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Changes in aid seen in federal college budget

WASHINGTON D.C. (CPS) — President Reagan's third federal college budget, released this week, proposes far less radical cuts in student aid than in previous years, but asks for the elimination of three popular aid programs.

The budget also asks Congress to create a new student-aid program that would require students or their families to contribute certain amounts of money toward their educations in order to get a grant.

IN ADDITION, the President wants to create a new program to improve science and math education, presumably at the college level as well as at lower levels.

Specifically, Reagan is asking Congress to increase funding of the Pell Grant program from \$2.4 billion this year to \$2.7 billion in fiscal 1984, which stretches from Oct. 1, 1983 through Sept. 30, 1984.

He is also requesting additional funds for the college work-study program, from \$540 million to \$800 million.

THE GUARANTEED Student Loan (GSL) program would get nearly the same amount—\$3.1 billion—it did in fiscal 1983.

However, the President wants to abolish the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and State Student Incentive Grant programs, replacing them with a new Self-Help Grant.

The Self-Help Grant would "require students to come up with a self-help contribution" in order to get a grant, according to an analyst with the Congressional Budget Office.

REAGAN WANTS Congress to appropriate \$2.7 billion to the new program, which would be more than the 1983 monies available to students under the three programs he wants to eliminate.

The President has proposed eliminating all three before, but Congress has refused to cooperate. Congress did agree to cut students off from Social Security benefits, and has granted him many of the cuts in other aid programs he requested.

Over the past two years, Reagan has asked and gotten new rules that make GSLs more expensive to take out and Pell Grants harder to get.

IN THIS year's budget, the President would raise the maximum Pell Grant from \$1,800 to \$3,000, but eliminate students from families earning more than \$14,000 a year from the program.

This year, the family income limit is \$25,000.

Also in the budget is a plan for Education Savings Accounts, which would offer people a tax incentive for saving money for college. It works like the Individual Retirement Accounts currently available through banks.

Another proposal would allow the President to distribute money in "block grants" to states, which would use the money to train new science and math teachers.



Photo by Keith Tippitt

Raindrops keep fallin'

Neither rain nor shine can stop Bonnie Byrd, senior, and Curtis Duncan, senior, from discussing chemistry as they walk through the rain Thursday.

Financial aid may require draft registration

By MARSHA ROBERSON
Staff Writer

Attending MTSU and registering for the draft doesn't seem to have anything in common, but it soon may for many students.

Students who cannot prove they have registered for the draft will not be able to receive any type of federal financial aid beginning July 1, according to a new rule passed by Congress in September.

THE NEW law states: "Any person who is required to register for the draft and fails to do so shall be ineligible for any form of assistance or benefit provided under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965."

Financial aid provided under Title IV includes

National Direct Student Loans, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, College Work-Study funds, Guaranteed Student Loans, Parent Loans and the Pell

office is going to have to collect a document from everyone applying for financial aid that is eligible to apply for the draft.

"EVERYONE receives a

It's not a law yet, but it may be soon."

Grant.

Approximately 3,000 students receive Pell Grants at MTSU, according to Winston Wrenn, financial aid officer.

ALMOST every male attending MTSU is probably eligible for the draft, Wrenn said.

"We have received a notice of proposed rules just recently which gives guidelines for the new rule. It's not a law yet, but it may be soon," he said.

It appears the financial aid

registration acknowledgement letter after they register; they will have to require a copy of this for everyone's file," Wrenn said.

The problem with this is the delay, he said. A person may need the letter before he receives it after registering.

According to the Selective Service, it will take only three weeks to receive the letter, but some foresee it as taking a long time and causing problems with registration.

Player awaits ruling; Woodmore fracas 'unusual,' judge says

By GAIL HURT
Staff Writer

A General Sessions judge's decision is pending on an assault and battery charge against an MTSU football player because the judge termed the case "unusual."

Jimmy Roberto, a senior linebacker from Blauvelt, N.Y., is charged in connection with a fight that occurred in Woodmore Cafeteria on January 29.

ROBERTO, teammate David Little and some other football players allegedly attempted to break through a

buffet in order to return their trays.

A fracas broke out when the line was broken, and David Willis, a pledge of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, was allegedly hit by Roberto.

Attorneys on both sides said that the thirteen witnesses who testified Tuesday in the case told several different stories as to what occurred.

THE ISSUE before General Sessions Judge James Buckner is whether Roberto was provoked into striking Willis.

The line is a nationwide tradition among black fraternities and sororities that has gone on for many years, Phyllis Hickerson, director of minority affairs explained yesterday.

"It is like a chain and the chain is as strong as each link. If it is broken, the links are broken," she said. "The line shows brotherhood and sisterhood. It signifies unity. When the students are in line, they become one."

"IT REALLY means a lot to them to keep the line," she said.

Fraternity members testified that they curbed their line so others could get around them.

Roberto's attorney, Mark Goad, said his client tried to get through the line by saying "Excuse me," but when no one moved, he eased his way through the line.

When Little was allegedly knocked down and hit by members of the black fraternity, Roberto attempted to help, Goad said. Roberto claims Willis was struck accidentally while he tried to rescue Little.

Valentine mail swamps boxes; office deluged

By CHERYL PURYEAR
Staff Writer

The effect that Valentine's Day has on the MTSU Post Office is "really something to behold," according to Kenneth Summar, manager.

Summar estimated the increase in mail flow quadruples its normal rate. The majority, he said, is student-to-student mail.

EMPLOYEES are gearing up for the heaviest rush to begin Friday. The "tremendous workload" will be taken on by eight employees, five student helpers and one temporary helper, he said.

Students are urged to mail their Valentines before Monday so that they can be delivered on or before Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is the "greatest time during the whole year," according to Idalee Adams, employee.

"THEY [students] love everybody at Valentine's Day,"

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Efficiency study blamed

Security officers receive notices

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Editor

Three MTSU security officers, including one seven-year veteran, last week received layoff notices effective at the end of the month.

Those laid off are as follows: Sgt. James C. Burkhalter who was hired in November 1975; security officer Charles Gregory King, hired in September 1981; and security officer David R. Bennett, also hired in September 1981.

SECURITY director John Bass, administrative assistant Otis Floyd and personnel director Linda Mason declined to enumerate the criteria used in selecting the three until they could set up a joint meeting to discuss the issue with *Sidelines*.

Floyd was out of town at the end of this week.

Mason would affirm, however, that the decision did not include an evaluation of the officers' efficiency as Floyd had speculated last week before the decision was made.

"EFFICIENCY of the department definitely played a part in the decision, but the efficiency of the individual officers was not a factor," Mason said yesterday.

Burkhalter said yesterday he will appeal the decision to MTSU President Sam Ingram, but would not comment further.

Bennett and King could not

be reached yesterday.

THE CHANGES are being made as a result of an efficiency study conducted last summer by Knoxville consultant Joe Garner, who recommended changing emphasis of the department from law enforcement to security.

Officials had planned to eliminate seven positions through attrition and transfer, but only two employees left

since the program was put into operation in October.

Floyd said university officials will decide in the next two months whether to lay off two other security officers.

"We'll just back into the implementation, and if we see that we need those two officers we will not eliminate their jobs," he said.

Garner projected a savings of \$132,076 when his proposals are fully implemented.



Photo by Mike Peley

Fire on campus

Murfreesboro firemen inspect a car after extinguishing a fire. The car caught fire in a campus parking lot Wednesday afternoon.

Campus Capsule

TODAY

MARY ANTHONY'S DANCE THEATRE will be in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

A PRE-VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY will be sponsored by Esquire Ltd. Ladies and Gentlemen's Club at 9 p.m. in the James Union Building.

SATURDAY

THE BLUE RAIDER TRACK TEAM will entertain South Carolina, Murray State, Memphis State and Austin Peay in a meet in Murphy Center at noon.

THE LADY RAIDERS take on Tennessee Tech in an Ohio Valley Conference basketball game in Murphy Center at 5 p.m.

THE BLUE RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM will face league-rival Tennessee Tech at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

MONDAY

"PROM NIGHT" BEGINS at the University Center Theatre. Show times are 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated R.

FILM: "DR. STRANGELOVE" will be presented by United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War, MTSU chapter, at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room in the Learning Resources Center.

TUESDAY

"PROM NIGHT" CONTINUES in the University Center Theatre.

WEDNESDAY

THE LADY RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM takes on Vanderbilt at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

"ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK" BEGINS at the University Center Theatre. Showtimes are at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated R.

THURSDAY

"OF MICE AND MEN" OPENS in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m. For ticket information and reservations call 898-2640 or 898-2716.

"ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK" CONTINUES in the University Center Theatre.

NOTICE

THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST for admission to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, in the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building.

STUDENT TEACHER APPLICATIONS for the 1983 fall semester must be completed and on file in the Student Teaching office in Jones Hall, Room 106, no later than Feb. 11.

SOA APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 1983 new student orientation are available at Keathley University Center, Room 130. The deadline for application is Feb. 21.

PETITIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE in Keathley University Center, Room 304, for ASB seats. Petitions for president, senator, speaker of the house and speaker of the senate must be turned in by Feb. 21.

Administrative position study set to formulate salary guidelines

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

The positions of 102 MTSU administrative employees will be reviewed under a new plan to define each position and determine their relationships, according to Lin Mason, personnel director.

Employees involved in the study, known as the Administrative/Professional Position Evaluation, have already received questionnaires

concerning their positions. The evaluation of the review is expected to begin in July.

"A POLICY statement establishing salary guidelines will be formulated at the completion of the study," according to President Sam Ingram.

Salaries of these administrative personnel could be affected by this study "in the long run," Mason said.

The study is being conducted because "the State Board of Regents has emphasized salary administration by focusing attention on campus practices and policies for all employee categories," Ingram said.

The review will investigate the administrative and professional positions below the vice presidents. This does not include faculty- and clerical-support staffs.

TEA demands official retraction

NASHVILLE (UPI) — A teachers' group has demanded that Education Commissioner Robert McElrath retract his "appalling" statement that prospective teachers are coming from the bottom of the academic barrel.

The Tennessee Education Association issued a news release yesterday defending the education of the state's teachers. The group said McElrath's comment was "appalling."

"WE STRONGLY disagree with this characterization," the TEA said. "We call upon Commissioner McElrath, as chief administrator of Tennessee's school system, to retract this most unfortunate statement."

Gov. Lamar Alexander has

proposed pay hikes for exceptional teachers, while the TEA wants all teachers to receive an across-the-board pay raise.

McElrath said Tennesseans would not support incentive pay for every teacher because they know prospective teachers come from the bottom of the academic barrel.

"RIGHT NOW, the public knows we're scraping the bottom of the barrel in the teaching profession," McElrath said Wednesday night at a meeting of the State Board of Education's Executive Committee.

McElrath said it therefore is appropriate that Alexander's proposed incentive pay plan be limited initially to 60 percent of Tennessee educators who

might qualify for "senior" or "master" teacher status—and higher salaries—on the basis of seniority alone.

"Some of the finest youth of this state want to become teachers but too many choose other professions because they offer higher beginning pay and better working conditions," the TEA said in a news release.

Mail

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she said. "I think it's exciting," another employee said. "Love is all around."

Valentine cards of various sizes, colors and decorations go through the post office, they said. Candy and flowers are also a part of the flow.

"Some people spend so much time on them," Adams said. One package had hearts drawn all over it and another had kiss marks, she said.

Halloween mail has picked up over the last few years, he said.

Financial aid

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They have called the law unconstitutional and asked a U.S. District Court for a preliminary injunction to keep the law from being enforced until a final ruling is made.

THE PROSECUTORS are saying that the law is unconstitutional because it interferes with a student's right against self-incrimination, denies a student equal protection under the law and constitutes a Bill of Attainder. A Bill of Attainder is

LONDON — Vice President George Bush urged Soviet leader Yuri Andropov today to negotiate in earnest for a reduction of nuclear arms. But he warned the Western alliance "is determined" to deploy new weapons if such talks fail.

