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ASB may compromise on drinking age

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

ASB officials will probably support raising the drinking age to 21, although an ASB survey showed a majority of students oppose hiking the age, ASB President David Kessler said yesterday.

"We will probably go with raising the drinking age as a compromise for getting beer on campus," Kessler said.

"I AM personally not in favor of raising the drinking age," he said.

The ASB will support beer on campus because it is an issue that

should be left to the "self-determination of the campuses" rather than being regulated by the Board of Regents, according to Kessler.

Sixty-eight percent of the MTSU student body are not in favor of raising the drinking age to 21 and 66 percent want beer on campus, according to a survey conducted by the ASB last week.

THE ASB polled 829 students to determine the policy they will present to the State Board of Regents in March.

Of the 289 freshmen polled, 246 were opposed to raising the drinking age and 217 wanted beer on campus.

The poll showed that each class was progressively more divided on both questions than the freshmen.

OF THE 178 sophomores who responded, 135 were opposed to raising the drinking age and 117 were in favor of beer on campus.

The juniors followed this trend with 170 responding, 94 opposed to raising the drinking age and 89 in favor of beer on campus.

Seniors were not as overwhelmingly opposed to raising the drinking age as the freshmen. Out of 172 responses, 82 were in favor and 87 were opposed.

On the beer on campus issue, 117 seniors were in favor of it and 51 were opposed.

A bill which would raise the state drinking age to 21 was introduced to the legislature on Jan. 11.

News Briefs

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan yesterday sent Congress his proposed \$848.5 billion fiscal 1984 budget that sharply cuts the growth of non-defense spending while providing standby tax increases to reduce ballooning federal deficits estimated for the year at a record \$189 billion.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan told reporters that if Congress does not approve the package, rising deficits and government borrowing to finance them will raise interest rates and "economic recovery would stall."

KNOXVILLE (UPI) — TVA power consumers can expect to pay from 2 percent to 8 percent more on their electric bills in the fiscal year beginning next October to help fund a \$5.5 billion budget, agency officials said yesterday.

The Reagan administration proposed Monday that TVA's 1984 federal appropriation be \$122.5 million, a \$6.7 million cut from the 1983 funding level of \$129.2 million. The appropriation was \$160.7 million in 1981.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Henry Kissinger said yesterday what is needed to revive the peace process in the Middle East are "new players" from Arab countries, particularly Jordan's King Hussein.

The former secretary of state agreed with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak who said time is running out for a settlement of the problems in the Middle East.

ROME, Italy (UPI) — Brig. Gen. James Dozier, declaring himself "eternally grateful," yesterday gave the U.S. Defense Department's highest award to 14 Italian special agents who stormed a Red Brigades hideout and freed him from 42 days captivity.

"You are truly brave men," Dozier, dressed in full uniform, told the agents in an emotional ceremony at the Interior Ministry.

KNOXVILLE (UPI) — Tennessee Episcopalians Saturday adopted a resolution condemning the production and deployment of nuclear weapons as "immoral and unjust."

"The main thrust of their (resolution's opponents) argument was that all war is terrible," said Joe Alford, a delegate who supported the call for a nuclear freeze.

"But those in favor of the resolution countered that nuclear weapons are in a class all by themselves, and the Church should speak out about them," Alford said.

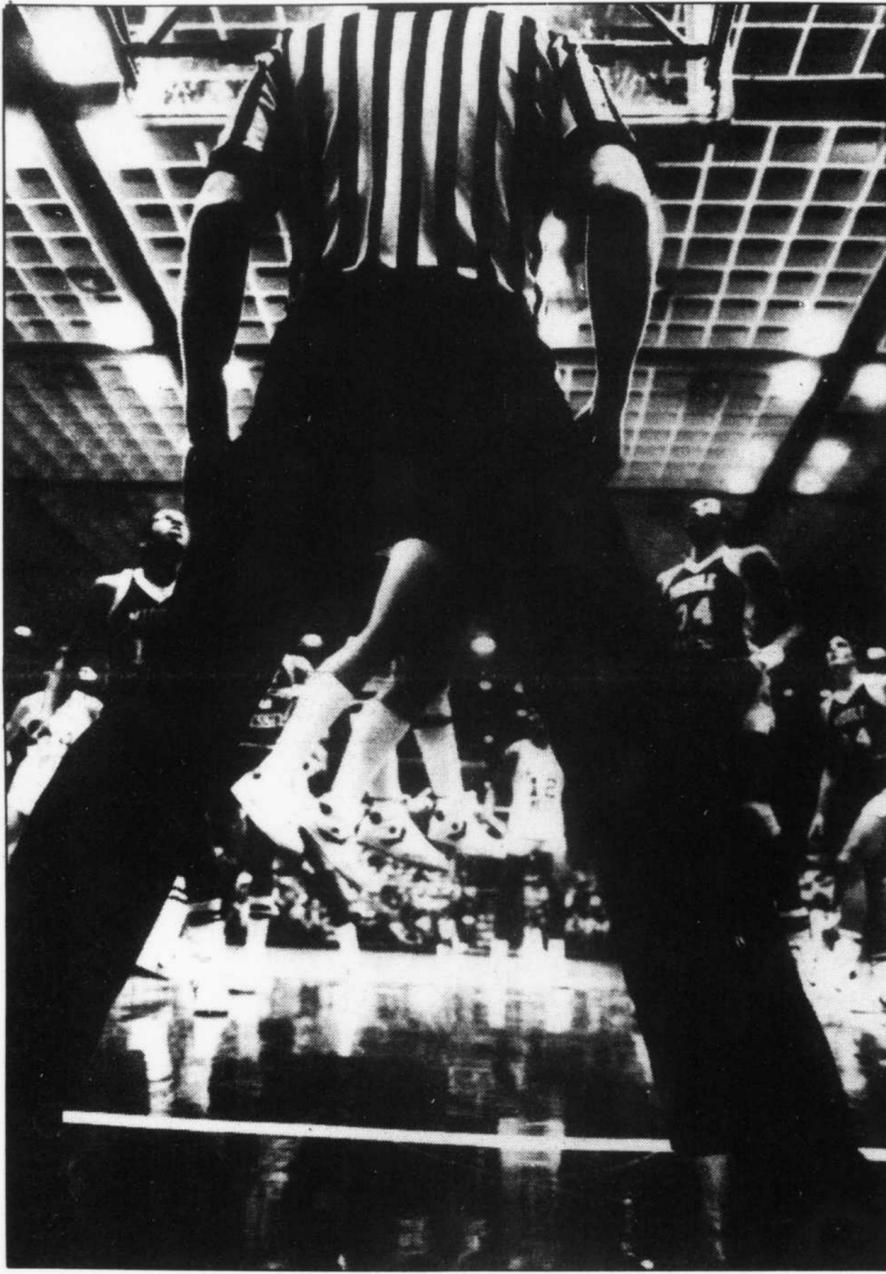


Photo by Keith Tippitt

Land of the giants?

While referees are generally known to be powerful, this referee seems to stand above the rest. Our photographer sees Saturday night's MTSU-Austin-Peay game from a different perspective.

Future of financial aid hazy at present

By PATRICIA McCORMACK
UPI Education Editor

Experts in financial aid for college students expect President Reagan to renew efforts to reduce the amount of money available for education expenses in the 1984-85 school year.

But high school students aiming for college entry next fall—the 1983-84 school year—should not be scared off by talk of such efforts, says Dan Hall, dean of admissions and financial aid at the University of Chicago. He also is chairman of the College Scholarship Service Assembly of the College Board.

ONE REASON: the recommendations will not affect the school year beginning in September, a year in which an estimated \$16 billion is available for help with college bills. Filing a Financial

Aid Form as soon as possible helps a student to bid for a share of that.

The forms, available at guidance offices in high schools and colleges, are processed by the Board's College Scholarship Service.

"THE FUNDS are set for fall," Hall said. "And there's still time to save them for subsequent years."

The Financial Aid Form, required as the initial bid for help by most postsecondary schools nationwide, helps officials to determine a student's eligibility for aid.

On the form students and parents provide information about such things as family size, income, assets, expenses. At the CSS office the financial circumstances of a family are sized up and the need for aid determined. A qualified student, based on that, can be

considered for aid from the federal government, state student aid programs, colleges themselves and hundreds of private student-aid programs.

AS FAR AS choice of a college is concerned, Hall said he is concerned that students

do not rule out any college that

interests them on the basis of cost alone.

"Costs ought not to defeat any applicant at this stage of the game," he said. "... money is available to help students defray tuition and living expenses while at college."

He says, however, a major battle lies ahead if federal financial aid to needy students is to continue at a sufficient level for the academic year beginning in 1984-85 and for subsequent years.

"TO STUDENTS and families, we say, when the Administration's budget proposals are finally sent to the Hill (Capitol Hill or Congress), react but don't over-react."

"Thank your representatives in Congress for all they've done so far to preserve equal educational opportunity, and let them know that as voters, you stand prepared to support them in keeping adequate funding levels for student-aid programs."

Programs for postsecondary education include:

• PELL GRANT PROGRAM. Provides grants based on

Governor says plan for teacher pay raise to bring 'excellence'

NASHVILLE (UPI) — Gov. Lamar Alexander said Friday the "master teacher program" for giving teachers incentive pay bonuses would "inspire excellence in our classrooms by rewarding excellence in our teachers."

