someone with guts!

Noguchi has since been handed a 30-day suspension.

THE CONTROVERSIAL coroner, mismanagement and working on private contracts during office hours.

I hope that is why Noguchi has been suspended.

I hope it is not because of a Screen Actors Guild resolution condemning him for "sensationalizing and editorializing" after the deaths of Holden and Wood.

BECAUSE THE guild's resolution is oozing with hypocrisy and strained logic.

"Editorializing"? Why must that term carry such a negative connotation? Does the Screen Actors Guild wish to put me, David Jarrard and Mike Tompkins out of work?

"But editorializing isn't his job," someone shoots back.

NO, BUT IT is his right as an American. If he pretends to speak for every individual in the coroner's office, I can see problems. But if he is speaking merely for himself, I don't see the problem.

"Sensationalism"? It seems to me that the tragic loss of two talented performers is pretty

sensational to start with. If alcohol *did* play a part in the deaths of Holden and Wood, and Noguchi downplayed that information, he would be trivializing their deaths.

Would Hollywood have shouted "sensationalizing and editorializing" if Holden and Wood had been gunned down and Noguchi had demanded gun control? If the stars had frozen to death in substandard public housing, and Noguchi had raised a stink about it, the actors would have rallied behind him. If they had died of radiation at Diablo Canyon, Noguchi would be a hero for speaking out.

Of course Hollywood is against Noguchi's war on alcohol. It forces the actors to examine their own lifestyles and the role models they present in their films. They've grown comfortable with the image of liquor as something "cool" and "sophisticated."

PERHAPS THEY wouldn't experience quite so much discomfort if Noguchi had limited his tirades to generalizations. But how effective would that have been? Abstract figures don't have nearly the impact of personalized examples. Just look at the Democrats who have gotten a lot of mileage out of zeroing in on individual pathetic "victims" of Reaganomics. And zeroing in on celebrities with legions of fans (and many admirers in the industry) has more punch than charts with dry statistics.

What effects will Noguchi's statements have, anyway? Maybe the stars' fans and colleagues will have second thoughts before taking that next drink. Maybe someone will be inspired to produce a new anti-alcoholism film. Maybe judges will give tougher sentences for DUI. Maybe more companies will launch rehabilitation programs for their employees.

Hardly the sort of things Noguchi should be condemned for.

IT'S ABOUT TIME someone like Noguchi stood up to the "norms" of society. Drinking is treated too much like a social necessity and a cutesy pastime. Too many suckers lie to themselves about their ability to "handle it."