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — A former college football player, paralyzed during a practice, is ineligible for workmen's compensation because he was a student, not a professional athlete, at the time of his accident, the Indiana Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The case has drawn the attention of the NCAA and universities worried about the possible financial consequences of extending insurance, traditionally provided employees injured in workplace accidents, to athletes.

News Briefs

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"I don't know nothin' about poker," said the Raindance Kid as he watched the high-stakes game being played at the Last Chance Saloon.

"Shucks, poker's easy to figure," responded BUSCH Cassidy. "Matter of fact, if you listen real close to what I'm gonna say, you'll find out who's the winner and the five cards in the winning hand."

Cassidy blew the froth off his ice-cold BUSCH Beer and continued. "First, they're playin' with a 52-card deck, no joker. Each of the five players has two cards up and three cards down, which means 25 cards have been dealt. And I can name every one."

"Through peekin'?" asked the Kid. "Through deduction," said BUSCH Cassidy. "Heck, I can tell you right now that nobody's got a deuce or a 4 and that everybody's got two pair or better."

"I'm impressed," said Raindance. "What's more," Cassidy went on, "there's not a straight-shooter in the bunch. Not that the players are crooked — just cold-blooded. Take Black Bart — he's downright heartless, and the same goes for Diamond Lil."

"What else?" inquired Raindance. "Later," said Cassidy.



"So you've got it all figured," noted Raindance as he and the BUSCH Cassidy watched the big poker game at the Last Chance Saloon.

"Nothin' to it," said Cassidy. "Fristance, only two queens have been dealt and they're not in the same hand. And just look at Digger Dan. He's brought min-

ing equipment with him."

"What's he got — a pick, a shovel?" asked the Kid. "It's a digging tool of rather substantial size," said Cassidy. "Now excuse me while I get us a couple of BUSCH Beers. I'm parched from all this explainin'."

When Cassidy returned, he raised his glass of mellow BUSCH in the direction of Diamond Lil.

"What's that all about?" inquired Raindance.

"I always toast a woman who's true to her name," said Cassidy. "Now to continue, if you count an Ace as 1 all the way up to a King as 13, well, the five cards in each player's hand add up to the same number."

"Do tell," said Raindance. "And what might that number be?"

"Later," said Cassidy.

(...Look for the 3rd & 4th set of clues in this paper next week.)



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Fewer high-school graduates; applications for fall on decline

By NANCY SLOAN

Staff Writer

Undergraduate applications for this fall have decreased 21 percent in comparison to this time last year partially due to fewer college-age students, according to Wes Williams, director of admissions.

"Basically, the number of high-school graduates peaked last year and will probably decline from here on out," Williams said.

ANOTHER factor affecting

admissions could be the new on-campus housing system which allows students to send in housing applications later than last year, Williams said.

MTSU is apparently following a national trend of fewer college-age students.

"I have checked with other institutions in the state and they are experiencing the same downward trend in their number of applications as compared to last year," Williams said.

THE ECONOMY may also cause some students to wait longer in applying to a university due to unemployed parents, he said.

Williams stated that it is too early to tell by the figures at this point whether there will be a significant decrease in enrollment in the fall.

Applications to graduate school have decreased 42 percent in comparison to this time last year, according to Williams.

Student drinking levels off; first time in years, research reveals

From College Press Service

The number of students who drink alcohol—now estimated at 82 percent of the approximately 12 million college students in the nation—may have leveled off for the first time in two decades, two university researchers report.

Moreover, alcohol abuse and the side-effects of heavy drinking have also steadied for the first time in years, according to the preliminary results of a study of over 5,000 college students in all 50 states last semester.

THE NUMBER of students who drink has been rising steadily since the early 1950s, numerous studies and surveys over the years have found.

But now, the first nationwide survey of college drinkers indicates the 20-year rise in the number of student drinkers may have reached its apex.

"There have been a number of regional surveys done over the years, but because they were all done by different researchers in different parts of the country, they lacked continuity," explains David Hanson, associate professor of sociology at the State University of New York College at Potsdam, who co-authored the study along with Indiana University health and safety Professor Ruth Engs.

Based on research Engs had done in the mid-70s, the two researchers say their new study points to a significant leveling-off in drinking and alcohol abuse by students.

ENGs AND Hanson noted only a marginal increase in the

level of student drinking, far below the rate of earlier years.

And while the number of drinkers appears to have peaked at 82 percent, Hanson and Engs add that heavy drinking and problems associated with alcohol abuse—fighting, lateness to class and damaging university property—are also leveling off.

The proportion of heavy drinkers has increased from 12 percent in the mid-70s to 17 percent, not nearly the increase some officials had feared, Hanson says.

HE THINKS part of the reason for the leveling-off might be because students are substituting other drugs, such as marijuana, in place of drinking.

Also, he says, with such a high level of students drinking already, any increase in drinking levels will most likely occur more slowly than in the past.

The study did find disturbing increases in some areas, though.

THE NUMBER of students who drive while drinking, for instance, has increased from 26 percent in the mid-70s to over 45 percent last fall. And the number of students reporting hangovers and other post-drinking health problems jumped from 57 percent to 66 percent in the same period.

Women who labeled themselves as heavy drinkers also increased from just under five percent in the mid-70s to over 11 percent, though the study found more men than women drink.

Among other findings: white students drink more than black, religious students drink less and the lower a student's grades are, the more apt he or she is to be a heavy imbibor.

AND EVEN if, as the study suggests, student drinking has leveled off, college officials still have to deal with significant problems related to campus alcohol abuse.

Accidents, vandalism and other crimes and even occasional deaths have moved many campuses to institute new, get-tough drinking policies over the last few years.

Arizona State, for instance, has stopped selling beer at the school's stadium to help cut down on student alcohol consumption.

ADMINISTRATORS at Babson College have instituted a new drinking policy forbidding beer kegs in residence halls and fraternity houses, and banning all public drinking on campus.

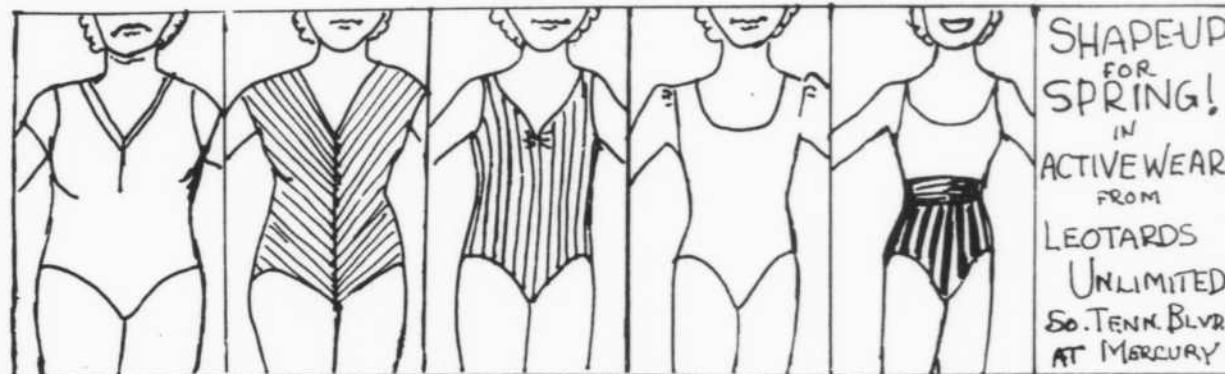
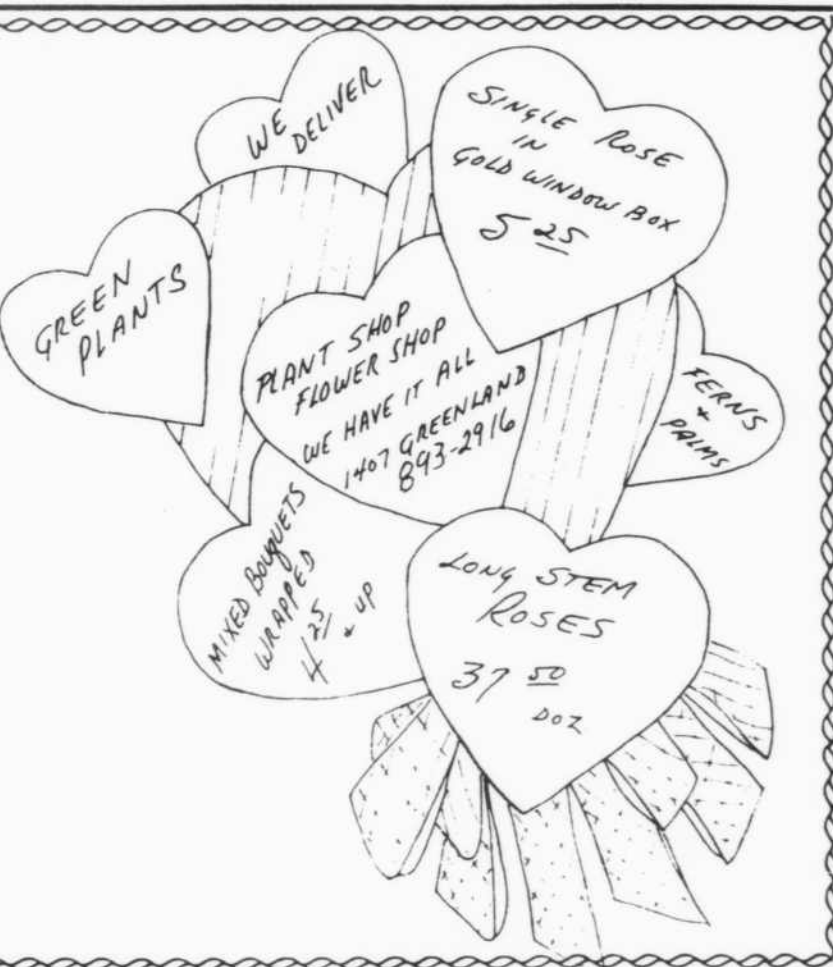
At the University of Pittsburgh, where a football player fell to his death last month after drinking at a campus party, officials are developing tougher alcohol regulations and may even place a "moratorium" on student parties.

And a Youngstown State fraternity recently held its second "dry rush" in a year.

New members like the idea, says Sigma Alpha Epsilon President Dennis Demartino, and members' grade-point averages have increased dramatically since the "no alcohol" policy was instituted.



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Prison reform ordered; Alexander reveals plan

Tennessee's prison system is in need of immediate expansion and reform in order to curtail problems of overcrowding and recidivism. A U.S. district court has already demanded that the Alexander administration take steps to improve prison conditions.

To squelch the demands of the court order, Alexander has unveiled a new plan for correcting the problems presently besetting the prison system. The proposal, which could prove to be politically popular, seeks to change Tennessee's prison system into a series of punishment-oriented work camps void of any rehabilitative programs.

INSTEAD of re-educating inmates in order to help them find meaningful jobs once they are released, Alexander proposes that inmates be trained in skills which will allow them to operate much of the prison system themselves. Such an idea will probably save the state money in the short run, but as State Rep. Steve Cobb, D-Nashville, has pointed out, this idea will cost the state money over a long period of time because the recidivism rate will probably increase without proper rehabilitation programs.

Alexander claims that any purposeful work inmates do under this new work-oriented system will help rehabilitate them to function as law-abiding citizens. However, Alexander seems to have overlooked the fact that under a work-oriented system inmates will not be qualified to work anywhere but within a prison when they re-enter society.

If the administration is really sincere about wanting to keep the taxes of Tennesseans as low as possible, then its proposed prison plan is a step in the wrong direction. With crime rates

remaining high, prison officials will be pressured to find more space to house inmates, and adding to the already overcrowded conditions will be more recidivists if the administration's plan for reducing rehabilitation is put into practice.

THE STATE'S prison system is already in need of expansion, and Alexander's plan will add to this need. With the state budget already suffering financial woes, any unnecessary expansion of the prison system will needlessly intensify the state's financial crisis.

Alexander is well aware that the prison system needs improvement in order to meet federal standards, but he cannot help working this problem to his political advantage. The public is fed up with the growing criminal problem, and it will support any strong-armed proposals which will punish criminals regardless of the long-range consequences.