Now, he said, Tennessee teachers are paid only about 82 percent of the national average teacher salary.

"UNDER THIS system, 60 percent (or 16,275) of Tennessee's teachers with eight or more years of experience can be senior or master teachers. Master teachers would be among the best and best paid public school teachers in the

Education plan gets plaudits from Ingram

By RONDA KRUMALIS
News Editor

MTSU President Sam Ingram praised Gov. Alexander's "master teacher program" yesterday, in spite of the fact that the program does not include higher-education faculty.

"The governor is to be commended for being willing to come up with a comprehensive program designed to improve education in K through 12," Ingram said.

INGRAM explained that MTSU has a similar system of ranking instructors—with titles such as professor, associate professor and assistant professor—already in place.

"Schoolwide ranking systems and additional criteria" in state universities could have led Alexander not to include higher education in his

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country in a statewide system," Alexander said.

In his "state of education" address, carried live on television stations across Tennessee, Alexander outlined this plan and nine other programs for improving education.

Some of the proposals, such as computer training classes in schools, had been proposed earlier. Major new proposals, in addition to the incentive pay plan for teachers, included:

• Mandatory kindergarten for every child in the state. About 90 percent of children are already attending kindergarten.

• Doubling the math and science requirements for graduation from high school.

• Creating "alternative schools" for disruptive students and providing liability insurance for teachers to protect them from lawsuits brought by students who have been disciplined.

• Setting up special "residential summer schools" for gifted junior and senior high school students.

Following is an explanation of how the master teacher program would work, based on Alexander's speech and information from other state officials:

The program will protect the pay, tenure and jobs of every teacher teaching now. All current teachers will be "encouraged" to join the system while all newly hired

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State truckers move cautiously during first of nationwide strike

By United Press International
Some truckers crept across Tennessee in protective convoys Monday in the first day of the nationwide independent truckers strike, while others parked their rigs and stayed home.

Shortly before 4 a.m., a convoy of semi-trailers moved along interstates cutting through downtown Nashville.

AN ANONYMOUS yellow semi-tractor leading a five-truck convoy on Interstate 40 played a spotlight over an overpass as the convoy ap-

proached. The truckers were apparently aware that cinderblocks were heaved off overpasses into the windshields of oncoming trucks near Cumberland, Md., during the night.

About 6 a.m., Thomas Adams, a trucker driving for the Tandy Corp. of Texas, complained that someone standing on the Island Road overpass above Interstate 81 threw a rock through his windshield.

Tennessee Highway Patrol dispatcher Dorothy Warmath

said the incident, which happened in Sullivan County three miles south of the Virginia state line, had not been confirmed as "strike-related."

"WHEN I came on duty at 3:30 [p.m.], they said nothing had been confirmed as a strike-related problem," she said. "I don't believe how quiet it is tonight."

Truckers said they had heard about rock throwings and shootings in other parts of Tennessee, but police could not back up the reports.

Ray Rexroat, an independent from Wichita, Kan., said although he's not a member of the Independent Truckers' Association, he's "getting unloaded and going home."

"I'M SCARED and expect some trouble. I already heard of some people throwing rocks off bridges around Memphis today. The only way I would keep rolling is in a convoy."

Memphis police, however, had no reports of rock throwings.

Lee Micheau, a tireman at Truckstops of America in Knoxville, said he heard reports that "two people had already been shot at in Chattanooga," but the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Chattanooga police had no reports of a shooting.

"IT'S JUST like it was any other day," said Sgt. Tom Mallory of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. "We haven't had the first report."

Parking lots of the Truckstops of America station in East Nashville and at Keystop were almost empty of rigs.

"I came to work at three and it's been real quiet," said Geneva Sloan, a waitress at Ken's Auto Center-76 in Goodlettsville. "Everything's just really dead around here. It's not usually like this."

HAROLD Hutchinson, general manager of Truckstops of America on Interstate 65, said Monday was a "slow day, maybe about 50 percent of what we normally do."

GPA's improve slightly; girls outdo guys overall

By MARSHA ROBERSON
Staff Writer
Grade-point averages improved slightly last semester in comparison to fall 1981, according to the records of the MTSU Institutional Research Office.

Overall, female students obtained a higher GPA than did the males. Females received an overall GPA of 2.62 in the fall, while males received an overall GPA of 2.34. This includes all undergraduate and graduate students.

FRESHMEN earned a 2.09 GPA in 1982, while the previous year's GPA was a 2.05.

Sophomores received a 2.30, juniors a 2.48 and seniors a 2.65 GPA this past fall. In 1981, the fall GPA for sophomores was 2.20, while juniors had a 2.37 and seniors a 2.64.

Female averages were higher than male averages in every class, according to Dr. Frank Yates of institutional research.

Students who are members of a fraternity or a sorority had an average of 2.42. Students that were non-members also had an average GPA of 2.42.

The organization which holds the highest GPA is Kappa Omega with an average of 2.84, according to Yates.

Omega Psi Phi has the lowest average with a GPA of 1.55.

Income not prime factor in repayment of loans

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Students' personalities, not their income levels, have the most influence on whether they try to get away with not repaying their student loans, according to two University of Kentucky administrators.

In a survey of 1,165 former UK students, Jon Hesseldenz and David Stockham found that people didn't have any significant economic reasons for not repaying their National

Direct Student Loans (NDSLs).

THOSE who did repay NDSLs made only \$400-\$500 more per year in disposable income than the defaulters, Hesseldenz reports.

"Income is not the factor," says Hesseldenz, the school's management information director. The essential factor in helping administrators predict who will default "probably is personality."

Ingram

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program at this point, according to Ingram.
Ingram was optimistic that the governor may eventually include higher education

Alexander

teachers would be in the new system.

THE PLAN sets up four "career stages"—apprentice, professional, senior and master. Each teacher will have a five-year license for one of the four tiers. An apprentice teacher must become a professional teacher within five years or lose his or her job. Teachers in all categories will have to get renewed licenses every five years.

Teachers will be licensed by the state Board of Education, which will base its decision on recommendations of a new "Master Teacher Certification Commission" composed of master teachers, other educators and lay people after "individual peer observation in the classroom and examination of student achievement scores."

Under the pay system, apprentice and professional teachers will be paid just as master teachers are paid today.

THE STATE will pay each senior teacher—who must have at least eight years teaching experience—30 percent more than the state will pay a professional teacher.

Master teacher will be in the highest category. The state will pay a master teacher 60 percent more than a professional teacher.

faculty in a similar program.

"IT WOULDN'T surprise me if he did so within the next year or so," Ingram said.

Debbie Patterson of Alexander's press office shared Ingram's optimism.

"This particular program is designed only for K through 12 faculty," Patterson said.

AT PRESENT, there is not a program for higher education faculty, "but that's not to say

that there won't be another similar program within the next week or the next year," she said.

A fair way of defining and determining "excellence" concerned Ingram. Developing and administering a fair evaluation program could be expensive, he said.

Ingram added that the benefits of such a program should outweigh the costs.

Campus Capsule

TODAY

THE BLUE RAIDER BASKETBALL TEAM entertains Georgia State at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

"SPACED OUT" CONTINUES in the University Center Theatre. Show times are at 3:30, 6 and 8. Rated R.

THE FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE meets at 11 a.m. in the Faculty Senate Area of the James Union Building.

THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT convenes at 2 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 324.

A "MOUNTAIN VISIONS" CONCERT will be presented by the Ideas and Issues Committee at 7 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center's Multi-Media Room.

WEDNESDAY

"THX-1138" BEGINS in the University Center Theatre. Show times are 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated PG.

A GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING will be in the president's conference room in the Cope Administration Building at 3 p.m.

THE MTSU TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY, a new organization for industrial studies majors and minors will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Industrial Arts Building, Room 125.

THE MTSU RODEO CLUB will meet in the Stark Agricultural Building at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

"THX-1138" CONTINUES in the University Center Theatre.

AN ACCREDITATION TEAM examining MTSU's school of business will meet at noon in Dining Room C in the James Union Building.

FRIDAY

A FESTIVAL OF DANCE will be in Dance Studios A and

B in Murphy Center from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m.

OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL'S TRACK MEET will be in Murphy Center at 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

THE FESTIVAL OF DANCE CONTINUES in Dance Studios A and B in Murphy Center from 8:30 a.m. until 11 p.m.

AN MTSU WOMEN'S TRACK MEET will be in Murphy Center at noon.

SUNDAY

THE FESTIVAL OF DANCE CONTINUES in Dance Studios A and B in Murphy Center from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

MTSU'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS RECITALS by alumni artists in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building at 3 p.m.

THE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION gospel choir presents a tribute to Booker T. Washington at 3:30 p.m. in the University Center Theatre.

MONDAY

MOVIE: "SLEEPER" BEGINS at the University Center Theatre. Show times are at 3:30, 6 and 8 pm. Rated PG.

NOTICE

THE MTSU PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY [dance club] will meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Murphy Center's Dance Studio A. Everyone is welcome.

TEACHING 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.

Dating service unites herpes sufferers

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The Responsible Dating Service wants to help herpes sufferers "meet that special person who also has herpes."