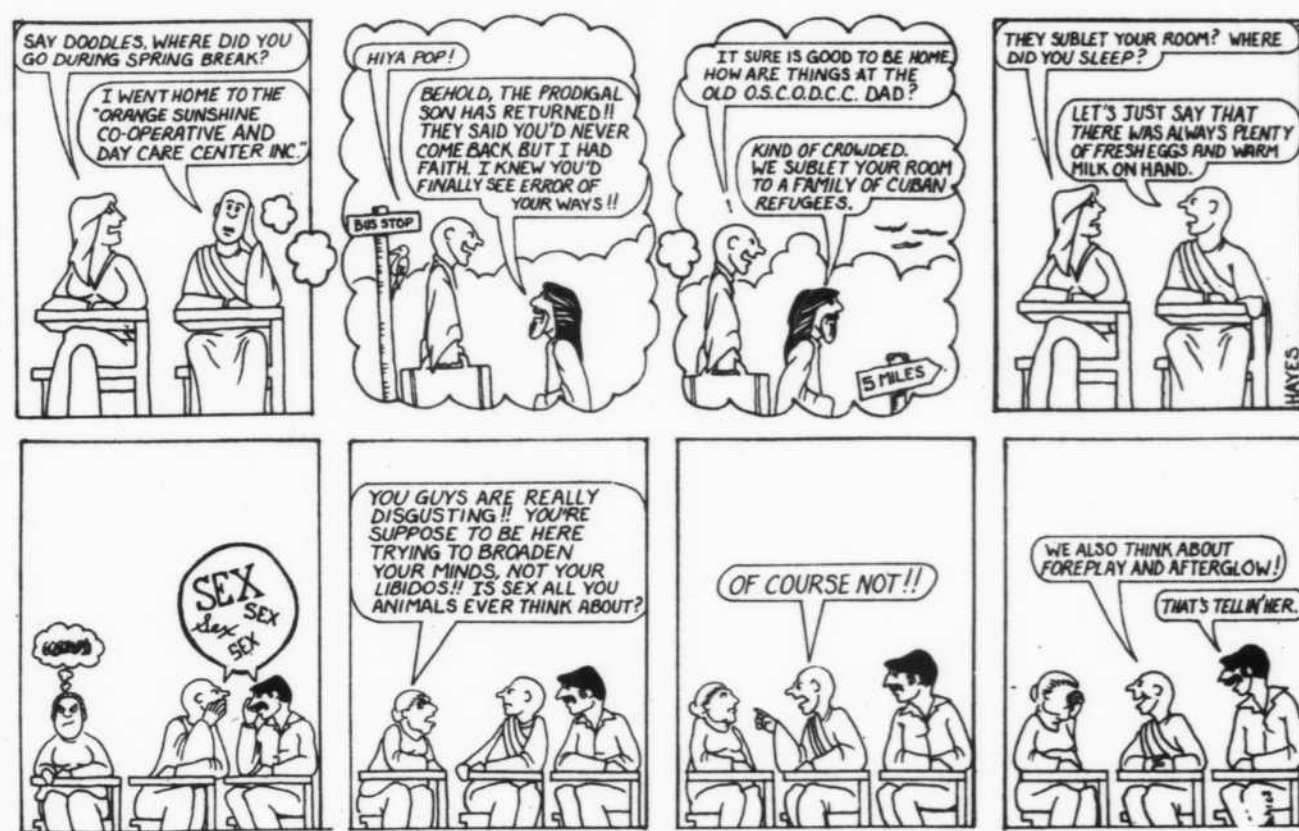
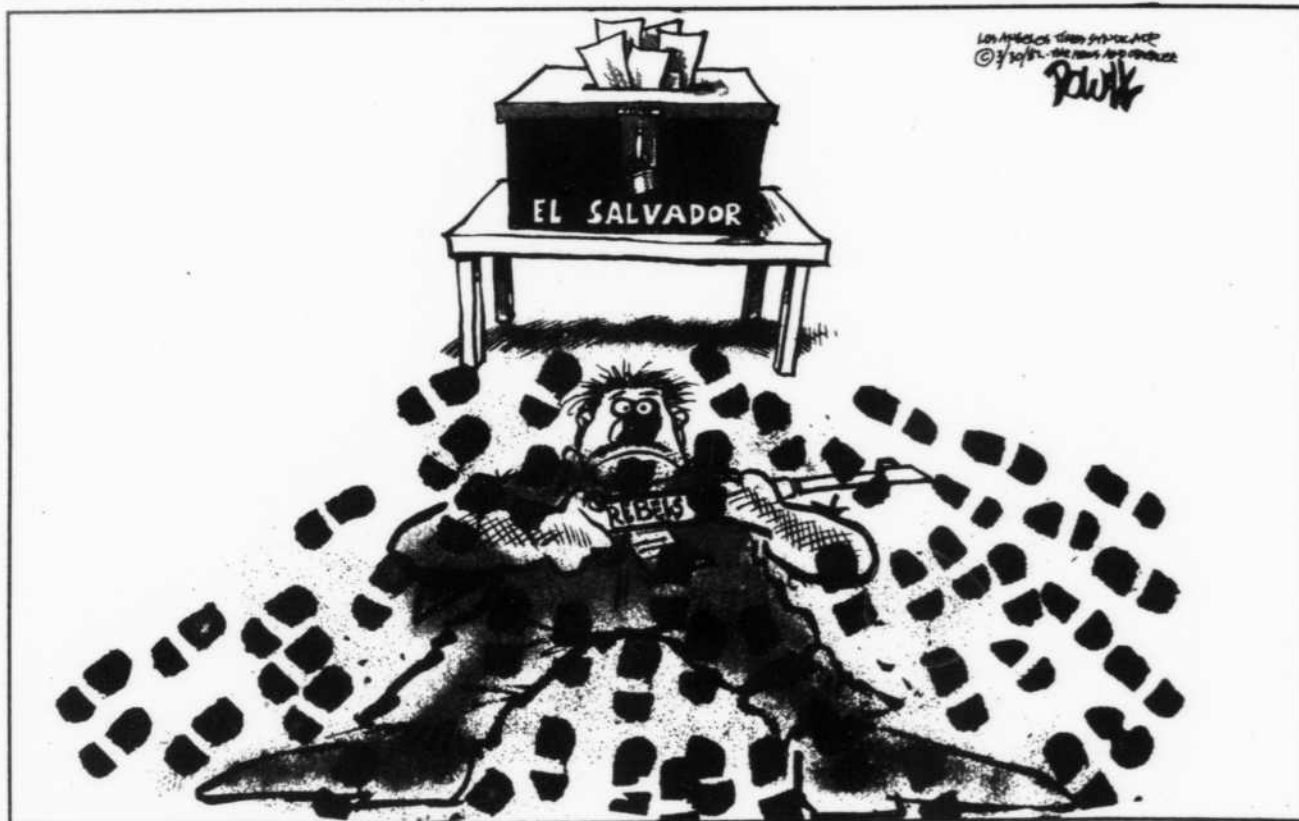
We've finally begun to crack down on drunk drivers. But that is only the beginning of the problem.