Rehabilitation programs have not been wholly successful in the past, but the criminals who learn from rehabilitation and become useful members of society will probably never embrace the criminal life again. Under Alexander's proposed work system, the same type of inmate may not mend his ways due to anger and resentment directed toward a society that refused to forgive and give him a second chance.

Tennessee's prisons do need to be upgraded and expanded, but the state does not need to adopt any prison legislation which is concerned only with short-term goals that may prove to be detrimental to the state's future well-being.

Innocence ignored when 'kid's game' erupts

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

"Na-nana-booboo. I've got more rocks than you," 8-year-old Sammy yelled across the long front porch to his cousin Rusty. "If you throw any rocks at me, I'll hit you back twice as hard."

Seven-year-old Rusty looked down at his pile of stones, then at Sammy's stack.

"IF YOU don't throw away some of those stones, I'm going to go find more and bigger rocks. Then you'll really be sorry," Rusty whimpered loudly.

"Well, if you get more rocks, I'm going to go find some sticks to use to defend my rocks," Sammy screamed.

"You wouldn't dare," replied Rusty in a louder voice. "Oh, yeah?"

"Yeah!"

SUDDENLY, the pair saw their grandmother coming out the door of the white frame house.

"Boys, what's all this fuss

about?" Grandma asked.

"Rusty said he was going to hit me with his big rocks if I came near him or if I tried to get more rocks," Sammy told Grandma.

"Nuh-uh," Rusty replied. "He said he was going to hit me if I didn't stay out of his side of the porch. I said I would throw my rocks away if he would throw his away."

"That's a lie!"

"No, it's not!"

"NOW, boys, stop this arguing," Grandma said. "Sometimes I really don't understand you two."

"That's OK, Grandma," Sammy said, trying to calm Grandma. "This is kids' stuff. Grandmas aren't supposed to understand how to play kids' games."

"Yeah," Rusty agreed. "We're okay—we're just playing."

GRANDMA was amused with the pair's cute response.

"OK, boys. Just don't get too rambunctious," she laughed.

"I'll be inside if you need me."

"OK, Grandma," Sammy and Rusty said in unison.

Grandma turned around, going back into the house. As she did, the boys made faces at each other.

"I'LL MAKE you pay for lying to her," Sammy said after Grandma was well into the house.

"I didn't lie. You did," Rusty retorted. "If you get any more rocks, I'll make you pay."

"We'll see!"

"OK, we will!"

THE BOYS rushed off to the backyard, gathering up whatever stones, rocks and sticks they could find and returning them to their respective ends of the front porch.

When they had gathered their "weapons," Rusty called out to Sammy.

"Think you're big, don't you? Well, my stack's bigger."

"Your stack may be bigger, but my stack is better than yours."

"Oh, yeah?"



White House wants 'upbeat' coverage

By HELEN THOMAS

UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON — The Reagan White House wants reporters to focus on what is right with the country, not what is wrong.

The most vocal on the subject has been White House spokesman Larry Speakes, who says that reporters should be more "upbeat" and spotlight the "good news" in the economy.

"MY QUESTION is, have we now arrived at the journalistic standard where good news is no news?" he asked in a pep talk to the National Association of Government Communicators.

An administration naturally wants to emphasize any gains and trends it sees in the economy, but resents a reminder of its failures.

When the gross national product showed a slight increase, reporters were treated to a briefing by Martin

Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. And when the unemployment figures dropped a few tenths of 1 percent, President Reagan made an unheralded appearance in the press room to proclaim a triumph and an America "on the mend."

AND WHEN the figures are bad, reporters are given one or two sentences by Speakes that an improvement is expected in the coming months or year.

Speakes has a printed slogan

on his desk: "You don't tell us how to stage the news and we don't tell you how to cover it."

That is only half true. There is no question that this administration controls and manages the news to the best of its ability. The problem is it also wants to cover it by

Such was the case when Reagan said he knew he was going to "kick myself" for saying that the corporate income tax should be abolished and went ahead and said it anyway.

The next day, instead of trying to cut the losses, Speakes

political beat

denying reporters the responsibility of putting things in perspective.

"IT SEEMS that 10.8 percent unemployed is big news, while 89.2 percent of the Americans who have jobs and enjoy the highest standard of living in the world is not news," Speakes said.

"Does the public perception that things are bad come first? Or is it that the public only thinks things are bad after they've seen the bad news night after night? Think about it before you talk to your next caller from a pollster."

This administration is no exception in wanting to play down some of its defeats. It was ever thus. It appears that in all things economic, the administration still is prepared to blame President Jimmy Carter and some of his predecessors.

NOT ONLY are reporters expected to report only the upbeat news, from Speakes point of view they are also expected to ignore presidential remarks or to assume that he didn't mean what he was saying.

accused the press of "jumping up and down, clapping your hands and licking your chops over this statement."

REAGAN himself finally gracefully put the matter in perspective by admitting he goofed, telling reporters that he said he would kick himself "and I did."

"During the first year we were in the White House, Reagan victories were news," Speakes conceded. "During the second year, winning was no longer the stuff that makes headlines," he added.

Reagan's second year was not particularly marked by great victories, but rather by retreats. Nor did any of his rosy predictions about progress in the economy come to pass.

Speakes remarks are the equivalent of Reagan's statement that the television networks go looking for that one unemployed man in South Succotash.

Only recently there were a spate of stories that Reagan is "out of touch" with what is going on in the country. One wonders if Speakes reports to him only the good news.



Viewpoints

Letters From Our Readers

Kessler asks for retraction

To the editor:

While I realize that this letter will probably result in more "accurate" stories about my views and more kind and flattering letters from your readers about my administration, I must respond to *Sidelines* coverage of my views in regard to alcohol and the recent ASB poll in Friday's *Sidelines*.

You have totally perverted and misconstrued my statements and actions regarding alcohol on Board of Regents campuses. How dare you imply that I would disregard the student's views learned from the ASB poll? What do you think was the entire purpose of conducting the polls in the first place?

ALL ALONG I have maintained that I oppose raising the drinking age to 21 and am in favor of a "modification of the present alcohol policy" on our campus. I stated in a previous interview that another student leader at TSMU had suggested "compromising the age issue to achieve alcohol on campus. . . ." This was not and is not my position.

I have never used the word "beer" in reference to this issue, and I am amazed at yours and other quotes that I want beer in the grill and at basketball games.

Since I have been ASB president, I have been misquoted five times by *Sidelines* and had two corrections printed. This accuracy and competence explains *Sidelines'* image among the student body and accounts for the ridiculously small number of students that help produce our paper, which is normally full of advertising and UPI stories.

IN SHORT, you have probably done more to hurt the efforts I hope to achieve in establishing an alcohol dialogue concerning Board of Regent schools. There is a statewide movement of student leaders to bring about a modification of the existing alcohol policy that applies to Board of Regent schools, and we advocate a change . . . we advocate allowing the Board of Regents to specify the guidelines allowing alcohol on Board of Regent campuses if they modify the policy or allow each school self-determination. Is this too difficult to comprehend or convey to your readership?

I respectfully request a

retraction of the statement attributed to me in the Feb. 1 issue of *Sidelines*.

David L. Kessler
ASB President

Editor's reply: First of all, Sidelines changes personnel every semester. This particular staff has never misquoted Mr. Kessler.

In response to his charge that we misquoted him, we offer the following reasons that we are certain of our story:

• The writer of that particular article, Nancy Sloan, is an excellent and credible reporter in whom I have the utmost confidence.

• Before the article ran, I personally asked Mr. Kessler's press secretary, Bryna Estes, if the compromise was a serious proposal. She affirmed in the presence of two others that it was.

• Sources close to the ASB have told me they discussed the compromise proposal with Mr. Kessler after our report. They said he made no effort to deny having made the statement at that time.

• It is significant that Mr. Kessler waited six days to tell us that he was misquoted—even though he was in our office during that period.

As to his comments about our advertising, Mr. Kessler fails to understand that advertising is necessary for a newspaper to maintain financial solvency.

And while only the top personnel appear in the staff box of *Sidelines*, we do not have a "ridiculously" small staff. We have 32 regular staff members, not including occasional columnists, reporters and photographers.

Also, UPI constitutes a small percentage of our stories. They are used because we want to have a well-rounded newspaper, and because what the federal or state government does is ultimately more important to students and faculty than the ASB's latest sidewalk proposal.

While we all make statements which we later wish we had not made, *Sidelines* cannot compromise itself for Mr. Kessler. We stand by our story.

Teen mother says life fuller

To the editor:

I would like to address the abortion issue with a very personal account. I got pregnant when I was barely sixteen; although my boyfriend and I decided to get married, we were getting divorced only a year later. I was scared and thought of everything, in-

cluding abortion, but decided to have my baby.

Now I am 19 and have a daughter almost 3 years old, who I am raising alone. We don't have much money, and I have to work my butt off in order to go to school and raise my child.

THERE ARE many things in my life when I just sit down and cry because I don't think I can face another day, and I wonder how different my life

could have been; but then I think about my child whose very life is dependent upon me, and realize that I would do the same thing over again if I had that choice to make.

As for all of the things I "missed out on," they have been returned to me tenfold by all the rich blessings my daughter has brought me.

Anyone who is faced with the decision of an unplanned pregnancy should think about the fact that a human life is irreplaceable. No matter how many more children I may have, none can ever replace my beautiful daughter who has indeed changed my life and made it so much fuller.

C. Holland
Box 8043

Reagan's trip upsets reader

To the editor:

I've just finished watching the presidential news conference. I can honestly say that I was upset when the president asked for a trip to his ranch for his birthday, which was celebrated on television during a "news conference."

Does this man not have anything better to do than let everyone in the country know that he is "celebrating the 31st anniversary of his 39th birthday?"

As a taxpayer, I am very upset by the fact that he thinks more of his ranch than of the nation's economy. Just because unemployment is lower does not mean that he can go gallivanting off to his "dude ranch" in California.

I'm sure that there are other students on this campus that feel the same as I do. I do not appreciate my tax dollars being spent on a plane ride to California. If that's the way he is going to spend our money, then I would rather keep my money and pay for a trip to California for myself.

Tricia L. Simpson
Box 2240

Modern Life...



Irate student offers solution

To the editor:

In reference to the editorial on the parking situation in the Feb. 4 *Sidelines*, I can say I am in partial agreement—albeit with some reservations.

Truly the mud pit in front of the Art Barn is an eyesore and should never have been allowed to deteriorate to the conditions now seen, and a parking garage is the only answer to the accursed parking problem at MTSU.

BUT unless this garage is centrally located and the accesses and exits are properly planned in relation to traffic flow and pedestrian movement, it will only be a continuation of the same enigma we have now and nothing will be resolved.

Also, I wonder in the current conditions of who gets what at this great institution if a blue- or green-sticker student would even get to park there. But this is for future study, I'm sure all of us at MTSU now will never see anything like this built.

So back to the mud pit and present reality. I too hate to see this campus turned into an asphalt jungle, but I also hate to see all of us blue-sticker drivers get stuck roaming the campus looking for a sudden gush of exhaust fumes and those white back-up lights, then rushing to get that hole and into the security of a parking place.

I HAVE attended MTSU off and on for several years and from experience can testify the parking situation has only gone from bad to worse. Sure there are plenty of spaces to park on campus, as long as you don't have a blue sticker.

The commuters and students living off campus have continually been pushed to the outer limits of parking. I have seen parking lot after parking

lot transformed to white, black, green and every other color imaginable, except blue.

So the solution to present-day parking is simple, just give us back a few of our purloined parking places. Example: instead of paving a new lot, give us back the one we had right next to it, the green-sticker lot in front of the agriculture building.

AND HOW about letting us park in that black-sticker lot, which must be guarded and chained day and night, say after 10:30 A.M. every weekday. It is never filled up and is a constant harassment to drive by all those empty spaces and not be allowed to even think you can park there. Might save some money too, by not having a babysitter there all day long.