The new service is the creation of John Williams, a 24-year-old herpes sufferer who laughingly calls himself a "victim of the sexual revolution," and his best friend, Clement Mosseri, 22, who does not have herpes.

THE AIM of the service, its brochure says, is to try to "help other people in similar circumstances overcome the fear of rejection, low self-esteem and self-imposed social alienation."

"We can help lessen the worry and bring new excitement into your social life by introducing you to new people who also happen to be victims

of herpes. These are people who share your concerns and your special needs."

Williams says the service is based on the premise that herpes reoccurrences result from "intercourse trauma," anxiety over the prospect of having sex with someone who does not suffer from the disease and giving it to them.

HE REASONS that if a herpes sufferer knows in advance a prospective sex partner has the virus, then his or her anxiety level will dramatically be reduced as will the chance of a reoccurrence. It has not been established, he says, whether two herpes sufferers having sex actually worsen each other's conditions.

Williams and Mosseri had difficulties getting the service off the ground. Several

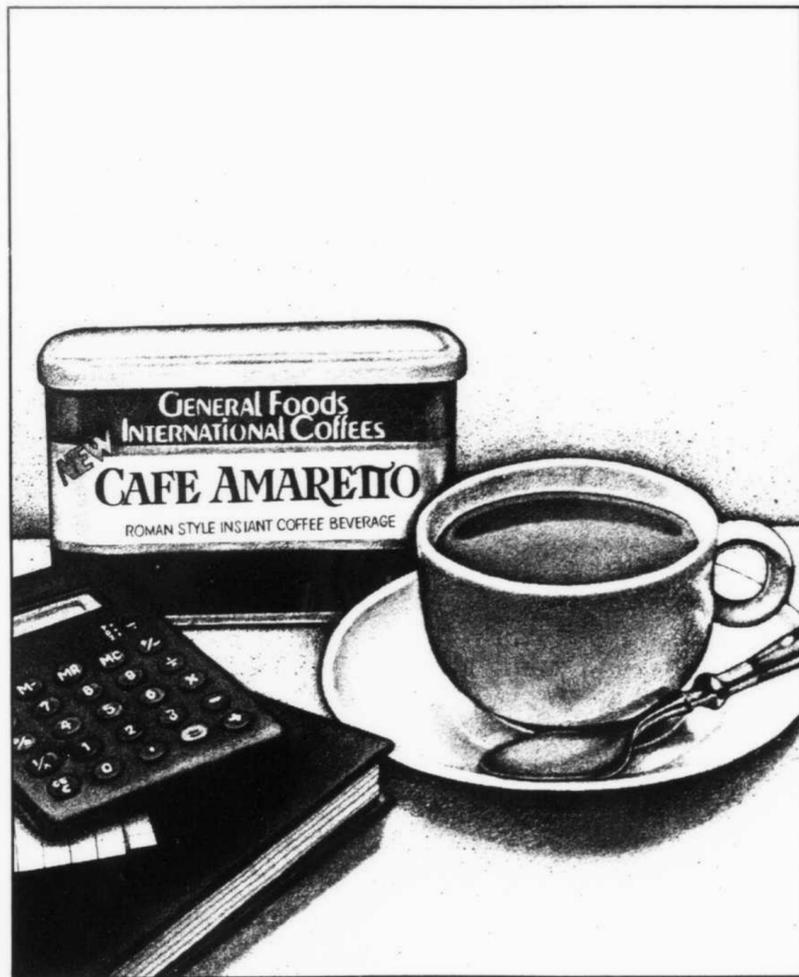
newspapers rejected an advertisement on grounds that it was "too controversial," said Williams.

But an alternative weekly published the ad several weeks ago, and that sparked a good response. So far, about 70 people have signed up, slightly more of them men than women. Before they actually start matching people up however, Williams and Mosseri want to establish a client base of about 200.

"WE HAVE people calling us saying, 'Wow, we think this is great, keep up the good work,'" Williams said.

"They think it's a marvelous idea," Mosseri said. "One old lady, the first person who called, said, 'Bless your soul.' Of course, we get a lot of crank calls too."

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Education tax savings plan 'positive:' college lobbyists

WASHINGTON D.C. (CPS) — College lobbyists in Washington say they like President Reagan's proposal for a new education tax savings plan, but warily are withholding support for it until they hear the details.

"I think the principle the government is putting forward here is extremely positive," says Bob Aaron, spokesman for the American Council on Education and a leader in the lobbying effort last year that helped defeat the president's proposed financial aid cuts.

BUT AARON says much depends on how the principle is put into effect.

The "principle" is something called the Individual Education Account [IEA], which would be similar to the Individual Retirement Account [IRA].

Under the plan, parents could put away a certain amount of money—say, \$2,000—a year toward their kid's college education, and deduct the amount from their total taxable income. Consequently, the parents pay less in taxes each year by saving toward college.

THE MONEY stays in the account, earning a high interest, until the dependent starts college. As the money is withdrawn, the parents reportedly would be taxed on the interest earned, but not on the amount they originally deposited.

The tentative plan was leaked to the press two weeks before President Reagan was due to publish his proposed budget, which would include the IEA if Reagan ultimately decides to adopt it.

One college lobbyist labeled it "a trial balloon" to "see if it would be palatable to replace the federal capital con-

tributions to the National Direct Student Loan program, the State Student Incentive Grants and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant."

INDEED, most of the lobbyists questioned said they'd support the idea only if it wasn't used to replace other forms of federal student aid.

"Until we really see the budget package as a whole, we don't know how to react," adds Dennis Martin of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

"If I were a king, as it were, I would hope it would not take away from any existing student aid," he notes.

"IF THIS is being proposed in place of a number of existing funds," observes William Laidlaw of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, "I would not be in favor of it."

Laidlaw also wants to see the plan's details before supporting it. He wanted to know in particular how much the money in the account would be taxed when it is withdrawn.

"If you take a tax bite out of it when you're ready to use it, you would kill it," he asserts.

DETAILS of the plan won't be available for the time being, says Duncan Helmrich, U.S. Department of Education spokesman. "Someone around here is working on it, but we don't have anything to release yet."

Even before it's released, the lobbyists' major criticism of the tax-savings principle is that it benefits only wealthier families.

The tax break, Martin says, "works only to the extent that you have a meaningful large income, you can't save money you don't have."

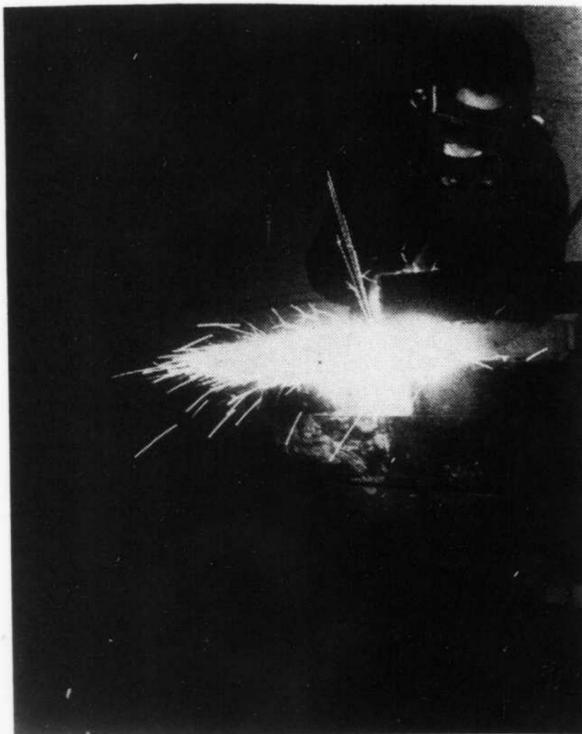


Photo by Debby Naeve

Blast away

Welding student Patty Lane works on a project yesterday in the MTSU Art Barn.

Summer school students to get 3-day weekends

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — University of South Carolina summer school students will have three-day weekends this year, officials announced Friday.

Besides giving students extra time to study or get out of town

for a few days, shortening the school week by one day will allow the university to save money. The change was

requested by students surveyed last summer.

"Many of the suggestions we received were excellent, but this one was particularly appealing because it will allow the university to affect considerable

energy savings, while better satisfying the needs of our students," Mike Welsh, assistant university provost, said.

Petition to ask for parking lot

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

A petition requesting a paved parking lot next to the Art Barn on the field which has been closed off for parking this semester is being circulated by ASB officials.

The administration has just spent \$18,000 on an unnecessary addition to the Greenland Drive parking lot "which I have as yet to see filled," said David Kessler, ASB president.

Rotary Foundation offers foreign study scholarships

Applications are being accepted for scholarships for a year of study in another country through the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation seeks to promote understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations through graduate, undergraduate, vocational, journaling and teacher of the handicapped scholarships for one academic year of study in another country.

SCHOLARSHIPS cover the cost of round-trip transportation between the scholar's home and place of study, registration, tuition, laboratory and other school fees, necessary books and educational supplies, room and board, limited educational travel during the study year and, where necessary, intensive language training.

A scholarship candidate whose native language is other than that of the proposed study country must submit evidence of ability to read, write and speak the language of the study country or submit evidence of a demonstrated aptitude of foreign languages.