Alcohol abusers cost employers \$15 billion a year in lost work time, increased medical expenses and training of replacements, according to John Mulloy, director of the Mid-Cumberland Council on Alcohol and Drugs.

THEN THERE are people like Holden and Wood who die in senseless alcohol-related accidents.

And the drunken domestic quarrels where someone gets shot. (Ban guns, but no prohibition on alcohol, right?)

And the children who go hungry for the sake of booze.



Reagan's economic excuses quickly wearing thin

By BILL WARD

Columnist

Ronald Reagan is rapidly running out of excuses for the diseased state of today's American economy.

First he blamed his predecessor, James Earl Carter, for bringing about a "depression," even though unemployment is now almost 20 percent higher than it was when Carter left office.

NEXT REAGAN laid the onus on Congress, which responded by passing, virtually intact, most of the chief executive's economic proposals last year.

Earlier this year, the ex-thesman attributed our economic straits to the Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, whose tight monetary policies are largely a result of the administration's ludicrous deficit projections.

Now that the well of potential guilty parties for the current recession has run dry, Reagan has come up with a truly novel idea—blame no one.

OVER THE weekend, the former "Death Valley Days" host, who must suffer from *deja vu* whenever he surveys the economic landscape, said simply that Reaganomics is not to blame. The man who said last

Oct. 1 that "on this day, our economic recovery program begins," now claims that it "hasn't really started yet."

"The reduced budget spending and the 10 percent tax cut in July will be the real beginning of our program," the president added on a national radio broadcast.

Reagan, who will conduct weekly broadcasts largely because his supporters tremble in trepidation every time he speaks extemporaneously, added that he won't give up the tax cut because that would be "like trying to pull a game out in the fourth quarter by punting on third down."

SO "THE GIPPER" has abandoned the Statue of Liberty play, since no one was willing or able to snag the economic football, and any sort of pass play is now out of the question. He's decided to call time out and hope that some sort of trick play can be devised to improve his field position.

What he needs, however, is a few new teammates and a different game plan.

Certainly fumble-prone tight end David Stockman and balky fullback Volcker should be placed on irrevocable waivers. (No president should

ever have to deal with a Federal Reserve Chairman appointed by a predecessor; in fact, the president himself should ultimately be in charge of the Fed's money flow.)

MORE IMPORTANTLY, however, the smooth-talking quarterback should tone down his own lifestyle. The Reagans' decision to vacation in the Barbados and the furor over whether Nancy should stop accepting free designer clothes and pass them along to museums hardly represent steps in the right direction.

It's obvious that the President relishes "the good life," but it's hardly a proper example to be setting when unemployment is spiraling and small businesses are folding like escalators. Regardless of what Reagan says, his first budget has been in place for over half a year now, and the results are not promising.

He has no choice but to go with his current "strategy of patience," hoping that an improvement in the economy will give him a stronger hand in dealing with Congress, which is, much to the administration's chagrin, coming up rather quickly with some bipartisan budget alternatives.

MOST OF THE solons are up

for re-election this year, and they must keep in fairly close touch with their constituents. Congressmen thus realize that the defense budget must be slashed from Reagan's Cold War levels, and a lot of social programs must be maintained, if only because the unemployment lines are growing so swiftly under Reaganomics.