Also a few spaces could be added by taking down those dumb metal posts that are supposed to be for motorcycle parking. Have you ever seen a motorcycle parked there?

I'm sure all of my suggestions will be called ludicrous, unimaginative and naive. Maybe so, but short-term solutions seem to be all anybody ever throws out and something is better than nothing.

AND AS to your suggestion that this would be an invaluable building site, that too is shortsighted and could only make traffic and parking problems worse while also destroying the aesthetic beauty of the campus. I'd just as soon see it paved; you can put a building over asphalt as easily as grass.

I would rather see them put a building in the Greenland Drive parking lot, at least you could find a parking place there.

And finally, don't talk about the frustration of a long walk

in the rain or how someone is usually a political ploy to appease students who have to walk a few extra yards.

Please don't give me this crap, when I walk by a gold Volvo, parked in a blue student section every day, with a bright, shining white sticker on it that is only twenty-five feet from that black-sticker lot guarded all day.

This is true partisan campus politics—or it's not who you are, it's the color of your sticker.
Mike Pittard
Box 8928

Greek male dislikes name

To the editor:

In regards to "Press Box" of Feb. 4: while we may be "notorious for class knuckle-headed," we are not "frat" guys—we are fraternity members.

If you insist on calling us "frats," we must insist you should refer to sorority members as "sors."

Dan Goodwin
Box 4890

Have a complaint?

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Unified budget system evolves to include governor, committees

By DAN BATEY

United Press International

Since the governor will soon announce his budget proposal, we are presenting a three-part series on how the state budget is compiled.

NASHVILLE (UPI) — Behind the rows of clerks and computer terminals in many companies stands a closet where they keep a cigar box and a dusty blue ledger.

The company president will include that closet in a tour of his place, and tell his visitors how they used to run the whole outfit with that box and ledger and a couple of No. 2 pencils.

Tennessee's state government used to operate its finances that way. In the early days the agencies and departments all sent separate funding requests to the legislature.

THE BUDGET picture was a hodgepodge of requests and appropriations. The governor did not participate in the

process except to sign the appropriation bills. No one had the big picture of what was going on in state government.

In the early part of this century government began to grow as it took on responsibility for building highways and providing human services. Soon the fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants method of financing government could not cope.

In the 1920s Tennessee reorganized its government, consolidating and eliminating many commissions, boards and agencies. Gov. Austin Peay was elected on a reorganization platform as the budget shifted from the legislature to the executive branch.

FROM A tiny system of finances conducted with pencils and ledgers, Tennessee has seen its budget grow into a \$4 billion bureaucracy monitored with whirring computers. Today the

governor coordinates the budget requests of 21 state departments and presents them to the legislature along with estimates of where the money will come from.

"The system has grown out of experience," Sen. Douglas Henry, D-Nashville, said. "Before Gov. Peay, finances were handled by boards and committees. The governor was just a chairman of the board and the government almost broke."

Although the governor, working with his department heads, is charged with

1st in a series

preparing a budget, Finance and Administration Commissioner Bill Sansom says the chief executive is no dictator.

"BEFORE the budget is recommended we meet with the departments and get what we think they need," Sansom said. "We meet with the

constitutional officers, the courts, everybody. We communicate with the legislature along the way. It's not done in a vacuum where we come out with a number and say there it is."

Once the governor recommends his budget, the Senate and House Finance Ways and Means Committees take over. The budget is divided up and given to the other committees to study. For instance, the Transportation Committee handles the transportation portion of the budget.

Henry, chairman of the Senate Finance Ways and Means Committee, said the committees are expected to conduct hearings and make recommendations on their parts of the budget. Unfortunately, he said, most committees drag their feet and wind up pushing the final budget consideration to the final days of the session.

AFTER the committees finish their hearings, the houses gather to vote on the budget as a single appropriations bill.

"Every year we start out with the suggestion we get started on the budget early, but when you get right down to it, we pass the budget in about three or four hours of pressure-cooker atmosphere right at the wire," Henry said.

Rep. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, chairman of the House Finance Ways and Means Committee, said he was satisfied with the Tennessee budget process.

"I DON'T know of any other way to do it, unless you just let the governor write a budget and nobody has the right to alter or change it," Bragg said.

One advantage of a unified budget system, under the stewardship of a strong executive, is that certain officials are clearly in charge of steering the fiscal boat, Henry

said.

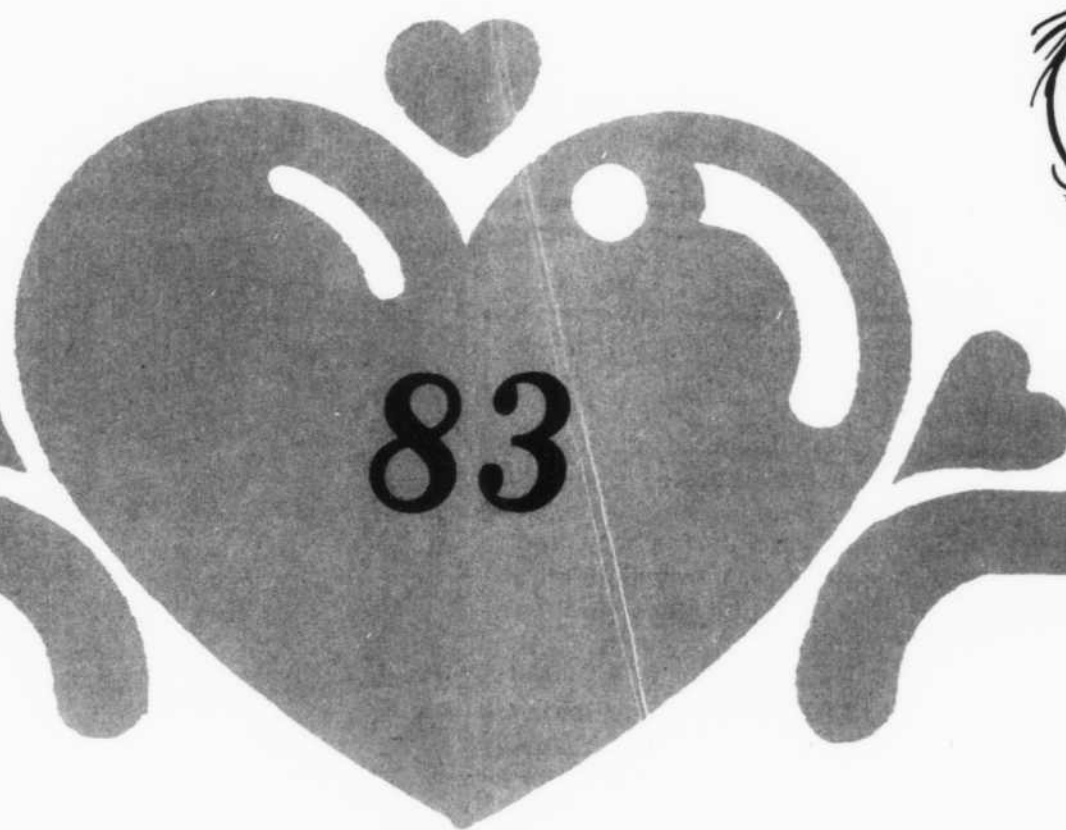
"The unified budget system has been awful good," Henry said. "The advantage is that you have one official responsible for getting it together."

BECAUSE budget formulation is unified in the governor's office, it can be used as a tool for changing and stating policy.

"The budget sets the policy," Bragg said. "There isn't anything in state government that doesn't cost some money and it is the budget that says whether they'll get it."

But change comes slowly. Because about 96 percent of the budget is tied up in continuing existing state services, Henry said, only 3 or 4 percent is "discretionary."


"The budget is a great big old ponderous iceberg," Henry said. "With just a little bitty tip sticking out that you can change."





VALENTINES DAY

Bonnie,
Just wanted to say Happy
Valentines Day! See you
Monday night.
Your Sig Ep Big Brother.

Hey June,
Sing a sad song and make it
better.
Thinking of 'ya on Valentines
Day, m'lady!
Jeff


L.G.
I'm burning for you,
babe.
Don't fear the Reaper
Scorpio.


E.,
We've made our decision and it is a
good one. Be m'lady today
darling cause you're the one for me.
love,
M.
P.S. I want to suck your toes and lick your knees!


To: S.W.
After all we've been through, I'm so glad
that we still need and love each other-just
wanted you to know I'll love you always!
K.W.

Dear Kirk,
Thanks for the great
dinner last Friday
night and for just being
you.
Have a Happy Valentines
Day!
Love, Melissa.

Dear Art,
Happy Valentines Day!
Love, Dana.


Phil,
Thanks for the in-
terview.
Deep Throat.


To: Christy
Happy Valentines Day!
From: Her Sig Ep Big Brother.

Dear Kevin C,
I'll love you always!
Love, Linda.


**The Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha
love and appreciate our
Sisters of the Shield and Diamond
Happy Valentines Day!**

Vicki Beech	Kathy McDonald
Janie Bowling	Renee Medley
Mitzi Brown	Julie Meeks
Terryl Brown	Kati Mott
Molly Douglas	Penny Nelson
Jo Ellen Drennon	Angela Palacio
Rita Platt	Shannon Speakman
Susan Gammons	Tammie Thweat
Patty Green	Michelle Vaughn
Sandra Harrell	Lori Windus
Dede Hayes	Connie Woods
Jackie Jordan	Tina Parker
Susan Kamats	Theresa Penland
Monica Kimbell	Julie Perry
Chris Maze	Diane Shier


Happy Valentines Day to our
Gr-r-r-reat Big Brothers.
We love you!
Alpha Delta Pi.



Perry,
You're the best thing that has
happened
to me this year. I love you so much!
Love, Jan.


To: My lovely First Lady.
From: The Rock-n-Roll Frisbee
President of MTSU. I love you
very much today and everyday!


Pam and Molly,
Have I told you lately
that I love ya'll?
Your everloving Big Brother,
Ricky.

**Wishing all our love this Valentines Day
to the great Southern Belles. We love you-the Brothers
of Kappa Alpha Order.**

Joan Canter	Kai Hardison	Millie Henley	Mindy DeLeon
Mary Pugh	Glenna Alsup	Karen Haltom	Jan Hamby
Kim Savage	Sherrie Butler	Rhonda Hayes	Nancy Burchfiel
Julie Bingham	Lisa Syler	Tracy Radcliff	Beth Boyd
Laura Ross	Nise Levy	Chris Hogan	Sandy Lee
Julia Hoover	Terri Thomas	Pam Parsons	Jackie Ford
Kim Mitchell	Paula Young		
Lauri Longley	Bebe Simpson		
Tracie Reak	Laura Riley		
Fran Dickey	Sandra Franks		
Jan Crouch	Lisa Brandon		



Dear Patty,
Men on top, women on
bottom,
let's buy bunk beds!
Love, Terry.

Tracye,
Best wishes and lots of love
to you on Valentines Day.
Your Sig Ep Big Brother.

