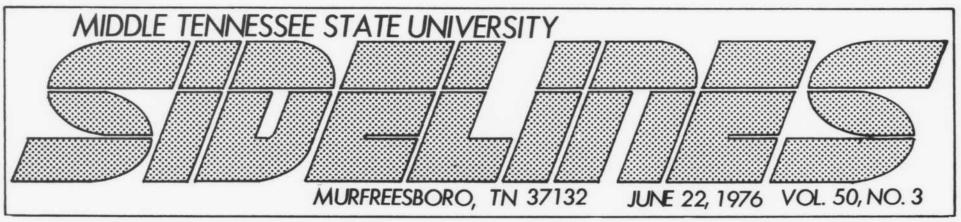


Murphy Madness!

Isn't it great that in these days of soaring electric rates, rising tuition and tight university budgets that Murphy Center can afford to stay almost fully lit all night? Photo was taken Wednesday morning about three.

John Pitts Photo



Fall registration for dorms to end

by Mark Vick

Registration for fall housing in men's dorms has been halted and will be for women's dorms in a few weeks because of "an exceptional year," according to Al Wilkerson, assistant director of housing.

"Most people think that because housing is closed, the fall enrollment will be up, but this probably won't be true," Wilkerson said. "Many people who haven't been living on campus will be this fall because of the economic crunch."

Wilkerson added that enrollment may be affected severely. Many high schools don't graduate until the end of May or the first of June, but the Housing office stopped accepting applications around the first of May, Wilkerson said.

Applications continue to pour into the office, and when these people can't get housing here they go other places because a dorm is the only place they can afford to live he said.

"We try to contact apartment houses to find places for some, but because of their parents or their financial situation, most students, especially freshment, prefer oncampus housing," Wilkerson said.

Some athletes are even having to go to off-campus housing and this is hurting the athletic program some,

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Washington probes MTSU job bias

by John Pitts

A Justice Department lawyer has requested and received a copy of a study "demonstrating a strikingly consistent pattern" of discrimination against women employees at MTSU.

June Anderson, chairperson of the Study Group of Concerns of Faculty and Administrative Women, said George Schneider of the Justice Department contacted her desiring a copy of the report, and that one was sent to him after some deliberation.

Anderson was contacted by Schnieder before the report was formally released to the members of the study group, and she told the lawyer it was not available. "He (Schneider) intimated to me that he had subpeona power," Anderson added.

Meeting with other study group officers and administration officials, Anderson said the decision was made "to send the report to the Justice Department rather than have it subpoenaed."

"We did not seek out the Justice Department on this matter," Anderson said, adding the federal agency was "investigating whether there needs to be action" on alleged discrimination against women in hiring, salary and tenure policies.

Anderson, a member of the chemistry and physics department, said the study, released in February, was instigated because "there are federal regulations to insure there is no discrimination... the study would determine the status of women at all levels in the university."

The study found that of 432 full-time faculty members at the university, only 92 are women, and that a high percentage of these are centralized in a small number of departments.

Of 26 departments on campus, five "traditionally female oriented" departments contain over 55 percent of the female staff. Six departments contain no women staff members at all.

Aerospace, Criminal Justice, Geography, Industrial Arts, Mass Communications and Philosophy have no female faculty or administrative members, the study

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"We have given the administration every opportunity to correct the traditional inequities." Anderson said. "If the gaps get larger," she added, "there can be no question about where the fault lies."

Lynn Haston, vice president for Administrative affairs, said yesterday that the Justice Department "hadn't made up their mind" about pressing a discrimination suit and requested the report.

Haston said the investigation was apparently an extension of a discrimination suit filed in 1974 by Rita Decker-Gregg, a sociology professor who was not rehired and alleged the action was taken due to her sex. She lost both the case and its appeal to federal court.

Anderson said the discrimination report had "nothing to do with the Decker-Gregg case...I resent very much that statement (by Haston) being made."

"We had not planned legal action," Anderson said. "We gave the administration every opportunity, and we have seen little progress."

The chairperson added that a woman staff member at the university "would have every right to contact a federal agency" if she felt discrimination had taken place in her own personal situation.

"We tried to keep in sight our concerns: for the university and for the individuals involved," Anderson added.

Bill of Rights to be dramatized in forum

Tryouts and casting are underway for Rutherford County's Bill of Rights Forum that will be performed July 16 in the Dramatic Arts auditorium.

Three dramatizations and a debate dealing with freedom of the press will be staged. Casting is almost complete for the first dramatization, a re-enactment of the John Peter Zenger trial in 1737, and tryouts for the others will be announced soon.