DEPENDENT on the extent of the candidate's ability, the amount of scholarship may be increased to cover up to a maximum of three months of language training, which must be undertaken in the study country prior to the study year.

A scholarship recipient is expected to maintain high standards of academic achievement while serving as an unofficial "Ambassador of Good Will" between the peoples of the sponsoring and host countries.

"It should be clearly understood that the primary purpose of these scholarships is to contribute to international understanding through study abroad and not necessarily to enable participants to earn degrees, diplomas or certificates," stated a Rotary official in a release.

A GRADUATE or undergraduate scholarship may be awarded for any field of study. Most applicants use the award for a full-time continuation of their major studies.

A candidate for a graduate

scholarship must be between the ages of 18 and 28 inclusive, as of March 1, 1983, and must have completed a bachelor's degree or the equivalent prior to the commencement of his scholarship year. He or she may be married.

A candidate for an undergraduate scholarship must be between the ages of 18 and 24 inclusive as of March 1, 1983, and must have completed two or more years of university-level study prior to the beginning of his or her scholarship year. He or she must not be married.

A CANDIDATE for a vocational scholarship must be between the ages of 21 and 50 inclusive of March 1, 1983, must have completed a secondary education or the equivalent, must have been employed or engaged in a "full-time" position in the vocation or profession he or she proposes for two years as of March 1, 1983, may be married, and must not be eligible for a graduate or undergraduate scholarship.

A candidate for a teacher of the handicapped scholarship must be between the ages of 25 and 50 inclusive as of March 1, 1983, must have completed a secondary education, must have been employed as a "full-time" teacher of the mentally, physically or educationally handicapped for at least two years as of March 1, 1983, and may be married.

A CANDIDATE for a journalism scholarship must be between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive of March 1, 1983, must have completed a minimum of a secondary education or equivalent and two full years of "full-time" employment as a print or broadcast journalist as of March 1, 1983, must supply evidence or sign a declaration that he intends to pursue the journalism profession after completion of his scholarship studies, and may be married.

Rotarians, spouses or relatives by blood or marriage of a Rotarian are not eligible to receive the scholarships.

Anyone who is interested in a Rotary Foundation Scholarship should contact Delmar B. Pockat, 898-2485, of the Rotary Club of Murrellsboro. Pockat's mailing address is Box 14, MTSU.

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profit organizations.

• NATIONAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM.

The NDSL provides loans of up to \$3,000 for the first two undergraduate years and up to \$6,000 for the total undergraduate program. Repayment doesn't start until education is completed or limited periods of service in the military, Peace Corps, ACTION, or comparable organizations are completed. Repayment also may be waived, partially or wholly, for certain kinds of employment.

• STATE STUDENT IN-CENTIVE GRANTS.

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• GUARANTEED STUDENT LOANS.

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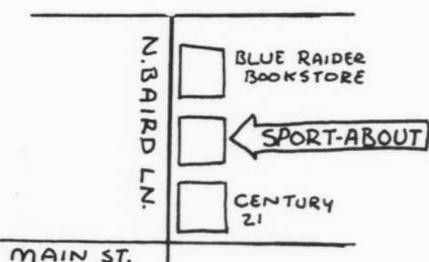


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Improved education seen in Alexander's program

Education is the cornerstone of a progressive civilization. Without a strong educational system, even the richest and most powerful of nations can turn into a barbaric state ruled by tyranny and greed.

It is with this thought in mind that Gov. Lamar Alexander has unveiled his plan for placing Tennessee's often ridiculed educational system at the top of the nation.

THE BETTER SCHOOLS Program is not a partisan issue; it is the result of many hours of study by the state legislature, the state Board of Education, and the Rose Commission of businessmen. The recommendations of students, teachers, administrators and taxpayers have also been weighed heavily in the planning of the program.

The Better Schools Program is composed of 10 basic proposals:

- Continuing the Basic Skills First program which outlines 680 skills which each student must learn before the eighth grade;
- Phasing in of computer education in elementary and junior high schools;
- Requiring kindergarten attendance of every child;
- Doubling the two credits of high school math and science presently required, and hiring extra teachers for this purpose;
- Creating special residential summer schools for gifted high school juniors and seniors;
- Redefining the high school vocational education curriculum;
- Increasing classroom discipline by creating special schools for disruptive students and providing liability protection for teachers;
- Expanding adult job skill training;
- Establishing centers of excellence in stronger universities;
- Creating a Master Teacher Program method of rewarding good teachers.

The Better Schools Program has been well received by the educational community, and the Tennessee Education Association has expressed confidence in the ability of the program

to significantly improve the state of education in Tennessee.

THE MASTER TEACHER Program is perhaps the most important segment of the Better Schools Program because it will guarantee that teaching is a professional field in Tennessee. Teachers are among the top tier of workers when it comes to weighing their influence on building and sustaining a more pleasant society, and they deserve to be paid adequately for their services.

Teachers have been underpaid for too long, and the undesirability of low teacher salaries has drawn many qualified teachers into different vocations. Consequently, schools have been forced to hire teachers who are less than competent.

If Tennesseans want a strong educational system, then they must be willing to provide adequate salaries for teachers in order to guarantee that the best teachers are drawn into the system.

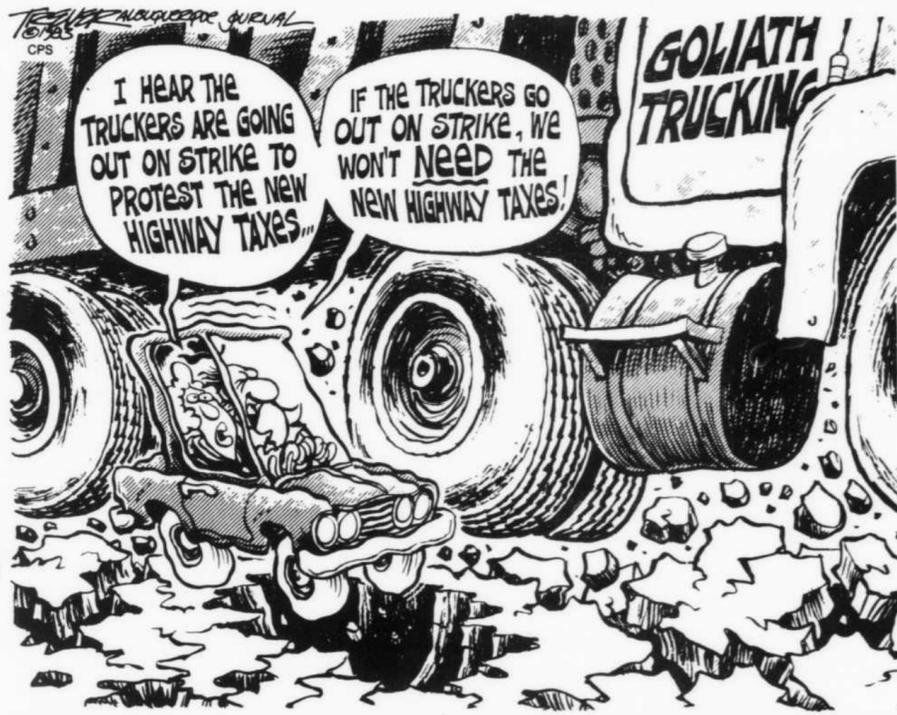
GOV. ALEXANDER admits that the Better Schools Program will call for a revenue increase of \$210 million by the time it is fully operative in the 1986-87 school year. Alexander has not said explicitly what kind of tax he intends to ask for, but he has firmly stated that he does not favor a state income tax.

A better educational system for Tennessee will call for monetary sacrifices by the state's taxpayers.

However, it seems hypocritical to fund such a worthy adventure with a regressive tax increase, such as an increased sales tax, which would penalize the poor.

EVERY TENNESSEAN has a right to a good education, and the Better Schools Program will help guarantee that the state's educational system is among the best in the nation. But, at the same time, such a system should be supported by a more equitable tax which would not penalize those that can least afford to be penalized.

While education is indeed the cornerstone of civilization, justice is the foundation of true progress. A society will crumble from a lack of either.



Letters From Our Readers

Reader points to U.S. cycling

To the editor:

I wish to comment on the "possible Dunkirk situation" facing the United States' 1984 Olympic basketball hopes as described by Al McGuire in the Jan. 18 Sidelines

There is a bright side to the possibility of the United States being eliminated early from contention for the gold medal in basketball. If this is to be the case, the media could devote more air time to America's "minor sports" athletes.



THE FACT of the matter is that America's chances for a gold medal in bicycle road racing in 1984 (an unprecedented achievement) are excellent. Lest the Sidelines omniscient sports staff belittle the respectability of cycling, allow me to point out that the largest sporting event in the world is a bicycle race.

I also wish to take exception to McGuire's statement that "basketball is a big propaganda tool in Europe, second to soccer." I believe the facts will show that cycling is second only to soccer in terms of popularity in Europe as well as worldwide.

Cole Wampler
Box 3278

Prof calls for opposing views

To the editor:

During the past year there have been three, four or even more articles which have appeared in Sidelines. Without exception the articles have all been one-sided in support of abortion.

