

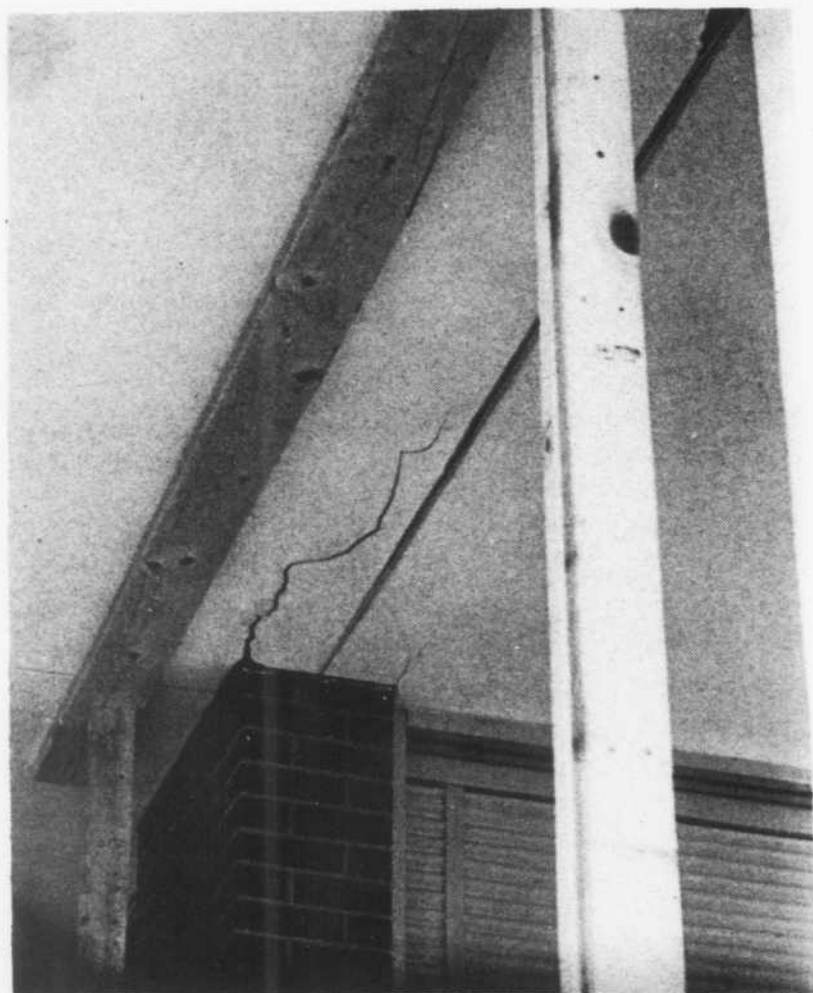
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NCB resumes regular schedule after roof drop



by Lisa Marchesoni

Classes in the NCB will resume today after being cancelled Wednesday for safety reasons after an exterior ceiling fell Tuesday, University President M.G. Scarlett said.

The ceiling located in the exterior airway (facing the administration building) fell when the "wires pulled loose" at about 5 a.m.

Tuesday morning, Scarlett said.

"Apparently the wires (holding the ceiling) were not fastened well," Scarlett said. The wires "pulled loose," causing a chain reaction which caused the ceiling to fall.

Scarlett, campus planner Charles Pigg, maintenance personnel and building architect Frank Gower toured the building Tuesday and

found the facility, excluding the ceilings, "structurally, and completely sound," Scarlett said.

Maintenance men began working on "shoring up" two ceilings for extra support Tuesday, Scarlett said, but "progress was not made rapidly enough to shore up the ceilings so classes were closed."

The building was evacuated at 10
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ASB president Richard Langford and Atty. Gen. Matt Little survey the planks installed to support the NCB's exterior ceiling, while the ceiling reflects a jagged crack near a plank. Students view the rubble remaining when the ceiling fell Tuesday. Classes will resume today.

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Graduate student appointed as new assistant dean

Graduate assistant David Bragg has been named assistant dean of students, effective upon approval by the State Board of Regents.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell yesterday said he was nominating Bragg for the position because of his over-all qualifications, "especially his ability to work with college-age students, college faculty and college administrators."

Bragg will be adviser to the Interfraternity Council, ASB General Sessions Court and Traffic Court. Other duties will include maintaining files and doing follow-up reports on students with excessive absences from class, assisting the Business Office in collecting delinquent financial obligations and counseling students on any problems relating to their general welfare.

He began employment with the university in 1974 as a graduate assistant to the associate dean of students, his present positions. His major responsibility has been to direct programming activities for the men's dormitories. He also is head resident of H Hall.

Bragg was chosen from a field of 15 applicants with the aid of an

advisory committee. Committee members were Judy Smith and Ivan Shewmake, associate student deans; Ted Helberg, ASB presi-

dent; Tom Lawless, chief justice of the ASB Traffic Court; and Mark Deffendall, president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC).