Bill of Rights Forums are being

sponsored in 15-20 counties by the Tennessee Bill of Rights Committee which has received funds from the Tennessee Committee for the Humanities and the Tennessee American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

The Bill of Rights Program is designed to acquaint Tennesseans with the historical background of the constitutional liberties and with current issues surrounding them.

Political science professor Mario Perez-Reilly is directing the

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program locally upon the request of County Judge Ben Hall McFarlin and the Rutherford County Bicentennial Commission. He is being aided by a Bill of Rights Committee with 15-17 members from throughout the county.

"The second dramatization will be on the drafting of the Bill of Rights and how freedom of the press actually was written into the Constitution," he said.

Perez-Reilly said Joseph Keenan and his wife, Jan, will co-ordinate direction of the second and third dramatizations, the latter to deal with the current issue of press freedom for high school news-

The forum also will feature a debate involving members of the Murfreesboro Bar Association and the League of Women Voters that questions the effect of press freedom on individual rights such as the right to privacy and to a fair trial. Attorney David Loughry and Mrs. Robert Aden are representing their respective groups.

Perez-Reilly said MTSU has donated the use of its auditorium. University personnel who are serving as resource people include student Van West, history professor LeWright B. Sikes and Robert E. Corlew, history department chairman and the chairman of the county bicentennial commission.

Student dean warns against book theft

by John Pitts

Although no stolen textbooks have been reported so far this summer, Assistant Dean of Students David Bragg is not sure whether "stealing is on the decline or nobody knows what to do" if a book is stolen.

"About 20 percent of the stolen books recovered will not be returned to their owners, even though they've been found," Bragg

"If a book is suspected to have been lost or stolen, a student should report it to the bookstores and to the associate dean's office," Bragg said. "There's no way to return a book if we don't know it's stolen."

The best way to protect books is to "mark them," Bragg said. "Put a secret mark in it somewhere: one you can find, and can remember."

Bragg recalled a Thai student who got his book back "because the book had notes in it written in the Thai language...the book thief couldn't read it."

"Book stealing is a serious crime," Bragg said, noting that 15 cases of book theft came up before student courts last sememster, and all but two were found guilty.

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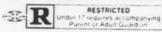
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Prophet to speak at DA tonight

Psyche and author Jeanne Dixon will speak at 8:30 tonight in the Dramatic Arts auditorium.

Dixon successfully predicted the deaths of John Kennedy, Franklin Roosevelt, Mahatma Gandhi and actress Carole Lombard.

She foretold Harry Truman's victory over Thomas E. Dewey and the launching of Sputnik months before anyone knew of a Soviet space program. In a 1965 Reader's Digest article, she predicted a Republican victory in 1968.

The program is free and open to the public.

Rogers to appear on MTSU campus

Fourth District Congressional candidate J. Stanley Rogers will stop briefly today on the MTSU campus as part of a handshaking tour of Rutherford County.

Rogers, a Manchester attorney, served four years as Democratic majority leader in the Tennessee House of Representatives before entering the race for the seat vacated by Rep. Joe L. Evins.

The candidate will be making a swing through Rutherford County today before appearing in Nashville before the Nashville Banner editorial board.



University growth fills dormitories

(continued from page one) especially in the case of freshmen, he added.

Many cancellations are expected, so the Housing office has set up a waiting list to fill these cancella-

"Right now we are 300 over the overflow limit in the men's dorms, but we expect to have some cancellations both this summer and after school starts in the fall, so we have told a number of applicants that we will hold their applications and may possibly be able to find a place for them," Wilkerson said.

"MTSU is the fastest growing university in the state of Tennessee, and I think we need more housing, but things would have to be documented to establish a trend," he said. "The Board of

Regents dictates how many dormitories we can build and we would have to establish an enrollment increase before they would consider building any new ones.

"I would like to see more married housing, more apartments and a graduate student dormitory," he added.

Wilkerson also said he would like to see every dorm on campus air conditioned but the budget would not permit it.

"If the students would get together they could get anything they want," Wilkerson said.

"I don't think students realize how much power they have. If students really raised a stink about the unairconditioned dorms, they could probably get them air conditioned," he said.

Wilkerson said an increase in dorm rent was mainly due to the rise in electric and water service prices. Some vandalism has also contributed to rent hikes, he said.