Sidelines, especially since it is a university newspaper, should seek objective coverage of the news. Sidelines editors clearly lack objectivity in their treatment of this issue.

I'VE BEGUN to wonder if Planned Parenthood's pro-

abortion committee may have been given reserve space on the front page. If that is true, they should be made to share that space with those with opposing viewpoints. It is hardly fair to cover one side on the front page and relegate the other side to be covered, if we're lucky, by letters to the editor.

Nevertheless, I thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

The reason the abortion question goes unresolved is that neither side proves its point.

THOSE WHO oppose abortion begin their argument by asserting that there are two human lives and two sets of human rights to be considered, the child's and the mother's. This, in fact, can only be demonstrated scientifically during the second trimester of pregnancy when the child can live apart from its mother. It can not yet be demonstrated during the first trimester of pregnancy.

Those who argue in favor of abortion begin their argument by assuming that there is only one life and one set of human rights to be considered. They, too, fail to provide any proof of their beginning assumption.

IN SHORT, both sides beg the question.

The truth is that the question of when life begins is clearly unresolved. President Reagan argues that since this question is unresolved, the benefit of the doubt should go to the fetus because there is a chance it may be human. In which case abortion is homicide. I agree with the President.

In fact, we should learn from history. Great tragedies have resulted when the doubt was not resolved in favor of those whose humanity was questioned. I'm referring to the two great American and the one German holocaust, namely, the killing of American Indians, black slavery, and the killing of Jews.

IN EACH OF these cases the violation of human rights was preceded by the assertion that the respective victims, American Indians, blacks, and the Jews were less than human. The Germans, for example, described the Jews as "untermenschen" which means under-mankind. The humanity of Indians and blacks was also questioned until the Church finally decided that they too had souls.

Are we not repeating our mistake when we relegate the human fetus to a non-human status? Should we not be giving the fetus the benefit of the doubt? If one day we do determine that life begins at conception or shortly thereafter, this nation will be faced with a tremendous burden of guilt. The German holocaust may one day look

slightly in comparison to the slaughter of babies through abortion.

ABORTION may seem like the easy way out of a difficult situation but that does not make it ethical. If abortion is in fact homicide, most of the arguments made in its defense fall flat.

There are alternatives to abortion such as adoption or keeping the child. For example, the members of the Farm commune in Summertown will deliver an unwanted child and raise it. They will also return it to the mother anytime she decides she wants the child back. Sidelines might explore one of these alternatives by doing what The Tennessean has done, namely run articles on programs that provide alternatives such as Birthright.

You may also want to point out that the university will provide free contraceptives to any student wanting them. God forbid, you might even suggest the advantages of sexual abstinence!

Please let us hear both sides of this issue. Abortion is too important to be dealt with simplistically.

Donald Schneller
Associate Professor

Editor's reply: First of all, thank you for your response. We welcome letters from our readers.

Now to respond to your comments:

• We did not give any space to Planned Parenthood. The story about abortion was printed because it gives both the positive and negative sides of a practice which at the present time is legal.

• In the past, we have indeed presented alternatives to abortion in our newspaper. During the spring of last year, Sidelines ran a series on sexual attitudes at MTSU. During that article, we not only informed our readers of free contraceptives, but we also discussed the option of abstinence.

Have a complaint?

If you have a question or complaint about news coverage or editorial policy, call editor in chief Phil Williams, 898-2815, or Judy Emerson, coordinator of student publications, 898-2917.

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Features

MTSU plans for Black History Month

By ANTHONY PILLOW

Staff Writer

MTSU organizations are planning activities to commemorate February as Black History Month.

The father of black history, Carter G. Woodson, started Negro History Week in February, 1926, to emphasize the significance of historical experiences of blacks. The celebration became Black

History Month in the 1960s.

Phyllis Hickerson, director of minority affairs at MTSU, encourages everyone to join in the celebration and attend the following activities:

- Feb. 1-2: Black Student Association will wear green ribbons in memory of the slain Atlanta children.

- Feb. 6: Baptist Student Union gospel program will be presented in the U.C. theatre

at 3:30 p.m.

- Feb. 8: Phi Beta Sigma will have a display of famous black people in the U.C. basement.

- Feb. 12: Phi Beta Sigma will have their Valentine party in the James Union Building.

- Feb. 14: UT-Knoxville will offer a pre-med enrichment program for minority students in U.C. Room 313.

- Feb. 16: Psychology in-

structor Judson Reese-Dukes will conduct a workshop on black awareness from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 201.

- Feb. 16-17: A display of African art work by local black people will be shown in the U.C. basement.

- Feb. 19: The Kool Club will present a Halftimers Show in Murphy Center. Proceeds will go towards scholarships and other civic programs.

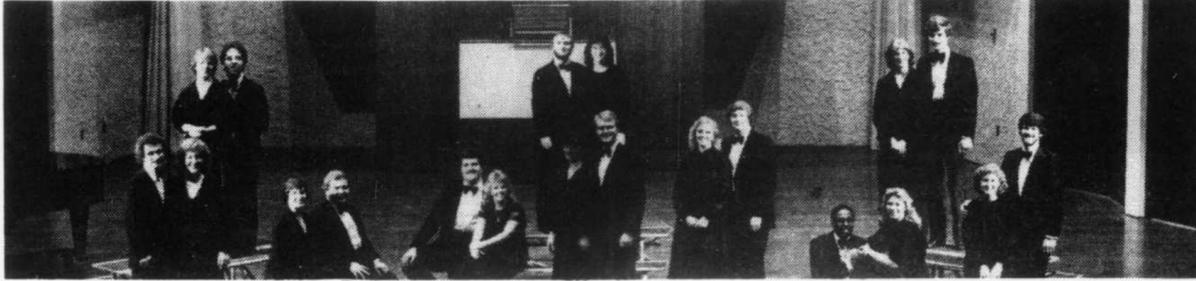
- Feb. 22: Alpha Phi Alpha will have their Miss Black and Gold contest.

- Feb. 25: A cultural program featuring talent from all fraternal organizations will be presented in the U.C. theatre at 7 p.m.

Although Black History Month is celebrated only once a year, black organizations sponsor activities throughout the year.

The seven black Greek organizations at MTSU sponsor walkathons, clothing drives, food banks, awareness seminars, United Negro College Fund drives and more.

"Another activity is Greek Week. Each Greek organization designates a week in which they illustrate their achievements, purposes and reasons for being," Hickerson said.



The MTSU Chamber Singers will perform in Louisville, Ky. this weekend at the Music Educators National Conference. This is the first time a group from MTSU has sung there.

Chamber choir to sing at music conference

By LINDA WARREN

Staff Writer

The MTSU Chamber Singers are packing their bags in preparation for their performance at the Music Educators National Conference in Louisville, Ky. Saturday at 5 p.m.

This 19-member group,

under the direction of Sandra Willetts, is one of only four musical groups from the state of Tennessee to be selected to attend the conference.

TO BECOME eligible to attend the conference, the Chamber Singers made a tape last March of three of their musical selections to be judged.

In September, the group was notified of its acceptance to the conference.

This is the first time MTSU has had a group to give a musical performance at a conference, Willetts said.

At the conference, the Chamber Singers will perform a 30-minute program con-

sisting of two motets by Hasslet and Schutz and two madrigals by Janegvin and Wilbye.

Other songs will include "Love is Just Around the Corner," "Skylark" and "The Rhythm of Life."

The group will be accompanied by Angela Dinkins, a freshman from Riverdale.

Field trip to Mexico set for spring break

By BRIAN GRISHAM

Staff Writer

The MTSU department of geography and geology will sponsor a trip to Mexico during spring break.

The trip will involve touring Guadalajara and the Chapala Region of the Western Highlands, as well as the Pacific coastal regions including Puerto Vallarta.

RALPH Fullerton, department chairman, said the trip will consist of meeting the natives of the area and observation and analysis of the landscape.

Anyone interested may go on the trip, planned for March 18-25. The total cost is \$549, which includes everything but

meals and personal expenses. It is possible to earn three semester credit hours for participating in the trip, Fullerton said.

Due to scheduling restrictions by the Mexican Tourist Bureaus, there is a Feb. 15 registration deadline. For more information, contact the department of geography and geology at 898-1716.

Now You Know:
Milton's classic epic *Paradise Lost* sold 40 copies on its first printing.

Fund-raiser for Heart Association set at MTSU

Who says jump roping is child's play?

Certainly not the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance or the American Heart Association, both of whom are sponsoring a Jump Rope for Heart on Feb. 19 at Murphy Center.

ALL ARE welcome to participate in the event, which will last from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., but teams of six members are especially encouraged to join in the fund-raiser.

The goal is to promote

physical education through cardiovascular health, and to just let people get out and show that they are physically fit, said Mark Hall, student coordinator for Jump Rope for Heart.

Team entrants will jump one minute out of every five from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Many teams from dorms, fraternal organizations, the Varsity Cheerleaders, church organizations, the basketball teams, HPERS classes and faculty members have already signed up.

SEVERAL men in wheelchairs are also going to participate.

Proceeds collected from sponsoring participants will be donated to the American Heart Association. Ten percent of the funds will go toward improving programs for the Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

MTSU raised \$3,746.65 last year for the Heart Association.

The goal this year is \$5,500.