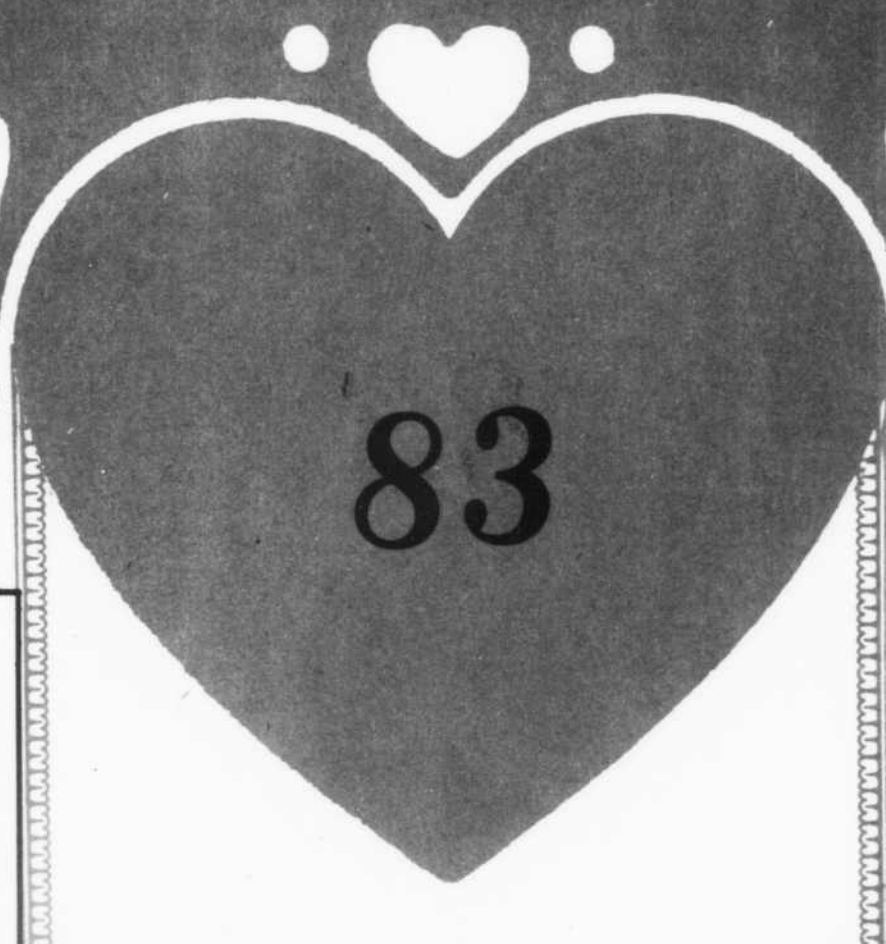
JESL,
Your Big Sister loves you!

Dear World,
Have you seen Bob lately

Glenda,
I hope you get to feeling
better.
Don't let the system get
you down.
Happy Valentines Day!
Your Friend, Bob.


Jerry,
To my one and only Valentine!
You are the love of my life.
Love and kisses, Sarie.
(p.s. don't forget the candy.)

We love you Judd Studs
Kenny, Brian and Steve.
Love, T.B. and K.H.



Tracy,
Happy Valentines Day!
Remember, it just doesn't
matter!
Love 'ya always, friends
forever,
Ginny.

Poochie,
You must'a got lucky! You found
the only other one in the world!
Happy Valentines Day!!
Love, P.D.

Hey you with the
teethpick in your
mouth!
I think you're
adorable!
Guess who.

Barry,
Happy Valentines Day!
Love your Big Sis,
"Fann"

Kerrie and Laura,
Thanks for being such
great friends and
have a Happy Valentines
Day!
Love, Scoop.

Mark,
Forget about the dollar
you owe me.
The interest is fantastic!
I love you, Debbie.

Hey Snooks,
Don't smoke, don't drink-
what do you do?
Maxine.

Butch,
You'll always be my
valentine.
I love you.
Janet.

Gloria,
I love you!
Greg.

Dear Critter,
Happy Valentines Day!
I ♥ you,
"Your Buddy"

Best Big Sisters!
Chris Hogan and Molly
Donaldson.
We love you!
Your baby turtles,
Sherrie and Gerry.

T.
Our marriage is the best
thing
that ever happened to me.
Yours always, L.

P.D.
To the poodie who stole
my heart,
it'll always be more than
puppy love.
P.Y.

To Larry and Richard,
You've added sunshine
to our lives since
Didley's.
Here's to the future!
Love, Jennie and Lisa.

Dear Scott,
Happy Valentines Day!
I love you with all my
heart and
hope we spend many
more holidays together.
ALL my love, Mary Ann.

LMC---
Tell me only this-
that I'll have your heart
for always.
Your best friend.

Happy Valentines
Day!
Sherrie, Carol, Jon
Pat and Mary Jo.
All my Delta Sigma
love! Chris.

Dear Kelly Pickett,
Happy Birthday and Happy
Valentines Day!
Kim West.

Kappa Delta Sisters,
Happy Valentines Day!
We love you, The Pledges.

Dear Ony,
Happy Valentines Day! I love
you for just being you.
Love, Pam.

Dear Jackie Osborne,
You're a great Orborne,
but you're a swell person when
you can stand up!
Love, Big Brother Bubba.

To all the heavy professors I've had during
my
collegiate mecca here at MTSU,
I appreciate all the time and interest you
have devoted
to such a radical as myself. Who knows
what will happen
to me due to your efforts. A classic novel?
Perhaps.
Conversion to a twisted religious cult?
Maybe. But no
matter what, my life is the richer for all the
intellectual
hodge-podge I've been saturated with. I tip
my hat to you all!
Jeffrey Keith Qualls

We wish all the Kappa Sigma Brothers
and Pledges to have a Happy Valentines
Day!
We love you, The Stardusters.

LBR,
The lights may be dim
now, but the
SFFF will certainly turn
them on!
I love you, BBR.

I ♥ Kappa Sigma!

The Gay Awareness Society
is alive and well, and I love
you all!

Gary,
Guess who makes me
happy?
YOU! Flora.

Delta Zeta's make
better Valentines!

Teddy Bane:
With all my love on our
first
Valentine's Day together!
Always, Janice.

Love and kisses to all
those
who have made it almost
easy.
Edythe

To the Brothers of Alpha
Phi Alpha fraternity,
Kappa Xi Chapter-
We love You!
Your Sweethearts.

I love my tactical
squadron.
Go Blacksheep!
Lady Boyington.

Happy Valentines Day
Peggy and Birgitte!
Love, J. and B.

Chi Omega Loves

Bucky Law
Brian Mobley
Jeff Harris
Michael Quinn
Kent Smith
Brad Brock

Ken Donnell
Bob Freeman

Andy Marshall
Todd Buse

Darin Anderson
Paul Thomas

Mark Dodson
Mike "Bones" Dabberly
Bill White

Paul Andre
Mike Baggett

Mark McCrary
Scott Christianson

Mike Ridings
Mike Twomey

Vicky,
Happy Valentines Day! By the
way, how's your neck?
Love, Mark.

Sidelines Staff.
I still respect you
in the morning.


Steve Howard,
An admirer I am,
A secret I remain,
A wish is yours
If you learn my name!
ME!


Deborah,
Hey, I really enjoyed being with you at the
dance!
You know, we make a pretty good couple.
I'm looking forward to going out with you
again,
maybe paint the town, shake a leg and all that
jazz!
Happy Valentines Day! Jeff.

Harry,
Happy Valentines Day, Sweetheart!
I love you with all my heart.
Love, Teresa

Happy Valentines Day to the Brothers of ATO!
We'll always love you for
being there when we need you the most!
Love, Your Little Sisters.





Susan,
Just wanted to tell you that I love you.
Hope this will not be our last
Valentines Day together.
Love, Meredith.


Happy Valentines Day and Congratulations
to the Alpha Delta Pi Pledge Class.
We love you! Your Sisters.

Dear Karen,
Happy Valentines Day!
I love you. Kent


Happy V.D. Pam Bresux!
You're a swell baby!

**For all those special times,
to Robert Gore and the
super
guys on Smith Hall's third
floor
with lots of love!
The Kissing Bandits.**


*The
Kissing Bandits*

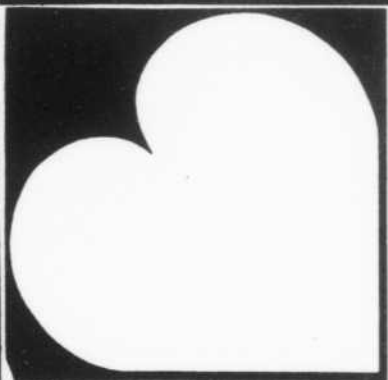
LOVE STINKS!
J.G.


Mike,
Happy Valentines Day!
Love your Big Sis,
"Fann"


J.L.
Purrrrrrrrrrr
FOREVER,
J.L.


RKB,
Like berries on the vine,
It gets sweeter all the
time!
JAH.


To the best and most loved
Big Brothers on campus
Happy Valentines Day!
We love you,
Your Delta Little Sisters.


Sally,
Black is my
favorite color, and
leather
is my favorite
texture.
bcb.


Mad Dog,
It would really make our tails wag
if you would be our Valentine!
Love, Beaglehound and Babyhound.

Brenda,
Let's get married, go to Canada
and muk-luk around!
Love, Moosehead Bob.





Tammie,
Here's to another Valentines Day together.
How about another bottle of Crown
and more Jimmy Buffett!
Love, Scot.


Lisa,
Happy Valentines Day! You're
still the one.
Love, John.


Dear Billy,
Happy Valentines Day to the
best Brothers in the world!
Love, Missy.

Dear Cub,
Thanks for being such a
great Big Brother.
Happy Valentines Day!
Love, Missy.


Trent,
Happy Valentines from your
'lil sis who thinks you're
GREAT
Melissa.



Dear Ann,
Happy V.D. to the best
Big Sister in the world!
Love, Jo Linda.



To Crescent No. 3,
If sweetness is a bud that
forever grows,
then you are the perfect
rose!
Love, Tweetie.



I love my Sig Ep Little
Brothers!
Be happy, Bryna.
Happy Valentines Day!

Dear Jeff,
Thanks for rescuing me
from
the terrible hurricane.
Happy Valentines Day!
Love, Lindo.


Bonnie,
Thank you for your love and
support during the past few months.
Love, Robert.

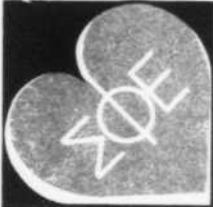

Serena,
Thanks for the miles of smiles!
Love Don W.



Pork Chop,
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!
I love you, D.B.



To the Little Sisters of Minerva,


Jenny, Cemile, Beth, Karen, Sue, Jenny,
Lex Anne, Lee Ann, Laurie, Loyce, Martha,
Kim, Lori, Carol Anne, Melanie, LaDonna,
Penn, Tracey, Betty, Michelle, Laura,
Teresa and Melissa
You're all very special to us
and we love you dearly!
With love, The Brothers of
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Tootie,
You've made my life wonderful
and even
more so since our marriage.
You're very special and very
loved.
Love, Tim.


Lisa,
There are very few things in life that bring us
total joy, and I thank God that I finally found
that
total joy in you. I love you very much!
Love always, Cannon.


Ron,
On this very special day, I would like to say
"I love you" in a very special way. Be my
one and only Valentine, for I am most assuredly
thine.
All my love, Tesa.


Missy,
Happy Valentines Day to
the best
Little Sister anyone could
have.
Your Big Brother, Cub.


Dear Vicki,
Happy Valentines Day to
the best
Big Sister in the world!
Love, Bebe,

Features

Married couples at MTSU

Working at same place not always bad

By CAROLINE SPIELMAN

Staff Writer

Noah's Ark had two lions, two giraffes and two monkeys. Likewise, MTSU has two Kimbrells, two Goulds and two Harpers on its staff.

Of course, there were many other couples on the ark, just as there are many other couples working at MTSU.

SHE, A staff nurse at McFarland Health Services, and he, a professor in mass communications, Sally and Ed Kimbrell have had some funny experiences with the students concerning their marriage.

"I tell my students that my wife is 6-foot-5, weighs 300 pounds and has a black belt in karate," Mr. Kimbrell said. "However, the students become confused when they go to the infirmary and find that she is quite small."

And if a student were to ask Mrs. Kimbrell about her relationship to Mr. Kimbrell, he might be equally confused.

"WHEN a student asks me if I'm related to Dr. 'K.', I say 'Yes, he's my father,'" Mrs. Kimbrell said.

However, not all aspects of the Kimbrell's working relationship are so jovial.

"Concern for the university is an intensity which was often brought home by me," Mr. Kimbrell said, "but now she too shares the same concern."

DESPITE both spouses working at the same place, it doesn't adversely affect their



Sally and Ed Kimbrell are just one out of many couples who work at MTSU and are married to each other.

marriage, they say.

"Although some problems may spill over into home life, by the time we get home, we have our children to keep us busy, and we have friends to enjoy," Mr. Kimbrell said.