Bragg earned a Bachelor of Science of Education Degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1973. He received an M.A. in psychology from MTSU in December.

Before coming to MTSU in 1974, Bragg taught at Murfreesboro's Oakland High School.

Mock presidential election set today

Students have the opportunity to vote today in a mock presidential primary in the basement of the University Center.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On the Democratic primary ballot will be listed former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, Idaho Sen. Frank Church, Washington Sen. Henry Jackson, New York anti-abortionist Ellen McCormack, Arizona Rep. Morris Udall and Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

Other possible Democratic choices for the ballot were not chosen either because they have ceased active campaigning (as in the case of Oklahoma Sen. Fred Harris) or because they are running only as a "favorite son" at this time (as in the case of California Gov. Jerry Brown), according to MTSU Young Democrats President Bill Mason.

On the Republican primary ballot will be listed President Gerald Ford and former California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

A space will be provided in both primaries for a write-in choice.

A valid ID will be required for students to vote in the mock primaries, Mason said.

Midlander worker positions now open

Applications for staff positions on next year's Midlander can be picked up in the Midlander office, third floor of the SUB starting Friday, according to editor Tim Hamilton.

Positions opened are managing editor, photo editor, feature editor, organization editor, Greek editor, sports editor and general production positions.

"You need not be a mass communications major to apply," Hamilton said, "and we encourage any interested students to apply."

"We are going on the assumption there will be a Midlander next year," he said.

River trippers to meet

Students interested in the San Juan-Grand Canyon river trip during July will meet at 4 p.m. Monday in Old Main room 320.

If a student cannot attend, contact W.F. Kohland in Old Main room 303A.

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The Nuclear Navy.

Council offers publications budgets

by Frank White

A budget of \$89,400 was proposed yesterday by the student publications council for operation of the three student publications operations for the fiscal year July 1, 1976, through June 30, 1977.

The proposed budget reflects a \$1661 increase over the current year's budget and will be sent to Vice President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance by Friday.

Sidelines is to receive \$45,591 under the proposed budget, Midlander will receive \$35,185 while Collage is scheduled to receive \$8,724.

Operational budgets for the current year are \$44,660 for Sidelines, \$34,554 for Midlander

and \$8,525 for Collage.

The council attempted to provide a budget reflecting a ten per cent increase in printing and supply cost for each publication. The ten per cent increase total of \$89,502 was \$102 above the \$89,400 proposal.

Instead of raising their proposed budget, the board voted to give each publication a proportional increase within the limits of the proposed budget.

An amendment was voted to the budget to express that more money is needed by the publications to meet the increase of operations cost.

The amendment requests that if additional funds become available through the university fund that

they be divided proportionally among the three publications.

"We will send a letter requesting additional funds for the publications," Reza Ordoubadian, council chairman said.

In other action, the council voted unanimously to change Sidelines publications dates back to Tuesday and Friday.

The publication days were changed to Tuesday and Thursday for a trial period during the spring semester.

The council decided to meet with LaLance next week to discuss the council guidelines and decide if the council is a decision making body or a recommendation body.

NCB 'sound'-president

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a.m. Wednesday until the ceilings facing Old Main and the University Center are "completely shored up."

"We don't want to take any chances," Scarlett said. "We'll do whatever has to be done."

An engineer from the Board of Regents checked the building yesterday, Scarlett said, and "the engineers and architect have shown the structure to be completely sound."

The engineers and architect found "nothing that indicated any basic problem with the building except for the 'usual settling and a little cracking,'" Scarlett said.

"We will probably replace the entire ceiling after school is out," Scarlett said.

ASB asks NCB closed until certified completely safe

by Trina Jones

A resolution calling for the closing of the New Classroom Building (NCB) until its safety can be certified was passed by the ASB House of Representatives and Senate yesterday.

The legislation asks that the NCB, whose breezeway ceiling collapsed early Tuesday morning, be closed "to any further use until the building has been certified completely safe by engineers from

the appropriate state agency without stopping classes or exams."

"We aren't asking that classes be suspended, but that the building is closed until engineers make sure the building is safe," resolution sponsor Bill Mason said.

An additional provision of the resolution urges that students and faculty of the university "refuse to enter the NCB" if appropriate measures aren't taken

to ensure the building's safety.

A convenient time zone recommendation and an equal cleanliness recommendation, which have passed the Senate, were approved by the House.

The convenient time zone recommendation suggests that all clocks on the MTSU campus be set on a standard time so as to alleviate confusion. The equal cleanliness recommendation calls for the installation of laundry facilities in

male residence halls.


House speaker Jeff Combos announced that the resolution calling for the eradication of four city code sections prohibiting beer sales and live entertainment in establishments selling beer will be presented to the Murfreesboro City Council at 7:30 p.m. today.