Individuals will be awarded door prizes, such as food certificates and the like. Prizes will also be awarded based on the amount of contributions (ranging from a jump rope for \$5 to \$19.99, to a warm-up suit for contributions of \$200 or more). These prizes will be on display in the basement of the University Center Feb. 10 and 11.

The team that raises the most money will receive Jump

Rope for Heart medallions.

For more information, or sponsor sheets, contact the HPERS department at 898-2811. Sponsor sheets should be picked up as soon as possible.

They are due the day of the jump.

Persons who have team captain sheets should turn them in by Feb. 14 to insure adequate space for all participants.

Japanese language class begins tonight

By COLEEN GILL

Staff Writer

A course in Conversational Japanese will be offered here by the Office of Continuing Education and the Japan Center beginning tonight.

The purpose of the course is to give persons a basic understanding of the Japanese language and its culture.

MADY MUELLER, of Japanese descent, will teach the class. This is Mueller's fifth

time teaching the course, but the first time it has been offered at MTSU.

The class will include 12 extensive lessons dealing with the Japanese language, history, songs and customs.

Some grammar will be discussed, but the main em-

phasis will be on daily conversation, Mueller said.

A \$75 fee is required. The class will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday night through April 26 in Room 316 of the Keathley University Center.

Sign language class starts here Thursday

The Office of Continuing Education will offer a Beginning Sign Language course each Thursday through April 14.

Students, under the instruction of William H. Bryan, will learn to encode and decode signs, interpret signs as a part of meaningful con-

versation and use signs to formulate sentences.

This program is designed for individuals who have had no experience in the art of manual communications, or for those desiring a refresher course.

Classes begin this week, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the U.C.

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Moreover—the event was fun! Students work together with faculty for the benefit of others and to win prizes. Ask your school's physical education teacher or local Heart Association for details on your Jump Rope for Heart and get jumping... for the health of it.

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Wharton's *Dad* explores love, aging

By JENNIFER WELLS
Associate Editor

Editor's note: The policy of Sidelines concerning books is to review some of the best ones that come our way—regardless of their publishing date.

This is due both to the expense of obtaining new books, and the length of time required for current best sellers to appear in the MTSU library.

Unless otherwise noted, all books reviewed are available in the library.

DAD, William Wharton's recent novel, is a rare find.

Rare, because it appeals to the calloused reader who enjoys sophistication in a book, as well as to the even-tempered being who delights in simplicity.

The one exception to *Dad's* remarkable appeal might be

the reader who has difficulty with emotional upheaval—for the book does not evoke contentment.

THE THEME of *Dad* is one of loving and of aging. Within a complex structure, *Dad* presents the views of three generations—yet it is a simple book—warm in manner and conversational in tone.

The central narrator and character in *Dad*, John Tremont, is a middle-aged man who leaves his Parisian home to help care for his ailing parents in California.

Once there, Tremont struggles to understand his "indestructible," yet pitiable and frightened mother, while the world of his dominated father expands and then mysteriously contracts before his eyes.

HIS FATHER, (Dad), also narrates, along with Tremont's teenaged son Bill. For unprepared readers, this may create confusion, but upon realizing Wharton's intent, one becomes impressed with the author's style and ability to guide the reader.

gap. By the end of the book, the essential conflicts and desires of each character are enmeshed.

THE BOOK'S unity is further defined by another literary tactic. As Wharton ambles through his narrator's minds, he also sends them

cleanliness and says that one of his resulting pleasures is smudging windows with his lips.

"Still, even now," Tremont says, "when I go close to a window there's a mother-bawder I need to crash. These little things clutter the soul."

ALTHOUGH the male viewpoint of *Dad* is stressed, the female characters are explored in detail. Tremont's mother Bette, as well as his sister Joan, may lack voice, but not substance.

And there is none of the "woman's role of quiet suffering," so popular in present fiction. The character's suffer, yes, but it is a pure suffering which spans the sexes.

In short, there is at least one character in the book the

reader will recognize—if not all.

WHARTON'S exploration into the consanguinity of mankind hits home; it is impossible to remain detached either from the book or from one's self while reading it.

Although *Dad* is Wharton's first novel, he postponed its publication until after his mother's death. *Birdy*, his second book, was published first.

There are similarities between the two books, but the flow of Wharton's imagination is more generous in *Birdy*. Perhaps for this reason, it does not have the universal appeal of *Dad*. Wharton's third novel, *A Midnight Clear*, has just been released.

Dad is available in the MTSU library under the call number 813.54, w555d.

Between The Covers

This style is the novel's greatest strength. Dabbling in the mind of each narrator allows Wharton to comment on the conflicts and desires of three generations. One is, not surprisingly, overwhelmed by the initial differences, until slowly, in an offhand manner, Wharton closes the generation

across the country. Much of the action in *Dad* actually occurs in the past, as Tremont and his son wind eastward from California.

He also incorporates the familiar to build his characters and establish his objectives. For instance, Tremont regards his mother's mania for

Hypnotist DeLuca discusses act

By TERRY MORROW
Staff Writer

For the past six years, Tom DeLuca has traveled around the country making perfectly ordinary college people act like five-year-old children, chickens and lewd dancers—and they do it willingly.

Of course, all this is encouraged by his hypnotic suggestions.

DELUCA, a popular hypnotist-comedian on the college circuit, has taken his interest in hypnosis and comedy and combined them to make what *Newsweek* says is "one of the most innovative acts on the college trail today."

"Every one of my shows fascinates me," DeLuca said after his successful performance here last week. "You never really know what's going to happen."

His unpredictable show combines audience participation with an hour of comedy involving his parody on ESP (called BSP by DeLuca), and an hour of hypnosis using 14 volunteers. DeLuca's popularity has caused an overwhelming demand on his time.

"ALMOST everyday I do a

show," he said. "I do a couple of hundred colleges each year, and the traveling can be hard but I love entertaining."

"To tell you the truth, by the time I get to the hypnosis part of my act [in the second hour], then I'm very tired and I have to keep on my toes to make sure no one gets hurt."

Being an entertainer wasn't DeLuca's first vocational choice. He started his career as

"Every one of my shows fascinates me... You never know what's going to happen."

a hypnotist in upstate New York as an assistant to a psychologist-hypnotist who specialized in helping people with problems of smoking and overeating. After being trained in hypnosis, he went to graduate school where he earned a degree in psychology.

"I SORT OF just fell into doing my act," he explained. "When I got the idea of doing hypnosis as an act, I worked at a local nightclub and did it straight—no comedy or satire."

When he started traveling with his act, he pulled it together as a package so it included comedy and audience participation. DeLuca found

that this got a better response than just hypnosis.

"I do things in my comedy routine that I don't take seriously," he revealed. "I see so many fakes doing exactly the same thing I'm doing, and their shows are passed off as reality."

"I DON'T WANT to make people look foolish with my show," he pointed out. "They

get enough of that from other acts."

Hypnotism is the main attraction for his eager audiences, he said, because most people have misconceptions about what hypnosis is and how it functions.

Most people think that hypnosis makes one catatonic or able only to answer in monotone, completely under the hypnotist's command. Well, that's not true.

DELUCA describes the hypnotic experience as a day-dream-like trance where the subject is at least partially aware of what's going on.

Hypnosis is a commonly evolved state of con-

sciousness with three levels: light, medium and deep. Most of DeLuca's show involves the medium or deep hypnosis trance, and some of his experiences over the years with stage show hypnosis has been "harrowing."

"One time I had this guy that had asthma problems and I [hypnotically] suggested that he smell something bad, and he started choking," he recalled. "So, I had to get him out of the trance quickly. Occasionally things like that happen from time to time."

"THE AUDIENCE can tell when something like that isn't in the show."

Sometimes, people simply don't want to wake up from their trance, DeLuca said, because they are depressed or they don't want to face the real world. When that happens, he has to be careful about waking them up, and the reawakening process may take up to a half an hour (normally the process is done in 20 seconds).

"When things go wrong in my act, I think about why I'm even doing this," DeLuca said soberly. "I ask myself every hour of the day why I'm in this job."

"I don't think it's because I like to make people act like chickens or whatever. I think it's because I like people."

SM-95's new format startles some

By JANENE LEONHIRTH
Features Editor

Many WSM-FM aficionados who normally awaken to the mellow melodies of easy rock, had a rude awakening yesterday morning.

Without prior notice to its listeners, "SM-95" changed its name to "Nashville 95-FM, the New Country," and its

programming format to one of country music.

IT WAS a business decision," Programming Director Gregg Lindahl said yesterday.

"It involved a lot of thought and planning," he said, and was implemented to "attract a larger audience."

The old format had gone on

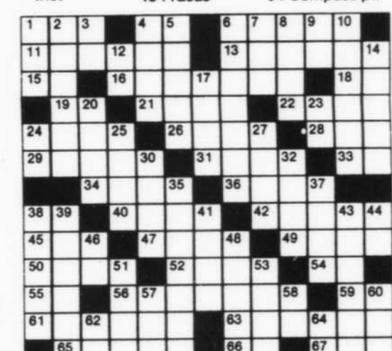
as long as it was profitable to use it, Lindahl said.

CALLS WERE being fielded yesterday from "disappointed" listeners.