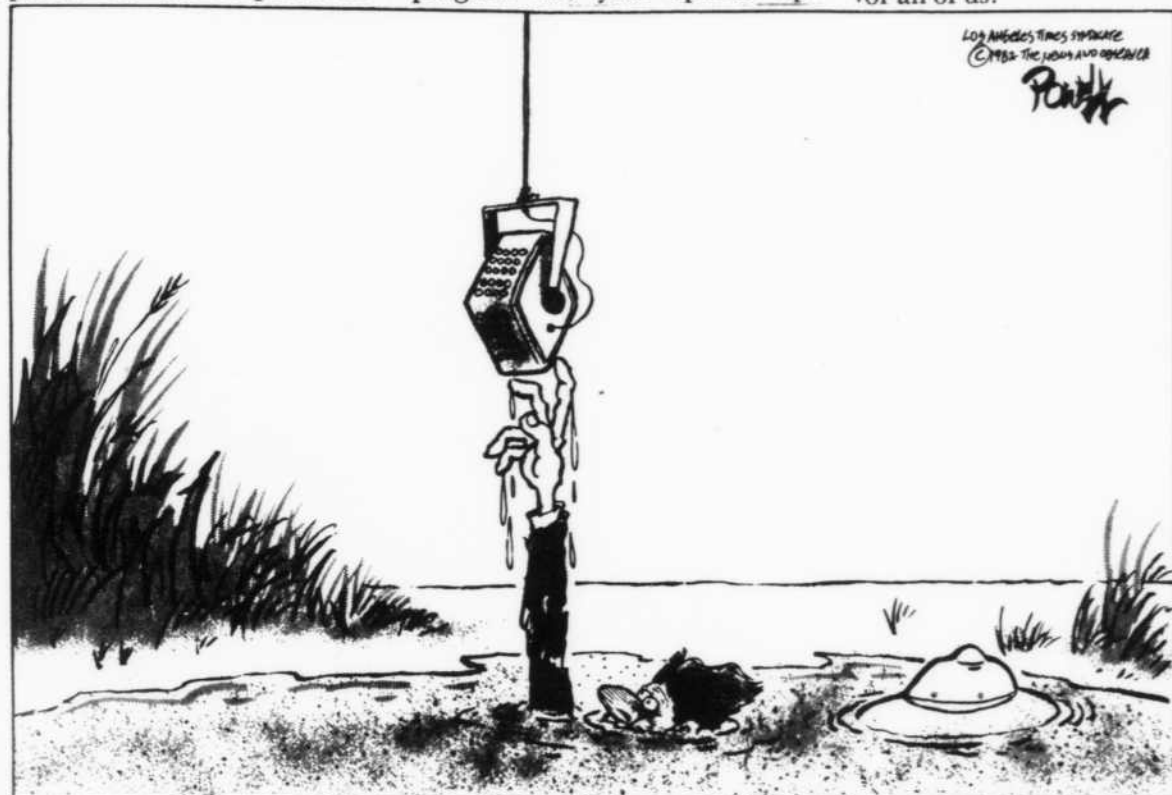
More importantly, the outrageous tax breaks and loopholes for the corporations

and the wealthy must be scaled back to reasonable levels. Exxon has no reason to drill for more oil when its profits can be used to buy smaller companies with outstanding taxes and write them off. And certainly none of the Hunts or Rockefellers have shown any inclination to let any of their vast wealth "trickle down."

THE PRESIDENT'S tax program last year opened up

eight new loopholes for corporations and individuals and expanded 21 others. There are now 104 tax loopholes which cost the government more than \$250 billion a year. American business will hardly collapse if a few dozen of those loopholes are rescinded.

It's the only logical step the president can take, and the sooner he realizes it, the better for all of us.



Earth not created in 1963; someone tell Mondale

By JIM SEIGNEUR

Columnist

Recently former Vice President Walter Mondale said that President Reagan's economic policies are not conservative but rather are radical. This opinion, which was extended to include the New Federalism, was included in a recent letter to the editor of this paper. Since this misconception seems to be spreading (due in large part to the campaign rhetoric of Mr. Mondale) it seems worth while to look at the facts.

Contrary to the memories of some, the world was not created in 1963. It is easy to see, though, why someone who believed it was would view Reagan as a radical. In determining a cause or policy to be liberal or conservative, however, one should not fall into the trap of considering only the last ten or twenty years.