Tryouts scheduled for Little Theatre

Tryouts for the upcoming Murfreesboro Little Theatre summer show "You Can't Take It With You," will be held June 27 and 28 at the theatre building on Ewing

Mark Drum, director for the show, said the tryouts will be 2:30-5 p.m. June 27 and 7-9 p.m. June 28.

Rehearsals for the show will begin July 12, and the performance dates will be August 11-14.

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Some undercover operations, or the secret storm

by Bill Mason and John Pitts

Please pass the crunchy frog.

We have discovered an interesting fact. There are more toilets in Disneyworld than in the entire country of Latvia.

But that's not what we are going to tell you about today.

Our top level Washington sources tells us that Homer Pittard, alias the director of alumni relations at MTSU, is in reality a CIA agent.

Pittard has been assigned to decode alleged secret messages appearing in copies of Sidelines and Midlander which are supposedly directed to American Communist headquarters in Delores, N.Y.

Using pencil, paper, abacus and Ouija board, Pittard has been using his university office as a command post for the decoding project.

What better place to hide an intelligence operation since no one has been in Pittard's office in several years.

Pittard was hired by the agency after answering an advertisement on the back panel of a box of Shredded Wheat.

Disguised as Van West, Pittard went to Delores, Nev., and met CIA director Richard Helms at the local hatchery.

Amid the feathers and crushed eggs, the pair exchanged secret



passwords: "I been hurt," Pittard said. "Hurt," replied Helms. "Hurt," repeated Pittard. "Yes, I been hurt," Helms said. "Oo-we-oo," the director concluded.

Pittard received his assignment: to decode the secret meaning behind the collected writings of Rick Edmondson, a dangerous radical, as well as Michael G. Gandet, another well-known subversive.

"And, remember, Pittard," the director said. "If you are caught or killed, I will disavow any knowledge of your actions."

Returning to MTSU, Pittard set about the long and arduous task.

His first project was to enlist the help of President M.G. Scarlett. Fearing that the president's office was bugged, the two conversed silently: Pittard using his hands and Scarlett spelling out Morse code messages with his eyebrows.

"We can't let Sidelines find out what we're doing," Pittard told the president. "We need to create a diversionary action."

The CIA agent's diversionary action was to cause the NCB to collapse. While Sidelines reporters were all out of the office, waiting for other buildings to fall in, Pittard slithered into the office and began to pilfer the files.

However, Pittard did not expect to meet with Big Tussie, who was at Sidelines for an exclusive interview with special correspondent Crouse "Buzzards over My-Lai" Powell.

Big Tussie grabbed Pittard and began to beat him severely about the head and shoulders. Screaming in fear, Pittard ran from the office.

Returning from their vigil, the Sidelines personnel found Tussie breathing hard. She explained the occurance, and the editor asked us to investigate.

Pittard denies all complicity in the situation.

"Are you a CIA agent?" we asked him.

"I am not a crook," he replied.

However, a search of his garbage revealed an empty box of Shredded Wheat with the coupon cut off the back, obvious proof of his CIA connections.

The revelation touched off similar charges about other MTSU administrators. To date, the FBI, Secret Service, National Security Administration, the U.S. Army, INTERPOL, Pinkerton's, the Boy Scouts and Amway, Inc. are all alledged to have agents on campus.

No word yet from the Rainbow Girls or Opryland.

That's the way it is. So long until next week.

Displeased reader criticizes quality of Sidelines' editorial, sports

In my three-year career at MTSU I haven't made a habit of writing to your staff. After the last issue, however, I was so astounded by the poor quality of some of your articles that I thought I owed it to myself, the public and the staff of Sidelines to point out a few inadequacies which frequently make themselves apparent. I will first refer to the editorial entitled "Declining Enrollment trend may be a disquised blessing." If you will permit me the liberty of paraphrasing the editor's words, I believe the following is a

fair representation of the ideas contained in this article:

In the past few years, enrollment has been increasing at MTSU. It is also true that there has been a distinct lack of quality in MTSU courses. However, the present trend seems to indicated decreasing numbers of students. Thus, in future years, the administration is not going to worry about the number of students enrolled at MTSU, and, as a result, the quality of courses will hopefully

improve.

I find the logic in this argument suspect, and feel that the causal relationships which are asserted are very tenuous. In fact, it is apparent that this editor has placed the proverbial cart before the horse. Supposedly, while enrollments are high, courses are "watered down" in order to increase the number of students even more. But since numbers are dropping, the administration is suddenly not going to concern itself with the number of students anymore and it, in fact, is going to start driving students away by making courses harder.