But while they may have expressed disappointment, some said they were willing to try the new format, Lindahl said.

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Geology students Westward bound

By ANTHONY PILLOW
Staff Writer

The Grand Canyon and the Rocky Mountains are on the itinerary for the geography-geology field trip planned to depart May 18.

The cost of the trip, including tuition and food, is \$240.

WILLIAM KOHLAND, professor in the geography and geology department, will

accompany the students. Other stops will include oil-shale country, the Black Hills, the Badlands and Wall Drug, S.D.

"These are excellent geographical and geological areas, as well as areas of interest for tourists," Kohland said.

"Some students have gone on these trips at least four times."

THE TRIP will cover a total of 5,200 miles.

Each student is required to

write a paper on what they've seen in the field in order to receive three hours credit in geography or geology. The trip is open to all students, but non-credit students will be considered after credit-seeking students are enrolled.

A \$100 deposit, due by Feb. 27, is required as a down-payment for the trip. Students will travel by van or bus depending on the size of the group.

'Mt. Visions' to be shown in LRC tonight

"Mountain Visions," a multi-image experience in sights and sounds, will be presented in two free concerts in the Multi-Media Room of the Learning Resources Center tonight at 7 and 9 p.m.

Presented by the Ideas and

Issues Committee, creators Gary Grimm and Katy Flanagan will deliver their view of the wilderness world on a panoramic screen 12 yards wide.

Illuminated by 12 programmed projectors, a

stereo sound system accompanies the display with classical piano music, and varying paces of rock, folk, jazz and bluegrass.

The husband-wife team compiled "Mountain Visions" from hundreds of their

wilderness trips throughout the Western states, Canada and Alaska.

They have appeared before the Photographic Society of America, the Outdoor Writer's Association, and The Banff Festival of Mountain Films.



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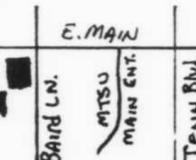
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Sports

Raiders end losing streak

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

When MTSU snapped a nine-game losing streak Friday night by downing Austin Peay 81-68, it gave Stan "Ramrod" Simpson a chance to go back onto the Murphy Center playing floor to conduct the interview.

After the normal post-game interview from the locker room was delayed because of technical difficulties, the Raider coach offered to go back onto the Murphy Center playing floor to conduct the interview.

"I'M NOT afraid to go out there now," Simpson chuckled. Simpson had no reason to be afraid, as his Blue Raiders had just finished playing perhaps their most solid game of the year to capture only their fourth victory and their first triumph in the Ohio Valley Conference.

It was a game that saw Doug Lipscomb explode for 26 points and eight rebounds, and it was a game that saw Simpson switch to a new starting lineup—and stick with it for most of the game, which is something he hasn't done this season.

HE STARTED the youngest lineup to hit the floor for the Raiders all year featuring two freshmen, a sophomore with limited playing experience and two juniors—one of whom had been averaging only 12 minutes of playing time per game.

The lineup worked. Starting guards Maury Mapes and LaRae Davis went the entire 40 minutes and combined for 19 points.

SOPHOMORE Greg Nimmo got the starting nod and scored 10 points while grabbing eight rebounds and lofty freshman center Raleigh Choice, who played with as much confidence as someone with a couple of years more experience might have played, dumped in 14 points.

And then there was Doug Lipscomb. Lipscomb simply took control of the ball game in the opening minutes and never let go. He unleashed his vengeance on the Governors in the form of three slam dunks that would have made Joe "Stufferino" Dean proud.

"DOUG LIPSCOMB gave a full effort," Simpson said. "He showed signs of great consistency tonight, and his power slams really ignited the crowd to get behind this ball club."

The fact that the team played well together as a unit, and that he didn't have to go to the bench much for substitution also

pleased the fourth-year head man.

"They have a little pride in themselves," Simpson explained. "We didn't have the five people we would normally have on the floor in certain situations, but I had to stick with them. The team enthusiasm pleased me."

THE LINEUP that started the game against Peay was the same lineup that played the second half at Murray State, taking a seven-point lead on that club before bowing.

"Looking back at the Murray situation and the way they responded, I owed them a chance," Simpson said.

Simpson pointed out that everyone who got into the game gave a complete effort, which was just what he was looking for.

"GREG NIMMO'S first half was outstanding for us," Simpson said. "LaRae's floor game was great, and we had good help from Wardell Perry and Bruce Buck off the bench."

Eight different players saw action for the Raiders, but it was the starting five that saw the bulk of the action. Not one of the starters had less than 27 minutes of playing time in the triumph.

MTSU never trailed in the game and went up by their largest margin, 13, just before halftime. Austin Peay cut the margin to eight in the second half, but could never get any closer as the Raiders went on to put it in the "W" column.

AUSTIN PEAY was troubled the entire evening by an impotent offensive attack, and hit only 32.5 percent from the field for the game. The Raiders shot 52.1 percent, which was their second highest mark of the year in that category.

Joe Parker led the scoring attack for the Gobs, hitting 14 points. Randy Harris hit for 13 in the losing effort. Post-season All-OVC candidate Lenny Manning was held to 10 points.

The loss knocked Peay to 1-5 in the OVC, and they went on to drop their sixth conference loss the following night to league-leading Murray State. They are now 8-11 overall.

MTSU FACES Georgia State tonight at Monte Hale Arena in Murphy Center, with tip-off set for 7:30 p.m.

SCORING: Middle Tennessee: Perry 26, Buck 26 and Dorsey 10, Choice 14, Davis 6, Mapes 13, W. Lipscomb 6, Nimmo 0.

Austin Peay: Manning 10, Andrews 2, Stockton 7, Parker 14, West 8, James 0, Harris 13, Felts 8, Collins 0, Ingle 4, Bellenfant 0 and Elston 2.



I've got it!

Photo by Keith Tippitt

MTSU's Doug Lipscomb (34) and Raleigh Choice (42) leap for a rebound in Friday night's 81-68 victory for the Blue Raiders over Austin Peay. Lipscomb scored 26 points in the game, while Choice scored 14.

Lady Raiders blast Belmont, Austin Peay

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders enjoyed double fun on the roundball floor last weekend with easy victories over Austin Peay's Lady Gobs (74-52) and the Belmont Rebelettes (80-60).

The two victories boosted the Lady Raiders to 13-3 on the season and gave them sole possession of first place in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 5-0 slate.

FRIDAY NIGHT, the lowly Austin Peay Lady Gobs were simply unable to control the Lady Raiders. After leading 35-27 at halftime, Coach Larry Joe Inman's squad dominated the game for the entire second half and coasted to the win.

Holly Hoover took scoring honors for the evening with 21 points, while also pulling down 12 rebounds. Jennifer McFall had 13, and Sherry Smith and Patricia Allen added 10 apiece.

The Lady Raiders shot 44.8 percent from the field on the evening, while the Lady Gobs, who dropped to 1-16 on the year, shot only 28.8 percent.

BELMONT'S Rebelettes came into Saturday night's game sporting a five-game winning streak with an overall record of 14-9. MTSU had already beaten Belmont earlier in the season, 91-72.

MTSU jumped out to a quick eight-point lead in the first half and never let the Rebelettes get close again. The Lady Raiders went to the locker room at the half with a 17-point, 43-26 lead.

The second half brought no relief for Belmont as MTSU jumped up by as much as 26 points before the dust settled and the Lady Raiders had gone away an 80-60 winner.

THERE WERE many stars over the course of the evening for Inman's ladies as Hoover once again took scoring honors, banging home 19 points. McFall knocked in 18 and Smith and Eva Lemeh got the patented Lady Raiders' fast break going. Cyndi Lindley was impressive with aggressive scrapping on both ends of the floor.

Inman had praise for them all:

"We needed a game like tonight. I thought they might have been a little tired coming off the game last night. They played good all around. I'm very proud of their effort."

"I can't say enough about this team. We've got the people that just can play. This is one of the finest groups of young people I've ever coached."

The Lady Raiders next contest comes Tuesday night against the Tiger Gems of Tennessee State, a game which is slated for 7 p.m. in Nashville. They return home on Feb. 12 to face league-rival Tennessee Tech.

Raiders host Georgia State

MTSU's Blue Raider basketball team will be at home tonight to host Georgia State. Tipoffs set for 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Raiders are on the

road tonight facing the Tiger Gems of Tennessee State in Nashville.

The next home date for both teams will be on Feb. 12, against Tennessee Tech.



Photo by Keith Tippitt

She's in control

Lady Raider guard Sherry Smith looks over the opposition attempting to make a pass in action against the Lady Gobs of

Austin Peay. MTSU won games against Austin Peay and Belmont over the weekend.

Triple jump keeps Loyd leaping

By CODY MARLEY
The Sports Guy

What do Bruce Jenner, Sugar Ray Leonard and Jim Thorpe have in common?

Of course, they've all been U.S. Olympic stars. Well, hang on to your're skivvies MTSU sports fans, because men such as these grace our campus every day.

HIS NAME is Eddie Loyd and he is one of the nation's premier triple-jumpers.

But having good triple-jumpers and an outstanding track team is nothing new around these parts. Under the direction of Coach Dean Hayes, MTSU has produced five All-Americans in the triple jump.

That distinction leaves MTSU with the title of "Triple-Jump U."