THOSE WHO have a slightly better memory than Mondale will recall that it was in 1963 that Lyndon Johnson became President after the murder of John Kennedy. Soon after, Johnson announced institution of the "Great Society" (also known as the New Deal gone astray.) It was a program which was created with the best of intentions; unfortunately it was also a haphazard, ill-conceived program undertaken without a single piece of statistical policy analysis.

President Reagan is, indeed, attempting a change from some of the policies of the "Great Society" instituted by President Johnson. Let's look at these changes to see if Mondale has a case.

Across the board tax cuts to stimulate the economy are not new. This approach has proven

successful in a number of free societies. As recently as 1962 just such a program was used by President Kennedy with remarkable success. Nothing radical here.

WHAT ABOUT defense spending? Is the amount that Reagan proposes to spend on defense radical? Hardly. Prior to LBJ defense spending always made up at least 50 percent of the national budget. In the 1950's, for example, military spending took 15 percent of the Gross National Product (GNP) and over 50 percent of the budget. Today 24 percent of the budget and only 6 percent of the GNP is spent on defense. (Isn't it strange that you never hear liberals mentioning these facts?)

How about trying to cut waste out of programs intended to help the needy? As pointed out by M. Stanton Evans in *Human Events*

magazine "Disbursements for these functions at all levels of government have more than quintupled since the era of the great society—rising from \$77 billion in 1965 to \$394 billion in 1978 (the latest date for which these aggregate data figures are available.)"

Evans goes on to point out that even though all this money has been spent the number of poor people has remained constant hovering around the 25 million mark. Percentage-wise it hasn't changed either—fluctuating between 11 and 12 percent of the population.

IF YOU CARE to take out your handy pocket calculator you will find that all this figures out to more than \$15,000 a year for every single poor person in America or a combined income of over \$60,000 a year for a family of four. As outrageous as this sounds, it is true.

So where's all the money going? A huge part of it goes to pay the people who administer the programs. But a lot goes to people who are not needy at all; people with multiple Social Security numbers; and people who have learned to manipulate these programs.

Is thrift radical? Well, in government, perhaps. So we'll give that one to Mondale, for what good it'll do him.

THE FEDERAL government cannot efficiently administer these programs. They've proven this year after year as the figures above show. So who should run such programs? Obviously the state and local governments. They are closer to the people and can provide help faster and more efficiently to those who need it; and they are better able to those who do not need it.

Such a program would, of course, require some strict guidelines for the states which

would be enforced by the federal government. President Reagan, incidentally, has said that just such a plan of enforcement of federal guidelines would be part of his New Federalism.

Is any of this New Federalism really new and untried? Well, yes. Although federalism is as old and cherished a part of our country as the Constitution itself, the New Federalism does have one new part. Never in the "old" federalism (before FDR) was the government involved in guaranteeing a decent life to Americans. The New Federalism does not seek to diminish this role of government, but rather to guarantee its efficient administration.

The only thing that Reagan has done as president that could really be considered radical is to try to do, as president, what he said he would do as a candidate.

From Our Readers

Reader claims

friend 'slandered'

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the malicious slander of a good friend of mine, Brad Lowe, in Tuesday's *Sidelines*.

After reading the article and asking the opinions of several others, Brad sounded like a total troublemaker when all he was doing was reporting the facts of a valid complaint against the campus police. Brad was slandered in the following examples:

- One of Phil Williams' unidentified sources said that "some (referring to Brad) may be acting out of a personal grudge." This is absolute b.s., Brad did not instigate this event, he merely reported it and made the complaint.

- The other unidentified source said, "Brad was dismissed from the university last year because of several incidents." This is a straightforward lie. Brad resigned from the university police department last year but never from the university totally.

- Williams again showed his inability to report the facts by saying that Brad had stolen something from the greenhouse. This is not for a news editor to decide, this is for a court of law to decide. It was never proven that Brad had stolen anything.

- And finally, Brad's attorney has not gotten in touch with the university in an attempt to reinstate him. He never left. If the article implied that Brad

wanted his job back, wrong again!! Brad does not want his job back and I hope he never owns himself to work for such a poorly-operated outfit such as the campus police in his future career.

One more point bothered me about the article. Chief of police Bass said that his boys would never use such language. If the campus policemen are such nice guys, what are they doing driving 45 to 60 mph up a sidewalk that is frequently used by wheelchair students. Is a patty raid really an emergency?