Combos urged that students attend the council meeting in City Hall to show their support for the resolution.



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Campus safety must be first concern

The fall of the ceiling at the NCB Tuesday and the way the situation was handled by university personnel poses some questions that must be answered.

Reports contend that the ceiling fell about 5 a.m. and was reported to security. Why was President M.G. Scarlett not notified immediately?

Scarlett, along with engineers and the building architect toured the facility for possible damages while classes were being held simultaneously Tuesday morning.

Why was the building not evacuated while the search was being investigated to insure the most safety for students?

Tuesday night, Scarlett ordered maintenance men to "shore up" two other exterior ceilings with wooden planks to insure safety measures.

Scarlett checked the building Wednesday morning and discovered the "shoring-up" project had not been completed and immediately evacuated the building at 10 p.m.

Why didn't the maintenance personnel who worked all night have the job completed by morning?

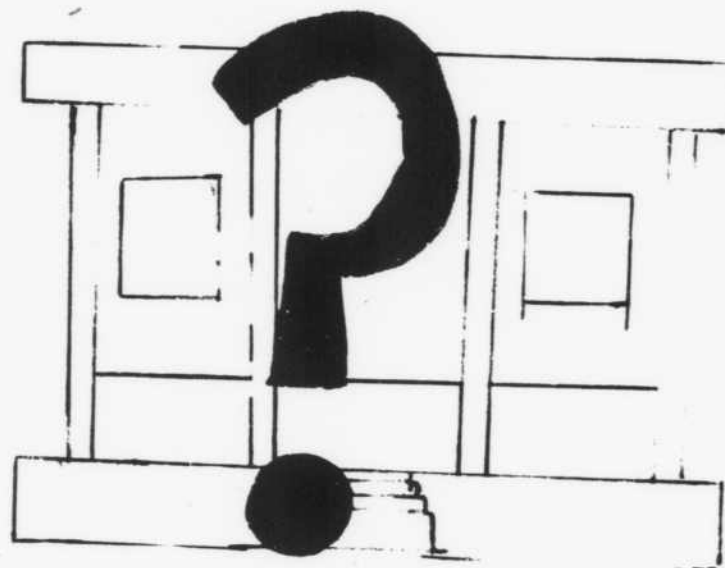
However, maintenance personnel finished the project yesterday and classes were scheduled to resume today.

We can only speculate on what would have happened if the ceiling dropped during the rush of changing classes at 9:55 a.m.

Luckily, this incident did not result in a disaster. After all, it was simply a ceiling that fell.

But, just in case, we urge you to be extremely cautious when entering and leaving the NCB.

And we beg the administrative personnel to answer these questions and to keep the university safety as the first priority when handling future problems.



comment

Diplomas aren't guarantees of 'educated' grads

by Frank White

When *Sidelines* presented an editorial in the April 20 issue discussing the devaluation of the diploma, an oft-heard rebuttal was, "the diploma means more to some students than it does to others because some students work harder for it."

Some students do work harder than others—but not to get a diploma. Very little work is required to obtain a diploma. The work is required to get an education which a student chooses to get on his own initiative.

Yes fans, let me dispel the rumor—enrollment and completion of college do not signify that an education has been obtained.

Many students enroll in college and even complete college without exerting a worthy effort.

Often times, students do not attend class with any regularity and hire someone else to complete out of class assignments. Sadly, these students manage to obtain the acceptable in many cases.

To these students, the diploma is a piece of paper and is worthless. The education it is supposed to represent does not exist.

There is another side I mentioned earlier. There is the student who studies with an education as a goal and not a diploma. The diploma is a tangible representation of this gained education.

Even though the earnest student

personally knows the value of his diploma, his diploma is devalued because of the number of worthless diplomas on the market. This is degrading to the earnest student.

The student who does not work for his diploma must be blamed for the devaluation of the diploma. His is not only doing a disservice to

'Very little work is required

to obtain a diploma'

himself, but he is also doing a disservice to his fellow student.

The university must share the blame for the devalued diploma. Low standards of educational requirements do not provide sufficient motivation for students to work for an education.

True, students should be motivated to seek an education without requirements imposed by the university. But, face it, students like most people are inherently lazy and unmotivated.

Instructors must also share the blame. In fact, since the instructors are the university's link to the student, they hold the burden of instilling motivation in the student.

When a student receives a C and a note from the instructor saying the grade would be higher if the student had done his own work, the

instructor is destroying motivation.

The student who hires his work done is not motivated toward an education and a C is quite acceptable to him. An F should be automatic if the instructor finds that the student did not do his own work.

Even though class attendance and participation do not mean a student is motivated to an education, it is a good indicator of motivation.

Instructors should not reward students who regularly attend classes. Instructors should instead severely punish students who delinquently fail to attend class.