IN 1984, Loyd will be vying for a spot on the U.S. Olympic team. Considering he finished fourth at the Olympic trials in 1980 (the top three make the team), Loyd will definitely be a force to be reckoned with in '84.

"I wasn't as hungry in '80 as I will be in '84," said Loyd. He calls his high finish "the thing that made me decide to get dedicated to track."

Like all achievers, Loyd's skills don't come overnight. For him, it all started at Blooming-Township High School in Chicago Heights, Ill.

LOYD'S lack of size ended his hopes of a basketball career, so he turned to track to satisfy his competitive thirst.

His high school coach was MTSU graduate and Ohio Valley Conference hurdling champ Lonnell Poole. Loyd had thus started using the triple-jump workouts devised by our own Coach Hayes before he even got to MTSU. He had started out on the right foot.

By the time Loyd had graduated from high school, he was the Illinois state champ and a high school All-American. He was flooded with scholarship offers.

"I DIDN'T want to go east or south so I went west. I chose Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo,"

Loyd said. At Cal-Poly he was the Western Conference champ and finished third in Division II.

Loyd was dissatisfied with school though and joined the Army. He thought he would get the training he needed for the '80 Olympic trials.

While competing for the Army at the U.S. Services Track Meet, Loyd won the competition. In doing so, he defeated his "idle," former MTSU All-American and 1976 Olympic team captain Tommy Haynes.

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Photo by Debby Naeve

Behind guidance from Coach Dean Hayes (left), triple jumper Eddie Loyd hopes to make the 1984 Olympic Team.

Two-city trek for trackmen

MTSU's Blue Raider track team enjoyed dual success on the road last weekend in the Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville, Ky., and the University of Illinois Invitational at Champaign, Ill.

The mile-relay team, which was made up of different members each time it ran, took first place at both events.

AT THE Mason-Dixon Games, it was the foursome of Kenny Nesbitt, Herb Newton, Tim Johnston and Gary Mitchell taking the relay with a time of 3:16.9.

The following night in Champaign, it was Nesbitt and Johnston being joined by Ron Davis and Perald Ellis to win with a finishing mark of 3:19.78.

In other action at the Mason-Dixon contest, Eddie Loyd took third in the triple jump, with a mark of 52 feet.

TEAM MEMBERS competing in the Illinois Invitational included Orestes Meeks, who won the long jump competition with a 23-4 1/4 leap, and Johnston, who won the 440-yard dash. Teammates Ellis, Mitchell and Newton finished second, fourth and fifth, respectively.

Miguel Williams took the 60-yard high hurdles with a time of 7.44 seconds.

Other Raiders who placed in the Illinois meet were Jeff Skinner, who was sixth in the 880-yard run, Johnston, who finished second in the 300-yard dash and Jim Fitch, who notched sixth in the shot put competition.



Effort

Photo by Keith Tippitt

Doug Lipscomb watches his shot head for the basket, while falling into Austin Peay's Greg Andrews. Lipscomb led the Raiders over the Governors Friday night, 81-68.

Little glory for rugby battlers

By MAT "GUMBO"

SPORTS WRITER

It is a physical game, and the players who participate in it do so for the personal enjoyment and dedication—not for the publicity.

The game is rugby, and there are 20 men at MTSU that comprise the Middle Tennessee

Rugby Club.

EACH PLAYER must pay dues to finance uniforms, referees and tournament fees. There is no university funding.

Team president Mark Williams, a former Oakland High School football player, gave his opinion on the lack of attention the squad receives.

"Most people don't even

realize we have a team," Williams said.

"THERE'S NO glamour in it," he admitted. "We play for our club, which gives us satisfaction."

Club member Greg Ward is from Smithville via Chicago and feels the game is just as brutal as many other contact sports.

"I love to play," Ward noted. "It takes a lot more to play rugby than football. You don't have pads like football players."

EVEN WITH the contact, there are far fewer injuries and fights than one would imagine, according to Williams.

There are 15 men on each team, eight scrummers (similar to linemen in football), and seven backs.

A score is called a try and is worth four points, while the extra point is worth two points. Forward passing is not allowed.

Those interested in participating should contact:

1. Mark Williams, 890-8771.
2. Barry Dunnavant, 890-6649.
3. Bart Butler, 895-2405.



Photo by Lesley Collins

Action is rugged, and glory is little for the members of MTSU's Rugby Club.

Few dynasties exist in today's NCAA



College Basketball Review
by Al McGuire

WELCOME to Miller Time

College basketball has seen only four modern dynasties—by modern I mean in the last 25 years—and they would be UCLA, Kentucky, Indiana and North Carolina.

The dynasty is the school that does not recruit, but selects. When they call the blue-chip high school athlete, the phone is always answered.

THEY ARE usually THE school in the state as far as tradition and prestige, the school that is habitually on national television.

Most obvious of westwood, is the world created by John Wooden, the Wizard of Westwood, at UCLA.

Nobody won more than John Wooden.

STARTING in 1964, he won 10 NCAA titles in 12 years, a record that will never be matched, which makes him the Caesar of college basketball. Larry Farmer, his disciple, his Marc Anthony, is carrying on today.

The Bruins normally go nine deep with every kid being an all-stater and potential first-round draft choice. They normally win more than half their games during warm-ups, and their cheerleaders are better known than the winning teams of some major conferences.

Second is the University of Kentucky, which started with "The Baron," Adolph Rupp, who won 880 games in 41 seasons, and continues today with Joe B. Hall.

The Wildcats are true thoroughbreds. They have won the NCAA championship five times, and they run probably the best college basketball program in the nation today.

Basketball in Lexington is a way of life, socially oriented, the Park Avenue sport for the "in" crowd, and Joe B. Hall is just one of hundreds of thousands who bleed blue in the commonwealth.

AT INDIANA, again the baton has been passed, this time from Branch McCracken, who won the national title in 1953, to Bobby Knight, who has won it twice since he took over for McCracken in 1972.

Basketball in Indiana is a Hoosier Hysteria that makes football take a rumble seat and lights up the moonlight on the Wabasha. Knight's dictatorial style of yesterday is the envy of every coach that has a fear of administration or parents of ballplayers.

Knight is his own man, the master chef of his own restaurant, who tells you what to order, cooks the food his way—and it's so good the customers keep coming back for more.

ROUNDING out the magic four are the Tar Heels from Chapel Hill, who, with Frank McGuire, have won everything in sight since 1957 when North Carolina was NCAA Champ.

Now they have broken through the sound barrier under Dean Smith, who made it to the final four six times and finally grabbed the brass ring last year.

Now, just what makes a dynasty?

AS I said, that school has to be THE school in the state, it has to govern its conference, and it's always the team the other seven or eight schools vote against. It has to come from a basketball state, which these four do, and it has to be THE sport in the school. It also has to get network exposure.

The coach of a dynasty is a power broker inside his own school, and many times in his home state, a guy everybody wants to see run for governor.

If he has a basketball camp in the summertime, it's always standing room only and without any big advertising campaign. He has his own TV and Radio show and is a key clinicspeaker, a guy his fellow coaches want to hear.

THE LAST, and maybe most important criteria of a dynasty is that it has to repeat over and over.

UCLA, Kentucky, Indiana and North Carolina have won the NCAA championship 20 times between them. UCLA 10 times, Kentucky five, Indiana three and North Carolina two. The NCAA is 26 years old, which means these four have won it more than half the time.

Now that's consistency.

THERE IS one school, in my opinion, that's knocking on the door to join the dynasty club and that's Louisville. All the ingredients are there.

But they still don't have the key to the executive washroom yet, because of the Wildcats of Kentucky, who are in the process of building their own Ming dynasty.

Loyd

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LOYD received several scholarship offers after his stint in the Army was over. He finally decided on MTSU. Coach Hayes's reputation for producing world-class jumpers won him over.

The Blue Raider leaper says self-confidence plays an important role in jumping.

"If your body and mind are prepared and you've worked hard, you get this feeling of

confidence that makes you want to perform," Loyd said.

"I GET excited about competition, and when I'm jumping it feels great."

Loyd calls it "personally satisfying."

What would seem like high goals for most are real possibilities for this talented young man.

LOYD WOULD like to improve on last year's second-place finish in the NCAA meet.

"My goals are to finish high the indoor and outdoor championships and represent the U.S. at either the World Championships, the Pan Am Games or the World University Games," he said.

Loyd said competition for honors will be fierce and that "there are five or six guys in the U.S. that have a good shot."

Hopefully for him and the Blue Raider faithful his shot will be true.

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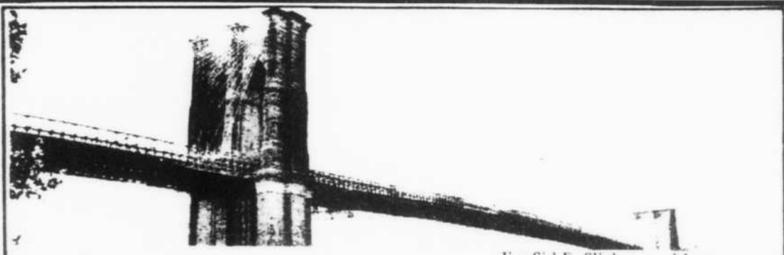
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