As I close this letter, let me put something straight. In no way did I consult Brad Lowe in writing this letter. These thoughts are mine entirely. Brad has not even read this letter.

In the future reporting of *Sidelines*, please keep the facts in mind, they are important if you want the truth.

Drew Cornutt
Box 4121

The Editor-in-chief's reply:

First of all, a newspaper cannot slander anyone. A newspaper can libel someone, but not slander. *Sidelines* has not libeled anyone.

1. "Some" meant what it means—some. Not an individual. It is not the duty of *Sidelines* to judge anyone in any manner off the editorial pages. However, reaction to an event is news, just as the action itself is news—and it is our duty to report that.

2. That error was corrected in the last issue. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

3. According to reliable

sources, Brad Lowe did participate in a criminal act. Lowe defended his reasons for his past actions in the last issue of *Sidelines*.

4. If you had consulted with Lowe, you would have learned that an attorney had indeed contacted the university in attempts to have him reinstated to MTSU's student patrol force.

Nuclear buildup worries reader too

To the editor:

I would like to commend Michael Tompkins on his column concerning a nuclear weapons freeze.

I am one of the people he referred to as being fed-up with the whole nuclear controversy. As a member of this human race I am very scared of the possibility of a nuclear holocaust.

But I am also mad at the apathy of the American people. The number of people protesting the buildup of nuclear weapons and nuclear plants is a very small percentage of our population. But everyone in the United States and the world will be affected if we don't try to come to an agreement with Russia on nuclear arms.

As Admiral Hyman Rickover has stated, we already have enough nuclear submarines to blow up everything in the sea many times over, so why do we need more! It is absolutely wasteful to keep pumping money into more nuclear weapons, when we already have enough to blow up this earth

several times.

Let's start putting some of that money to good use by helping to rebuild this great country of ours, not destroy it.

I am pleading with the American people to get involved and speak out against nuclear arms buildup, if you want any future at all.

Why are we going to college and working towards a career and a happy life if one madman can easily destroy everything we have worked for?

This world will literally be hell on earth if we have a nuclear war, and I agree with many of the survivors of Hiroshima that I would rather be dead than to live through such a terrible, inhumane disaster.

The United States is building up for its own suicide, and I personally am not ready to die yet.

Cathy Nolen
Box 3075

MTSU pep band missing at NCAA

To the editor:

Congratulations to Stan Simpson, staff, and the Blue Raider basketball team on a fantastic season climaxing with an unforgettable appearance in the NCAA tournament.

As part of the celebrating crowd in Nashville following the Kentucky win, the feeling was unmatched by any in the 10 years I have followed the MTSU basketball program. The team played loose and together, the coach did a superb job of

preparation and on-the-floor coaching, and the Raider fans were great.

The only downfall to the entire night was one that has been present for years—the lack of a pep band!

It seems unbelievable that the pep band (and I use that phrase very loosely) did not make the 30-mile trip to Nashville while every other school was represented—from much farther distances. It's a disgrace to the city, university, and basketball program.

Personally (and I'm sure hundreds of others agree) I wish someone in the position to do so would stand up and do something about an embarrassing situation that should have been corrected years ago.

To end on a positive note—I'll guarantee you there aren't many people up here in the Bluegrass that were happy about Middle spoiling the "dream game", but I'll be smiling for a long time. We're "The Real Big Blue."

Barry Thomas
Louisville, KY.

Black History efforts applauded

To the editor:

In one issue of *Sidelines*, I made the remark that there was no Black Studies program at MTSU.

In that article I failed to commend the History department for their special efforts to incorporate Black History into their regular history curriculum.

Their efforts were also shown as I attended the Middle Ten-

nessee Conference of Afro American Scholars held here at MTSU Thursday, March 18, with Edith Dashiell speaking on the "Role of Lydia Maria Child in the Crusade Against Slavery."

It is pleasing to know that events as these are not planned only during Black History Month, but throughout the year.

I personally want to commend Dr. Windham, Dr. Hooper, and the History department on the banquet and the event, which was enlightening and brought a sense of togetherness between both blacks and whites who attended.

Phyllis Hickerson
Director of Student Information and Minority Affairs

Handicapped Awareness Day

To the editor:

I would like to remind all my friends and fellow students that Thursday, April 8 is Handicapped Awareness Day on the MTSU campus.