"We both care in separate ways about the students' welfare," he added. "The important thing is that we both realize that we have different bosses and different goals."

"WE respect that," Mr. Kimbrell said.

Working at the same place often has certain advantages, and the Kimbrells have found some within their own situation.

"We ride to work together, have a lot of the same friends

and we usually eat lunch together," Mrs. Kimbrell said.

"AS A nurse, many jobs would require weekend hours for me, but by working here, we have the weekends together," she said.

"I also show him how to read class excuses," Mrs. Kimbrell added.

Another couple at MTSU involved in different areas of the university is the Goulds.

A GRADUATE of the University of Mississippi, Richard Gould has been teaching industrial studies at MTSU for 16 years. His wife, Jean, is in her second semester teaching English on a part-time basis, although she has previously taught at MTSU.

Like the Kimbrells, the Goulds also find advantages of working together.

"The days that I am on campus we enjoy eating lunch together," Mrs. Gould said. "I especially enjoy it because he pays!"

BUT THE positive aspects carry over into their home life.

"By both of us working on campus, we have an understanding of each other's problems, and communication is much easier," Mr. Gould said.

With the Goulds working at different parts of the campus, there sometimes is some mix up of identity with students.

"SINCE we don't see each other much, students will ask if

the other is our spouse and there is some confusion," Mr. Gould said.

Confusion also abounds in the accounting department where both Phil and Betty Harper teach.

Mr. Harper has been teaching at MTSU for 16 years, however, Mrs. Harper is in her first year to teach full time. She formerly worked here as a dean of the graduate school and as the associate dean of continuing education.

As do the other couples, the Harpers find positive affects of working together.

"ONE advantage is that we can discuss current events and issues in the accounting field," Mrs. Harper said. "We can also compare textbooks."

"I am preparing to take the CPA exam, and my husband is very helpful," she added.

A recurring advantage among the couples, eating

lunch together, is also possible for the Harpers.

HOWEVER, unlike the other couples, they don't ride together because of different schedules, Mr. Harper said.

"We both enjoy the university setting, and separating home life and work is not hard," he said.

"Together we have other things we are interested in, such as our baby and church activities," Mr. Harper said.

Despite what one hears about couples who work together having problems at home, these three MTSU couples say that working at the same place doesn't harm their family life.

But these three couples are not all who exist at MTSU. So don't be surprised if one day you ask for your professor and someone asks you, "Which one? The he or the she?"

Recent research shows kissing good for health

ROME (UPI) — Kissing is good for your health and will make you live longer, a Roman newspaper said last month in its daily health column.

Under a cartoon of a couple passionately pawing at each other while a doctor watches approvingly, *Il Messaggero* reported in January the findings of a Peruvian doctor on

the effect of kissing on humans.

Psychiatrist Hildebrando Salazar found kissing stimulates the heart, which gives more oxygen to the body's cells, keeping the cells "young and vibrant."

Salazar also found kissing produces antibodies in the human body that in the long run can protect the body against certain infections.

Valentine Greetings from MR HUBBY



It is with upmost decorum that we, the advertising production staff, present to you the "First Annual Valentines Day Extravaganza." We hope 'ya enjoyed it! The response was incredible, which goes to show what a receptive group of folks we have here at the 'ol institution. We want to wish you a Happy Valentines Day, plus (at no extra cost) the very best to each and every one of you on your sojourn through college. Enjoy while you can!

Be firm, fly low and stay cool.

Mark, Bob and Jeff

Sunshine,
Thank you for adding that major spark
in my life. Happy Valentines!
I love you, Chebonne.



We love you stardusters!
Happy Valentines Day!
Love, Kappa Sigma Pledges.



Candy,
I'm yours forever!
I miss you...
love on this special day.
Forever together, Marty.



Dave,
When you're not there I close
my eyes and touch you.
Love, Bambi.



Vicky,
Happy Valentines Day!
Love, Andy.

MLV
Is the baby really mine.
(no name)

Dear Bob, I heard you were
psychologically disturbed,
possibly even suicidal. Is this
true? Jeff

Rocky,
I hope we will be able to spend
the next 100 Valentines together.
Love forever, Cecelia.

BSU, Psych. Dept.
Thanks for your
concern, con-
cerning Bob.
IT WAS A RUNNING
GAG, GET IT
FELLAS!
I thought not.
Bob's creator.

Happy Valentines Day to
the
Golden Hearts of Sigma
Phi Epsilon!
Love, Juan Mo Tie.

Dearest Betty,
You are the only
woman
I will ever want.
Your passionate
embrace fills my
heart with
love and joy.
You are the greatest
thing to happen
to me since Mr. T.
Always, Sugarbutt.

The men of
Pi Kappa Alpha wish
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Gamma Delta
Chi Omega
Delta Zeta
a very Happy
Valentines Day!

To our Alpha Sweethearts,
This wish for a very Happy Valentines Day
comes from all of us,
the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc.

To the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
We the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha would like to
wish
each one of our Sisters a special Valentines Day!



To the prettiest curls
from the wildest Bill.
I love you forever!

Bob, Mark and Jeff,
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!
Vicki.

J.
Heard your cold is gone.
Prove it!
V.

Cecelia,
You're the best Little Sister
anyone could ever have!
Happy Valentines!
Delta Sigma Love, Lynn.

Martey,
Happy Valentines Day!
Love, Becky.

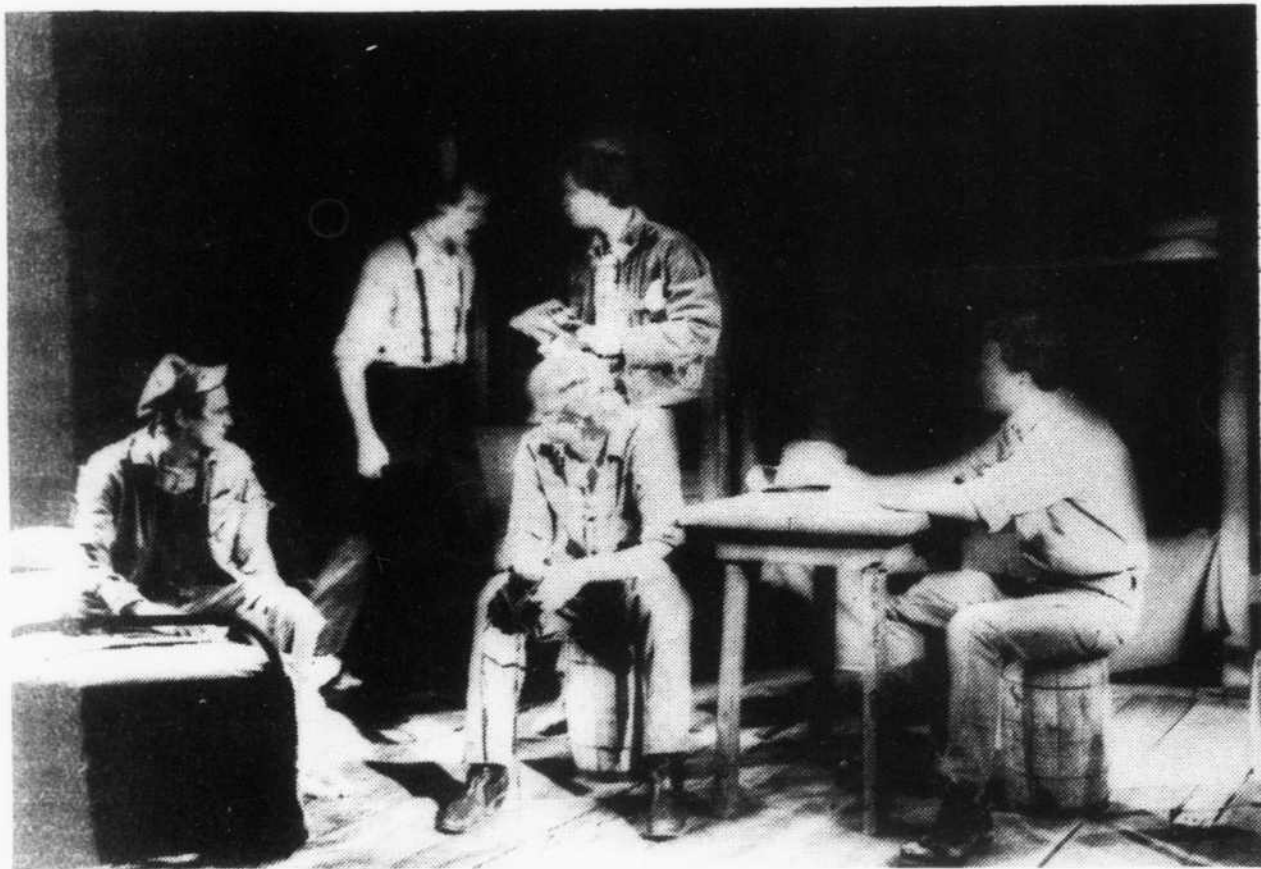


Photo by Keith Tippitt

The cast of "Of Mice and Men" rehearses for the show which will open Thursday. From left to right, the cast is: Bobby Parker, Jack Flannery, Tim Pryor, Kirby Mitchell and David Lee.

Director tries for realistic mood in MTSU's 'Of Mice and Men'

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Staff Writer

John Steinbeck's 1937 play "Of Mice and Men," to be presented next week by the MTSU theatre department, deals with contemporary issues, Deborah Anderson, the play's director, said last week.

"It [the play] fits the times," Anderson said. "During a depression, there are a lot more incidents of child abuse and spouse abuse, for example, and other things that are seen in the play."

"OF MICE and Men" will be presented in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Arena Theatre Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 24-26 at 8 p.m. A 2:30 matinee will be held on Feb. 20.

Anderson said that she is stressing authenticity in this production to carry over to the audience the mood of the play.

For instance, the male members of the cast will receive "bowl haircuts," which Anderson said she plans to do herself.

"I WANT them to look really homemade," she said. The guys were warned about the haircuts when they auditioned, so they can't object now."

Other ways Anderson said that she is bringing "naturalness" to the production is by building the set from an old barn, which

members of the crew and cast tore down earlier this month, and by using the oldest, "rattiest" clothes that she can find for costumes.

"The cast has been rehearsing in their costumes this week, and they sometimes act like they're afraid something [in the clothes] will bite them," she said.

DUE TO ongoing construction in the BDA building, a temporary lobby will be set up on the main stage, complete with an authentic "soup line" where the audience will be able to buy apples and lemonade, Anderson said, adding that she hopes the audience understands that, by doing this, she is carrying over

the theme of the play.

Anderson said that she is very excited about doing "Of Mice and Men," calling it "the heaviest thing [she] has done" at MTSU.

"I've never done this play, but I read the novel and saw it years ago in a community-theater production," she said. "I always wanted to do it, and I felt sure I could get a better cast for it. I was right."

ANDERSON went on to say that the cast could not have come any closer to what she had in mind before auditions, which were held in January.

"They work well together, too, which is something every director hopes for but can't force," she said.

19th, 20th century art sale, exhibit set for U.C. Tuesday

A special exhibition and sale of original 19th- and 20th-century graphic works from Japan, Europe and America will be held Tuesday in the Keathley University Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Masters such as Bradley, Cheret, Haden, Kuniyoshi, Saito, Watanabe, Tanaka and Lyons will be represented, as well as noted photographers Coburn, Eugene, Halsman, Sander, Steiglitz and others.

The collection will be shown

in an informal atmosphere, and a knowledgeable representative will be on hand to answer questions about the works on display.

People are encouraged to look through the more than 500 individually matted and well-described works of art.

Compiled by:

Weekender

Jenny Jacobs

'Cole' to open tonight at Murfreesboro theatre

The Murfreesboro Little Theatre will present "Cole," a play based on the words and music of Cole Porter, tonight through Feb. 19.

The show is directed by Susan Pinkerton and produced by Nan Keenan, with musical direction by Helen Rush, choreography by Lorinda Anderson and vocal direction by Jocelyn McDonald.