It seems obvious to me, however, that the situation is exactly contrary to this. That is, if quality education is desired, the only way to obtain it is to keep enrollment high enough in the lower division and mass-enrollment course so that there is enough money to sponsor such endeavors as the honors program. For the editor will find, if he were to look into the matter, the best quality education exists within this type program which is available only as a function of high enrollment.

of the editorial I refer to, but I teel that it was written in such haste and with such a lack of serious thought that these logical discrepancies should be pointed out.

The second article I wish to examine is the one entitled "Pro Baseball Prospects Heading for College First." This title succinctly summarizes the content of this article, but the amazing fact is, that within the nine sentences of this article, this same thought is reinterated seven times. The reader in search of some type of elaboration on the stated topic comes up empty-handed. No specifics, no substantiations, and no statistics are given.

The reader begins to wonder where this writer got his information and whether, in fact, it is true. My point, then, is not that this article was totally uninformative, but in the words of your editorial, this article appears as so much "watered-down pablum which (so often) takes the palce of real food in the student's (journalistic) digestive system."

In closing this letter, I must say that these two articles are not singular in their faults. If feel they are symptomatic of the uninformed writing which constantly appears in the Sidelines and which apparently never improves.

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Pioneer village to open soon

Cannonsburgh: "A Living Museum Village of Early Southern Life" will open in Murfreesboro Saturday, June 26

Visitors to Cannonsburgh, which was the city's name when first incorporated in 1811, will find a blacksmith shop, general store, grist mill, one room schoolhouse and other structures representative of nineteenth century life.

No admission will be charged opening day.

Opening day will begin at 9 a.m. with a "Caravan of Pioneers" from Central Middle School to Cannonsburgh via Main Street. The parade's arrival at 10 will mark Cannonsburgh's formal opening.

Celebration features fiddlers' jamboree

The fifth annual Fiddlers' Jamboree and Crafts Festival will be held July 2-3 in Smithville.

The show is one of the South's largest combined country music and crafts shows.

This event, modeled after traditional, old-time Independence Day celebrations, features 18 categories of amateur competition for \$1,835 in cash prizes for old-time, folk and bluegrass music, singing, buck dancing, clogging and square dancing. Contestant registration will be 3 p.m. Friday, July 2, and 8 a.m. Saturday, July 3.

This year, special emphasis is being placed on the exhibition and sale of authenic pioneer crafts of every kind and description. Many of America's outstanding craftsmen in every variety of craft work have been specially invited, and over 100 top craftsmen, from 17 states, have made advance registration to demonstrate and sell their wares.

Last year the event drew over 50,000, including tourists from 36 states and 16 foreign countries. Due to this year being the 200th birthday of the United States, Jamboree officials are preparing for an even larger crowd.

Admission is free to all events.

Learning lab ready for individual use

The Personalized Learning Laboratory in the Learning Resources Center is open six days a week for student use.

Television sets, tape players, slide viewers and other audio-visual equipment is available in the lab.

The lab is open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

At 11, candidates for the state office will begin a round of "old-fashioned" political oratory. Candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives from the Fourth Congressional District will speak at 12, with candidates for the U.S. Senate speaking at 1 p.m.

Mule pulling competitions will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until Cannonsburgh closes at 4 p.m. Other daylong events will be horseshoe pitching, a Steam Festival by the Kentucky-Tennessee Thrasherman's Association and a Living History Demonstration by Civil War soldiers from Stones River National Battlefield.

The community band will give a concert of patriotic music at 1:30 p.m. that will feature the "reincarnation of historical personages.

At 2, Dean Mack Wayne Craig of Nashville's David Lipscomb College will speak at the Cannonsburgh Dedication Ceremony.

After the dedication, Mayor Westbrooks will officiate at a re-enactment of the earliest wedding he remembers. That wedding occurred in the country store at Links, Tenn., and the building is now on the Cannonsburgh site.

At 6, the activity moves to Jones Field at MTSU where a barbeque supper will be served until 7. the crowd will then hear country music before Judge Joe Henry of the Tennessee Supreme Court gives an address at 8.

Cannonsburgh Day will end with a fireworks display at 9.

After its formal opening, Cannonsburgh will be open only on a limited basis until all construction and landscaping can be completed. Do you ever have a (sometimes a hunch that is you hunch dwarf) went to the Wassle shop at 2:30 on Tuesday that you might run into Mickey Spillane and watch him eat at hot ham and dwarf. This is also the 1st day after Summer Which thrills every one. This has absolutely nothing to do the with the art of proctology. But Muchey usually deen't eat there. I say some shiele there with the art of proctology. I shield t





King asks 'independent representation' in government

by John Pitts

Sarah King, candidate for the Fourth District Congressional seat, called for "independent representation in Washington" while opening her Murfreesboro campaign headquarters Friday.