This is an annual event sponsored by Sigma Delta Sigma, Society for Disabled Students. This year's theme will focus around careers for the disabled.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with feature speakers speaking on jobs and the disabled.

For further information on the day's activities come by room 120C of the University Center, or phone 898-2783.

Hope to see you there!

Billy Edwards
Box 4487

Tracksters sweep weekend meet

By SCOTT HOLTER
Sports Editor

In the only home-outdoor track meet of the spring season, Middle Tennessee got help from double-winners Joe O'Loughlin and Andre Kirnes to hold off Purdue Saturday afternoon in windy Floyd Stadium.

The Raiders tallied 83 points on the day to the Big Ten Conference's Boilermaker's 64. Bowling Green University of Ohio and Ball State also ran in the meet, scoring 35 and 34 points, respectively.

"I AM VERY PLEASED with our depth in the meet," stated head coach Dean Hayes.

"There were three events where we swept the first, second and third place finishes which

really helped us pull away from a tough Purdue team there at the end," added Hayes.

Coach Hayes was speaking of the 100-meter dash, the long jump and the triple jump where the Raiders were flawless.

In the long jump, MTSU took the first four places with Kirnes taking first in a jump of 25'1". Samson Salami (24'8"), Orestes Meeks (24'3"), and Eddie Loyd (22'10") rounded out a brilliant performance.

DITTO IN THE triple jump, only this time it was Meeks turn to take the blue ribbon. His leap of 50'1" was enough to best teammates Loyd (49'1 3/4"), and Salami (48'5").

In the 100-meter dash, Kirnes blew out of the gates to nip fellow sprinters Mike Farris and Kenny Shannon. "Pip's" time was 10.85 while Farris and Shannon each hit the tape at 10.89.

The pole vault brought on Tom Yelverton and a new MTSU record as Yelverton hit the 16-foot mark to pick up another first place for the Big Blue. Greg Smith added a third place in the vault to help the cause.

Once again, distance runner Joe O'Loughlin turned in a star-studded performance in the 800- and 1500-meter runs. O'Loughlin took the 800 in 1:52.55 and was clocked at 3:50.3 in the 1500. Joe just nipped teammate John Davis who came in at a respectable 1:52.70.

IN THE HURDLING events, Miguel Williams took second in the 110-meter highs with a time of 14.55 while Herb Newton's time of 54.4 was enough for first place in the 400-meter hurdles. Ron Davis added a 56.0 for third place.

With Purdue hanging tough, Tim Johnson, Floyd James and Gary Mitchell came on for a big six points taking second, third and fourth in the 400-meter dash. Their times were 47.6, 48.0, and 49.5, respectively.

In another distance run, Jeff Skinner took second place in the 5000-meter run with a clocking of 14:58.7.