"NIGHT and Day," "Begin the Beguine," "It's All Right With Me" and "Anything Goes" are some of the featured songs.

"Cole" opens with an MLT Gala tonight. Showtime is at 8 p.m. each night.

Ticket donation is \$5.00 and reservations may be obtained by calling the theatre at 893-9825. The theatre is located at 700 Ewing Blvd.

For more information, call 893-4747.

'Lion in Winter' on tap for Parthenon

Southern Stage Productions will present "The Lion in Winter" at the Parthenon tonight, tomorrow and Sunday, as well as Feb. 17 through Feb. 20, and Feb. 24 through

Feb. 27.

Evening performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees will be at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Parthenon and all TicketMaster locations. For more information, call 741-2787.

Lena Horne to perform one-woman show

"Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music," the Broadway musical starring Lena Horne, will be at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center Tuesday through Feb. 20.

Curtain time for the show will be 8 p.m. each day except Sunday, when show time will be 5:30 p.m. Reserved tickets for the production are \$20 and \$25 and are on sale at all TicketMaster locations.

For more information, call 741-2787.

Chamber Choir Festival to be held at Belmont

Belmont College's music department is sponsoring the third annual Chamber Choir Festival in Massey Auditorium.

Concerts will be at 8 p.m. tonight and at 3 p.m. tomorrow. Both concerts are free and open to the public. Performing will be 14 high

school choirs, and the Belmont Chorale and Consort Singers.

Opry House to host

Tom Petty Monday night

If you are searching for the perfect place to go for a Valentine's Day celebration, American rocker Tom Petty is hot on the tour trail promoting his latest album release, "Long After Dark."

The Heartbreakers and Tom should pull into Nashville's Grand Ole Opry House around 8:30 p.m. Monday.

Nick "Cruel to be Kind" Lowe and Paul Carrack are special guests.

Tickets are \$12.50, \$10.50 and \$9.50 reserved, on sale through CentraTik.

Academy Theatre presents 'Dracula' through Feb. 20

The Nashville Academy Theatre will stage the Broadway play "Dracula" through Feb. 18. The show runs at 10 and 11:30 a.m. weekdays.

A special evening performance will be presented tonight at 8 p.m., with a noon performance tomorrow.

Tickets for the play are \$3. For further information and reservations, call NAT at 254-6020 or 254-9103.

"Let's Spend the Night Together," a concert movie of The Rolling Stones on tour, will open tonight in Nashville at the Hickory Hollow and Belcourt theaters.

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Donnelly and Raiders land 8 gridmen

By MAT "CHILI" WILLIAMS

Sports Writer

The MTSU Blue Raider football coaching staff ended their pounding of the recruiting trail yesterday, signing eight athletes to four-year scholarships.

Of these eight young performers, seven are projected to play on the defensive side of the ball, the place where the Raiders will need the most immediate help.

COACH James "Boots" Donnelly was satisfied with the players who signed with the Blue Raiders.

"We're very pleased with what we've got," Donnelly said. "We had no intention of signing more than 10 players on the first day."

"By Monday of next week, we should have signed 12 or 13," the coach added.

BY THE time the recruiting efforts wind down, the staff hopes to sign a total of 15 players, according to Donnelly.

Possibly the top catch of the day was the bruising Kalea Liu, a 6-3, 230-pound defensive lineman from Camp Lajune High School in North Carolina.

Liu is a native Samoan who Donnelly calls a "heck of a prospect."

ANOTHER talented signee is Roger Wood, of Gordon Lee High School in Georgia. Wood stands 6-4, weighs 250 pounds and has tremendous agility for a big man, as evidenced by the fact that he can viciously slam dunk a basketball.

Chris Sweat, from Knoxville Hall High School, is a 200-pound linebacker with good speed who also committed to the Blue Raiders.

Our original game plan was to go after defensive players," Donnelly observed. "We felt that there weren't as many defensive players in the Nashville-midstate area this year. That's why we signed no players from around here."

THE RAIDERS staff is still looking at one player from Nashville, one from the midstate and a couple from Chattanooga.

With spring practice slated to begin on March 28, a big concern for the coaching staff will be restructuring the graduation-depleted defensive unit.

There are some outstanding defensive players returning for the Raiders, however.

"WILLIAM THOMAS has got to stay healthy," Donnelly said. "I think he has the potential to have a great year."

"Randy Carr will have to continue to come forward, as will Greg Casteel."

Donnelly also mentioned Marvin Hatcher, Robert Rader and

Kenny McDaniel as returning defensive players who will be counted on heavily to produce.

STILL another player with unlimited talent is Mike "Big" Cox, a 6-4, 270-pound offensive lineman from Chattanooga Brainerd High School.

"Mike Cox has potential written all over his back," Donnelly said. "Mike is a hard worker."

Spring practice will be an important learning experience for the returning players, one which will hopefully help mold the squad for next year's tough schedule.

"The key will be who can stay in the buggy when the horses raise up," Donnelly jested.

Here is a list of the signees:

1. Matt Riley—Jefferson County H.S. , 6-4, 245, DT
2. Lee Masburn—Maryville William Blount H.S. , 6-3, 250, DT
3. Chris Sweat—Knoxville Hall H.S. , 6-2, 200, LB
4. Steve Spurling—Gordon Lee H.S. , Ga., 6-3, 245, OT/DT.
5. Roger Wood—Gordon Lee H.S., Ga. , 6-4, 250, DT
6. Kalea Liu—Camp Lejune H.S., N.C. , 6-3, 230, LB
7. Tom Young—Havlock H.S., N.C. , 6-1, 198, LB
8. Mike Glass—Knoxville Bearden H.S. , 6-1, 182, SE

Sports

Golden Eagles invade MTSU Saturday

Lady Raiders hold league lead

By MIKE JONES

Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders host the Golden Eaglettes of Tennessee Tech Saturday night in what promises to be a classic rematch of two teams that duelled to the death earlier this season.

In January, the Lady Raiders went to Cookeville to face their archrival and came away a 74-72 winner over the Eaglettes in a "white-knuckler" for the fans and players alike.

THE SATURDAY night confrontation features two of the league's best in women's basketball, with the Lady Raiders sitting high atop the Ohio Valley Conference with an undefeated slate of 5-0, while Tech is currently third, at 3-2.

"We're going to stay with the same game plan that we had in the first game," Coach Larry Inman said. "The only thing we will try differently this time is to execute better."

The Lady Raiders will have to rely on execution to beat a Tech team that is marked by all-around ability.

SENIOR GUARD Anita Myers leads the league in assists and is sixth in scoring. She was named the OVC Player of the Week for her performance against nationally ranked North Carolina State last Friday. Myers scored 27 points in the first meeting of the year against MTSU.

Lydia Sawney, a senior forward, is the league leader in field-goal percentage and rebounding. She is one of the dominating inside forces in the league this year.

Val Streelman, a 6-2 senior, is ranked right behind MTSU's Holly Hoover in blocked shots.

AS FOR the Lady Raiders, this will be their first contest since returning from the Lady Razorback Invitational last weekend. MTSU finished second in the tournament, losing to the Lady Hogs by one in the championship.

Inman feels that his team will have to improve in some areas to be effective down the stretch.

"We are giving up too many points," Inman said. "But, we are getting more consistency from our offense. The tournament marked the first time this season we'd really broken down."

The Lady Raiders are still leading the conference in almost every major team statistical category, holding down first place in scoring offense, rebound margin and scoring margin. They are second in scoring defense and third in field-goal and free-throw percentage.

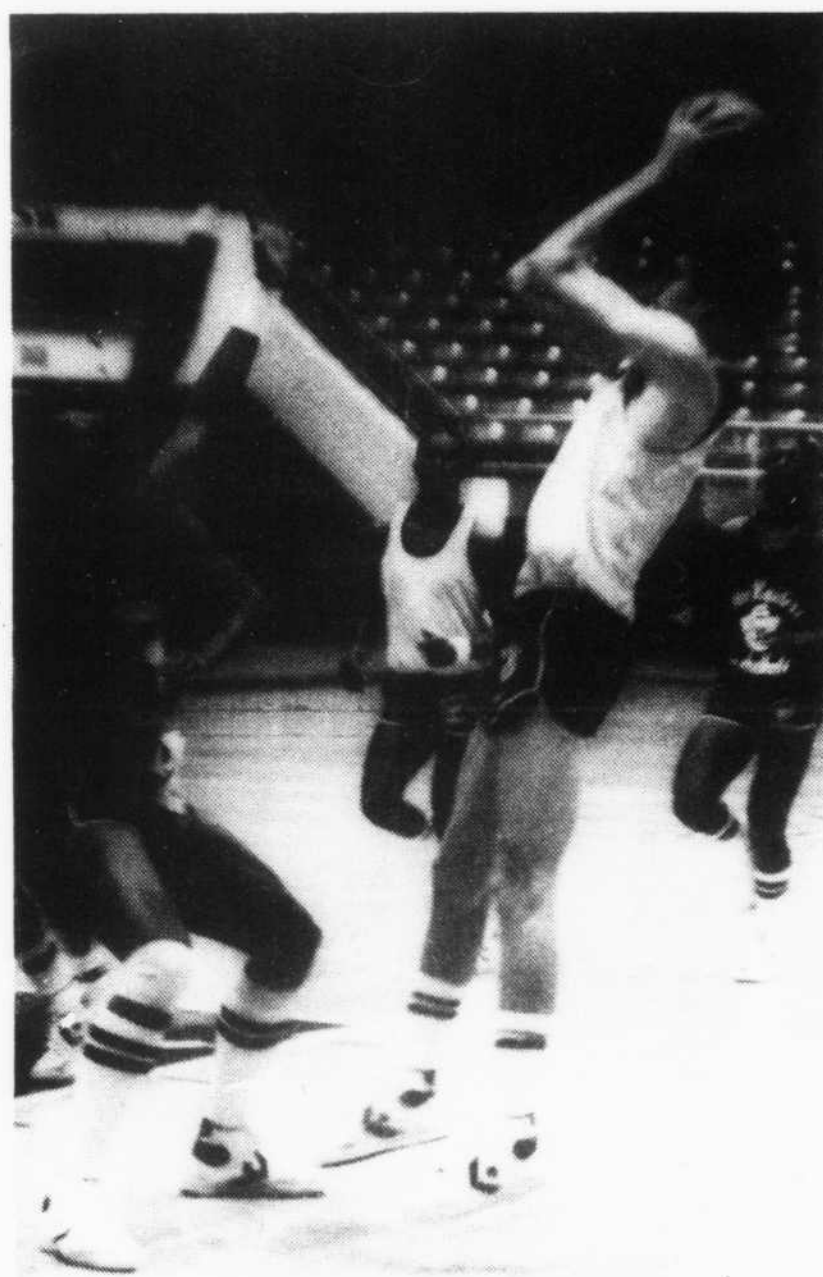


Photo by Dwayne Harvey

Blue Raider Greg Nimmo fires a jumper during practice at Murphy Center yesterday. MTSU hosts Tennessee Tech Saturday night, with women's action set to get underway at 5 p.m., and the men to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Taylor powers Tech attack

By MIKE JONES

Sports Editor

The Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech will swoop down on Murphy Center Saturday night, hoping for a victory that would better their chances to make it into the OVC tournament.

Tech is still in the running for a tourney spot. They are currently 4-3 in the conference, only one game behind Morehead State, who currently holds down fourth.

THE GOLDEN Eagles, who were thought at the beginning of the season to be in the process of rebuilding, are finding the reconstruction of their program is paying off early with some of the best young talent in the league.

Freshman Stephen Kite, a 6-6 forward out of Atlanta, is one of the league's outstanding first-year players and is among the league's leaders in scoring, field-goal percentage and rebounding. He notched his fourth OVC Rookie of the Week Award last week for performances against Mercer and the University of the South.

Two sophomores, Lonnie Boone and Jimmy Elliot, are both averaging in double figures for Head Coach Tom Deaton's squad. Elliot is not a full-time starter.