Speaking to a gathering of about 50 people at the James K. Polk hotel, King said "we need the very best people we have to head our government, and we must be willing to go ourselves."

"Some people have said there are too many women in Washington now," King said, alluding to the recent Capitol sex scandals. "But they were selected by the men, and we want to elect a woman to go there," she added.

"We need representatives that will not obligate themselves to special interest groups, who will speak up for the folks back home," King commented.

"Candidates in this race may prance across the TV screen on a white horse or boast of having \$200,000 to spend on the campaign, but we need to send men and women to Washington who are not politically expedient."

"The people of this district are the glue that holds America together, they are the salt of the earth," King added.

"We now have a big govern-



John Pitts photo

ment, a ballooning government. Did you know that 37 cents of every dollar in your pocket will go to the U.S. government for taxes," King asked the audience.

"The government has thought there would be no limit to our resources, and the parade to Washington for money has gone on," the candidate said.

"They have left the day of fiscal reckoning for future generations... we are the future generation.' King said.

"We need to remember that the country was built by people, not by governments; built by work, not by

welfare and built by taking responsibility, not by shirking it, King told the audience.

King labeled detente "fiddling while Rome burns," calling it the plan of "Henry the Great Kissinger."

"We will have our backs to the wall unless someone goes to Washington and says 'the buck stops here'," King said.

After her remarks to the gathering, King discussed a number of issues in a small press conference.

She expressed her opposition to

unconditional amnesty for draft evaders, although she said she favored a program through which a pardon could be earned by alternative service.

The Panama Canal, "one of our great national defenses," is an issue of concern to King. She cited the need for quick movements of the Atlantic and Pacific navel fleets "like when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor" as justifying the need to retain the canal.

The candidate expressed her opposition to the Humprey-Hawkins employment bill, calling it "unadulterated socialism," and proposing a number of other solutions, such as the Kemp bill, which would cut corporate taxes to encourage more investments by businesses.

King would not support a move to decriminalize marijuana, citing expenses to hospitalize people harmed by drug use.

"It has harmed the mentality, hurt the family life and damaged the genes and chromosomes of our

young people," King said. King added she saw "nothing wrong with money to incarcerate' drug users. "We should protect the innocent and not the guilty," she



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Welcome MiSU Students



Stanford signs seven 'outstanding' prospects

by Ed Arning Sports Editor

MTSU Head Baseball Coach John Stanford has announced the signing of seven "outstanding" players for the upcoming season.

A number of the athletes are playing for the Raiders in the Midstate College League this summer.

Mike Moore, a junior college All-American from Columbia State Community College, has signed with MTSU as a lefthanded pitcher and first baseman. He will be a junior at MTSU this fall. Tim Womack, an All-District and All-Region rightfielder, also from Columbia State, will enter MTSU this fall as a junior. This position was vacated on the Raider squad when Chuck Smith and Tony Richardson graduated this spring.

Scott Hendricks and Tom Zakotnik, two incoming freshmen, both hit over .400 in their senior years in high school. Hendricks, from Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, has signed as a catcher while Zakotnik has signed as a catcher and first baseman. He is from Silver Springs, Md.

Signees already playing for the Blue Raiders this summers are Tom Nichting, at second base; Kerry Maxwell, at third base; and J.R. Farrah, at pitcher.

Nitchting and Farrah are from Motlow State Community College and Maxwell is from Volunteer State Community College. All three will enter MTSU this fall as juniors.

"I am very pleased with everyone we have signed so far in the recruiting campaign," Stanford said. "They will help us fill the positions vacated by graduating seniors."

Earle's list at five

The list of signees for the upcoming Blue Raider basketball season now stands at five.

"This is the best overall recruiting year that we have had at MTSU," head basketball mentor Jimmy Earle said.

Ken Sebring, a 6-9 Class A All-State center from Ohio, is the most recent signee as he put his name on an MTSU national letter of intent.

Sebring averaged 18.9 points and 11 rebounds per game in his senior season.

Previous signees for the Raiders were 6-8 Bob Martin of Motlow State Community College, 6-8 John Hunter of Independence (Kansas) Community College, 6-7 Derek Render of Atlanta and 6-4 LeRoy Coleman of Huntsville, Ala.