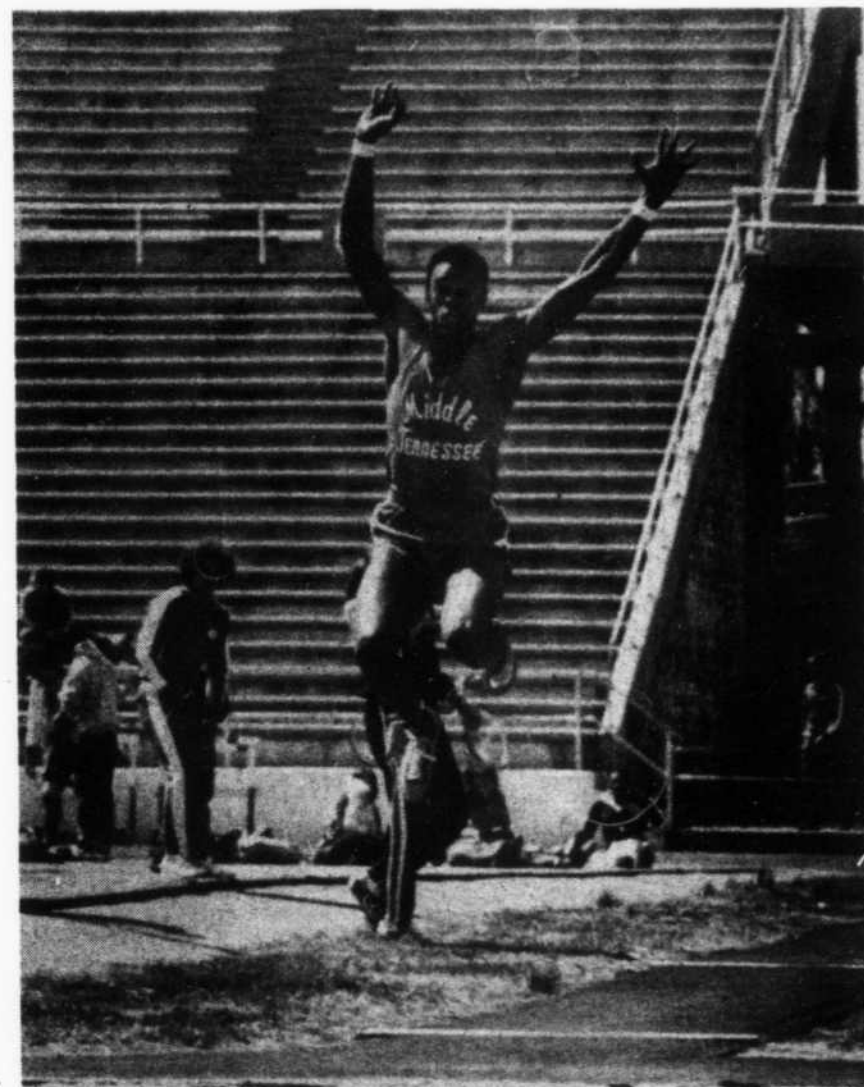
"Skinner probably turned in the best race of the day," said Hayes. "Not only did he have to fight the strong winds but also the runners from Purdue and Bowling Green who were neck and neck with him until the final lap."

"JEFF RAN WITH until the final lap, then he kicked it on to win it."

It was only fitting that the Blue Raiders end the day on a good note and that they did in running for a first place in mile relay. Their time was 3:14.7 and although the issue was decided by then, it just added to a tremendous Middle Tennessee effort.

"Some people really came through with some good times, especially in the jumping events."

ON THE DAY MTSU took nine of 18 first place finishes enroute to victory.



Junior trackman Andre Kirnes is in flight and preparing to land with a first place long jump of 25'1". Kirnes also won the 100 meter dash in Middle Tennessee's win over Purdue, Bowling Green and Ball State, Saturday.

Raider baseballers belt Peay, Millikin, host OVC rival Western Kentucky tonight

By DON HARRIS
Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee's diamondmen used three different combinations of superb pitching and powerful hitting to capture an OVC-doubleheader against Austin Peay and a single victory over Millikin University, upping their record to 16-8-1.

Battling winds on the Blue Raider diamond, which put Candlestick Park to shame, MTSU pounded out 14 hits as the Raider '9' thumped Millikin 10-2 last night.

KENNY GERHART and Wayne Newberry both collected three hits as Raider pitchers Mike Clay and Doug Paschall struck out 11 visitors.

Middle picked up their first runs in the bottom half of the third after Gerhart led off the inning with a towering solo homer down the left field line. Newberry followed with a single and scored along with Scott Turner, who had walked, behind Randy Goff's double.

Millikin had taken an early 1-0 lead in the second on Carley Woods' homer over the 365-foot mark in right-center.

ENTER THE WINDS in the sixth inning playing havoc with the Millikin defense as MTSU added four runs. Gerhart and Doug Birkofer both had run scoring singles and scored themselves on pinch hitter Ronnie Vaughn's single.

Middle's single run in the fifth and two more in the seventh put the game out of reach. Millikin added one run in the seventh before the game was called due to the high winds after seven and one-half innings.

Clay picked up the victory for MTSU giving him an unblemished 3-0 slate.

John Stanford's troops captured two key OVC Southern Division wins Saturday with a twin-bill sweep of Austin Peay.

MARK NOVAK and Jeff Davis spun complete game victories as Middle swept the host Governors 8-1 and 10-1.

Goff collected two RBIs in the fourth inning of the opener as MTSU exploded for six runs. Perkins grabbed four RBIs in the second game as both he and Goff cracked homers in the finale.

Western Kentucky invades Murfreesboro tonight for another key Southern Division battle.

The Raiders and Hilltoppers will square off at 5:30 for a two-night double-header.



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