THE REAL key to the Tech attack is Steve Taylor. The 6-8 senior out of Macon, Ga. , is the leading scorer on the Eagles, averaging 13.8 points per game. A graceful left-hander, he is also averaging 7.1 rebounds per game, and is an adept shot-blocker.

"You can't key on any one individual," Raider Coach Stan Simpson said of the Golden Eagles. "It will take a totally intense defensive effort against Tech."

MTSU, after a disappointing two-loss road trip, has had a week to prepare for Deaton's Eagles. Simpson stressed continuing to work as a team toward a few victories before the season is over.

"WE WILL continue to do the same thing," Simpson said. "We will play young people most of the time, and put in some older players at times. Our main goal is not to see who the starting five will be. We want to win some games in the last three weeks of the season."

"With their situation in the conference, I'm sure they will be up to win this ball game."

The Raiders are currently on a three-game losing streak, and a team that was once enthusiastic about winning some ball games is now harder to inspire, according to Simpson.

"IT'S A little bit tougher to get them up week after week. Hopefully, the few days off will help us."

"One thing we will be trying to do is move the ball better," Simpson said. "We play better when we move the ball up the floor."

The high-scoring trio of Doug Lipscomb, Raleigh Choice and LaRae Davis will be spearheading the Raiders. Lipscomb is coming off a big weekend, having 34 against Akron and 17 against Youngstown State. Choice and Davis, two freshmen, are averaging just under 10 points per game. Choice had 20 against the Penguins.

A long rivalry exists between Tech and the Blue Raiders, stretching all the way back to 1926. The Golden Eagles lead the series 61-37. Tech has won the last two meetings, including an 82-67 win this year in Cookeville.

The Raiders will be at home next Friday to host Murray State in the final "OVC Friday Night Live" contest of the season. Tennessee Tech returns home to play Austin Peay next Friday.

Ladies sponsor spirit contest

MTSU's Lady Raiders are sponsoring a contest with a keg of beer going to the group or organization which shows the most spirit at the upcoming home games against Tennessee Tech and Vanderbilt.

The keg is being donated by Letaire Lewis.

Rules for the contest are:

- Any group consisting of five or more people can enter, (fraternity, sorority, organization or group of friends).
- The group has to attend two Lady Raiders home games: MTSU vs. Tennessee Tech, Saturday, 5 p.m. MTSU vs. Vanderbilt, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

• The group will be judged on spirit, which includes cheering, posters/banners, enthusiasm and true fan dedication to the Lady Raiders.

• Each group needs to be registered by game time Saturday.

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Raiders host meet Saturday

By STEVE PRICE

Sports Writer

MTSU's trackmen will be dancing over hot coals this weekend as the squad will run into some of the hottest competition they have faced, according to Coach Dean Hayes.

The Raiders, who play host to the indoor meet at Murphy Center on Saturday, will be attempting to ward off stiff competition from Auburn, South Carolina, Memphis State, Southeast Missouri and Ohio Valley Conference foes Austin Peay and Murray State.

"IT'S ALWAYS nice to win the one going into the OVC championships," Hayes said. "Auburn will be one of the two favorites to win the SEC, Southeast Missouri is favored in the Missouri Intercollegiate Conference and Murray State will pose our biggest challenge in the OVC."

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Wheelchair tennis

Rick Slaughter to display talents

By ANDIE ALBERT

Sports Writer

MTSU student Rick Slaughter will open the U.S. Indoor Tennis Tournament with an exhibition of wheelchair tennis Feb. 14 in Memphis.

Slaughter, ranked fifth in the nation for wheelchair tennis, along with second-ranked Brad Parks, from Irvine, Cal., will participate in the exhibition as well as conduct a clinic for children.

"WE'RE GETTING a rehabilitation clinic down there and are going to teach

kids to play wheelchair tennis," Slaughter said.

Slaughter, 20, won the state playoffs in Nashville for the age group 16 and under before his car accident at age 15. He began playing wheelchair tennis last April.

"There are three classes in wheelchair tennis," Slaughter said. "I started in class C, then in Los Angeles I played in the B class, then I went to the open. Now I'm ranked fifth in the nation and it's only been nine months."

"THE ONLY difference

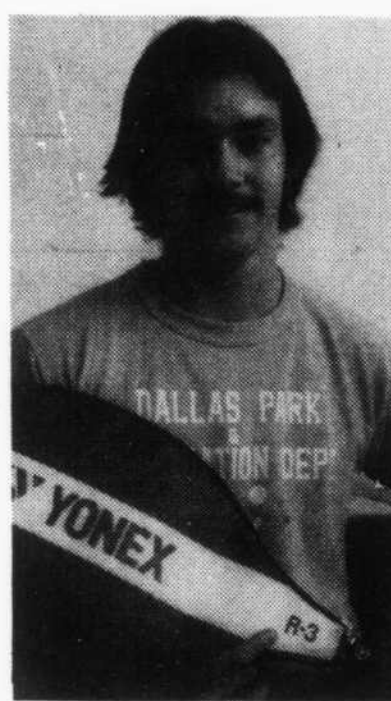
between regular tennis and wheelchair tennis is that we get two bounces," Slaughter said.

He added that it is "extremely hard" to maneuver the wheelchair while holding a racket.

Slaughter said he would like to form a wheelchair tennis team while at MTSU.

"If we started something up, maybe some other schools would get the hint and start teams," Slaughter said.

He said that if wheelchair students want to attend tennis competitions, they have to raise money and travel as far as Florida and California.



Rick Slaughter

fifth in the nation

Murray State still guarding conference lead

By MIKE JONES

Sports Editor

Although MTSU is not in the thick of the Ohio Valley Conference race, they could find themselves in the role of a spoiler as the tangle intensifies for tournament berths.

The Raiders are currently tied for last place in the conference along with Austin Peay. Both squads sport a 1-8 tally.

COACH STAN Simpson and his Blue Raiders are still looking to improve their record; but, with five conference clashes remaining, the

opportunity to become a spoiler is there.

"I just hope we can play well and create some havoc," Simpson said. "I don't think Murray's a shoe-in yet."

The Racers are still on top of the league, a spot which they have not relinquished all year. They were shocked by the Akron Zips last week, 84-76, for the Racer's first defeat in the conference.

AKRON'S Joe Jakubick dished in 47 points in that contest, a school record. Murray State is now 8-1.

The Zips, meanwhile, have

moved to third place after a brief stint in second, with a 6-3 conference mark. Eastern Kentucky is sandwiched between Murray and Akron with a 6-2 record.

Two other teams in contention for tournament berths are Morehead State and Tennessee Tech. Morehead is ranked fourth in the league with a 5-3 mark, while the Golden Eagles trail with 4-3 slate. Tech will be in a must-win situation this weekend with back-to-back games against Murray State and MTSU.

BRINGING up the flack in the conference are 3-6 Youngstown State, 1-8 Peay, and 1-8 MTSU.

MTSU will have the chance to play spoiler in several contests, as they will face all the conference members except Youngstown and Akron in the upcoming weeks.

Games this weekend in the conference include: Friday night, Tennessee Tech at Murray State and Saturday night, Akron at Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky at Morehead State and Tennessee Tech at MTSU.

Neal continues search for tennis players

By LYNNE NOURSE

Sports Writer

Women's tennis coach Sandy Neal is gearing up for another

spring season of tennis, despite having only five players.

Neal, however, is optimistic with the five players she has to

work with.

"I FEEL good about the five I've got," Neal said. "They are hard workers and want to do their best."

However, having only five players can pose a problem for a tennis team.

"If one girl is sick, or hurt and cannot play, the other four players have to default the match," Neal said.

NEAL NEEDS at least one more player, but would like to have seven or eight in all.

The only requirements—other than showing an interest in playing tennis—are that the student have a grade-point average of 2.0 and that the student be working toward an academic degree.



Any female student interested in playing tennis for the Lady Raiders this spring should contact Neal at 898-2450 or go by Murphy Center, Room 172.

Sampson has tools to dominate pro ball



Ralph Sampson will be the greatest basketball player who ever lived.

He will be the flagship of the National Basketball Association. But it won't happen overnight, it'll be five or six years down the road.

THE REASON for this is that he comes from a very small town, Harrisonburg, Va., and has been relatively cloistered at the University of Virginia.

He's never had the opportunity of a Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the Big Apple, a Wilt Chamberlain in the City of Brotherly Love, or a Bill Walton in Tinsel Town, where they played against college and pro players on local playgrounds while still in their teens.

That kind of competitive edge matured them to reach their potentials early in life. But once Ralph gets his competitive edge through pro ball, he'll be the greatest big man that ever played hoops.

GREAT basketball players are made from April through October, not November through March. That's when they get the edge on the competition.

That's why it's called "The City Game."

BUT SAMPSON is awesome. There is no glaring albatross in his arsenal. He's mobile and quick off his feet. He intimidates. He can one-man zone the paint (free-throw lane), and on the offensive end he can bottom it out from 18 feet. He can play facing or with his back to the basket, and he can put the ball on the floor.

If there is a Nobel Prize out there for setting examples for young people, it should belong to Ralph Sampson. He truly has put the degree ahead of the moola.

Red Auerbach (president and general manager of the Boston Celtics) offered him

\$400,000 after his freshman year, Dallas offered \$800,000 after his sophomore year. And last year, the Los Angeles Lakers offered him MGM, Columbia Pictures and Warner Bros.

PERSONALLY, as a friend, I think he was wrong by not going pro last year because he lost one of his chess tools, which was his final year in college. Now he has to go pro. He will not get one of the media cities, the glamour cities like New York or Los Angeles.

But give the kid credit. He's living in the age he's at, enjoying the moment he's in. Not enough people do that.

Another thing. He's getting a degree in communications, and it's no backdoor or sidedoor thing. He's got one of the prestige rooms on the lawn.

After he leaves, Virginia goes back to a nice, comfortable, academic environment again. They've had their run, won the NIT, been to the final four of the NCAA. And I believe they'll be taking their last heavyweight trip to Albuquerque, N.M., for the final four in late March.

Sampson is not like Kareem. He is quiet, intelligent, his own man. He likes to cook spaghetti, he makes some of his own clothes, likes to play softball on a mixed team, guys and girls. And he likes tennis. When he gets to the net, he changes the racquet from his left to right hand, so there's no possible way you can get the ball by him.

THE CLOSENESS of his family is unbelievable. I spoke to his mother once. She's a cutter in a pan factory. She told Ralph:

"If you want to stay [in college] another year, I'll work another year in the pan factory."

Thanks, Mom. But after this year, they could own that pan factory.

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meet

(continued from page 11) preparation for the OVC championships on Feb. 25-26, Hayes hopes the meet will serve as a steppingstone to the NCAA for some of his athletes.

"The basic things are to get people qualified for the NCAA and to win the meet," the coach explained. "There will be some really strong events, especially the mile relay where Auburn, South Carolina and ourselves all could wind up

qualifying for the NCAA."

THUS FAR, triple-jumper Eddie Loyd is the only Raider to qualify for the NCAA with his leap of 53-3.

Hayes predicts his team will fight it out with Auburn to win the meet with the others in hot pursuit.

"I would assume it will be between the two of us, with South Carolina and Southeast Missouri battling it out for third and fourth," he projected. "Austin Peay and Memphis State don't really have the depth, and I don't think Murray has the quality to

win this kind of meet."

FOLLOWING the meet MTSU will have an open week before hosting the OVC championships. The Raiders will be searching for their third consecutive OVC indoor crown.

"We've never had a week off before the OVC meet," Hayes said. "But I think that this year we're pretty settled on what we're going to do with everybody, so the week off shouldn't hurt us."

"As long as we stay healthy, we'll be favored—and should win—the OVC."

Contest

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- Registration will be at the table outside the Murphy Center ticket office.
- Groups should have something (such as a poster with the name of the group) to show representation, so the judge will be able to distinguish each group.
- The winner will be announced immediately after the MTSU vs. Vanderbilt game on Feb. 16.
- The keg will be delivered to the winner on Friday, Feb. 18.
- Remember, you must be present at both games to win.

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