"Hunter and Martin are two of the top four players we were after when we set out," Earle said.

Greg Armstrong, a transfer from the University of Florida, has also signed but he will not be eligible until the 1977-78 season.

"Compared to what I have heard from other OVC schools, I feel we have done the best job of recruiting, but we are still looking since we still have two scholarships available," Earle said.

Jets victors in opening intramural game

H Dorm and Bennie and the Jets opened the intramural summer softball season yesterday with Bennie and the Jets coming out on top 14-5.

The Jets jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and never trailed as they added seven insurance runs in the fifth inning.

Two other games scheduled for yesterday were not played due to the fact that an insufficient number of players were present.

Action will resume tomorrow with SAE playing Herron's Nuts and H Dorm taking on Alpha Kappa Psi at 3 p.m. ATO plays the Jets and The Bunch battles High Rise West at 4 p.m. Married housing will play the faculty in the final game at 5 p.m.

Next Monday there are four games scheduled. At 3 p.m. ATO and Alpha Kappa Psi battle while Married Housing plays SAE. At 4 p.m. Herron's Nuts takes on Bennie and the Jets and H Dorm

plays the Faculty.

There are ten teams in the summer softball program this year. Eight of the teams are comprised of men while The Bunch and High Rise West are womens' teams.

There are fewer teams in the softball program this year compared to past years. This is attributed to the fact that there are not as many graduate students enrolled this summer as in the past according to IM Director Joe Ruffner.

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NCAA sets new rule for OVC

by Ed Arning Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Conference's future basketball champions along with a majority of the other future conference champions will be required to win 60 percent of their games to be eligible for the NCAA postseason tournament.

The NCAA Division I basketball committee voted to keep the 32-team bracket it now uses in the postseason tournament.

"I think this is a very fair setup,"
MTSU head basketball coach
Jimmy Earle said, "because any
conference champion should win 60
percent of their games."

"All along I was afraid the OVC would lose its automatic bid, but now I do not feel we have since most of the past OVC champions have won 60 percent of their games," Earle said.

This ruling is final and it affects every conference champion except the champs from the Eastern Independent Collegiate Basketball League and the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

OVC teams will not be able to stack their schedule in their favor to assure a better chance at the championship and the 60 percent win mark due to the fact they must play a round-robin season within the OVC and they are limited to a 26 game schedule.

Thus there is not much room on the schedule to throw in easy opponents.

The NCAA committee gave itself the authority to seed the teams in the postseason tourney "in the best interests of the tournament." This move was made to assure that two top teams do not meet in the first round.

column

Opening games suspended

After battling Mother Nature and an insufficient number of foes over the weekend the Blue Raiders baseball team has yet to play a game in the regular season of the newly formed Midstate College League.

Only six Vanderbilt players showed up for the game with the Raiders here yesterday, thus MTSU stands 1-0 in the young season. Torrential downpours on Friday and Saturday halted any attempts to play Austin Peay and Aquinas.

In every situation the Raiders had an adequate number of players for competition.

MTSU's next game is here Friday at 5:30 p.m. when David Lipscomb arrives for a single game.

Has the mighty Finley struck out?

by Ed Arning Sports Editor

(With apologies to the author of ''Casey at the Bat'')

The outlook was not brilliant for Charlie Finley on that day as the count stood at three and two with but a few more hours to play.

As Blue and Rudi died at first and Fingers did the same, a sickly silence fell upon the patrons of the game.

When the dust had cleared and the crowd had seen what had occured, the mighty Charlie was still at bat.

There was ease in Charlie's manner as he sold Blue to the

Yanks, there was pride in his bearing as he pocketed a million with thanks.

And when the eager Red Sox reached deeper in their hip, avarice gleamed in Finley's eye and greed did curl his lip.

As 'faultless' Rudi and Rollie Fingers quickly headed for the coast, Finley uncorked a glistening bottle and poured himself a toast.

But...

Close by the happy owner a contract heeded sped.

"That's my style," said Charlie.
"Strike one," ol' Bowie said. From
out in Oakland, full with people,
there went up a muffled roar like

beating of a soundwave on a stern and polluted shore.

"Kill him, kill the commissioner," shouted someone in the stands. And it's likely they'd have killed him as soon as Charlie raised a hand.

But with a sneer of greed for money old Finley's visage shown. He stilled the rising tumult and he bade the deal go on.

He signaled to the lawyer. Once more the contracts flew. But the commissioner did not like it so he said, "strike two."

The game is for all the marbles, the field is in the court, and now the fans are wondering just who they will support.

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