Many instructors do provide motivation. Likewise, many students are motivated. This column is not directed at them for they realize the value of an education.

The value of the diploma will rise sharply when the university as a whole—students and instructors, alike—look for education and not simply completion of college.

Today's issue of *Sidelines* is the final one of this semester. Publication will resume June 9 under the editorship of Tony Daughtrey.

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Planned nuclear plant poses menace to future

It's spring and the poke berry shoots have pushed out of the dormant earth once again, as they have for countless years before. This year, though, at Hartsville, these tender shoots perhaps may be picked for the last time with any safety.

TVA and company want to build a nuclear plant on soil with dark humus over two feet deep. For 40 years they plan for the world's largest nuclear reactor to churn out power for the aluminum and other wasteful energy-using corporations Gov. Blanton projects for Tennessee. Then TVA plans to shut down this nuclear plant by the muddy Cumberland and then for at least 250,000 years this 2,000 acre "nuclear reservation" will be off-limits to human life.

Radioactive materials have a damaging effect upon living tissues—ranging from cancers to genetic mutation. For these reasons, life must be isolated from radiation.

Unfortunately, radioactive materials have "half-lives" that range up to 250,000 years (as in the case for plutonium, a byproduct of uranium fission.) Thus, nuclear

wastes (and a deactivated nuclear plant is nuclear waste) demand perpetual guardianship.

For another 250,000 years, TVA claims the right to deprive us from eating anything off the soil that sits under and around its pride and joy. For 250,000 years, TVA forbids us the right of strolling down the banks of the Cumberland near Dixon Springs.

This Saturday, April 24, a public

tour of the McGee Home in Dixon Springs will be held. This 18th century home is slated for TVA destruction because it is situated where TVA and General Electric want to build the reactor core. Even though this home is a candidate for national preservation! TVA claims there are better examples for this kind of architecture. TVA plans to exhume the bodies of the McGee's and a number of babies buried near

the planned reactor core. TVA does not hold much sacred.

You are invited to attend this public tour of the home of April 23 at the site of the Hartsville plant. The public is welcome between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

You will also be able to see what TVA will keep out of human use for the 250,000 years. Not only is TVA busy destroying our past, but is also destroying our future.

Louise Gorenflo
Box 1348



Perspiring scholars want OM hothouse cooled

Anyone interested in taking an on-the-spot course in tropical climates should register for a course in Old Main. It's so much fun to have your candy bars melt in

your pockets, have your fingers stick to your bare arms, and perspire (SWEAT!) to your heart's content in the sweltering 90-degree heat.

We had always thought that a university wanted to attract students, not repel them, from school. Many MTSU students are saying that regardless of their major, they will not take any courses in the Old Main during the warm weather. In fact, because of this, some will not be attending summer school at all!

We're told it will cost money to fix the air conditioning—seems there's enough money for everything the administration wants to do. Why, if they'd turn off the lights in the classroom buildings during the night, they'd probably save a mint!

Come on, students. Let's see what can be done about getting the air conditioning (such as it is) back in Old Main!

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200 million people = big government

This letter is in response to the "Comment" by Lynceus that appeared in the April 13 edition of Sidelines.

Mr. Lynceus is obviously a patriot. Mr. Lynceus is obviously concerned with keeping America free.

But has Mr. Lynceus forgotten that there are over 200,000,000 people, and does he not realize that a government of 200,000,000 people, by 200,000,000 people and for 200,000,000 people can not help

but be big? As long as America remains big, big government is inevitable. By our Constitution, Congress and the President are to administer this government. If they fail to do so, someone else will step in. Two anxious candidates are Exxon Oil and ITT.

I think Mr. Lynceus realizes all this.

I think Mr. Lynceus is a Republican.

Brent Cantrell
Box 1591

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Dear President Scarlett:

I cannot tell you how distressed I was to hear of the damage recently sustained by your New Classroom Building. I was even more disturbed at the thought that this will only be the beginning of your administration's trouble and embarrassment in this matter.

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Fall editor outlines goals, announces openings

Applications are now available for positions on the Sidelines fall staff, fall editor John Pitts announced today.

"We've got a lot of planning to do before the first paper comes out, and so I want to have my staff assembled this summer to begin work," Pitts said.

Among the positions open in the fall are managing editor, associate editor, news editor, feature, sports, illustrations and layout coordinators, copy editor, production manager and assorted reporter and photographer jobs.

"I'm not concerned about what a

person's abilities are as I am that the people working for the paper be determined to be willing to learn and then do a good job out of concern for the paper's purpose," he said.

"We're not going to be satisfied to just stay where we are in terms of what the paper is doing for the students," Pitts said. "We've got to create new and unique services that we can provide the students—after all, they are paying for Sidelines' publication, so they should get what they want and what they need."

Presently, Pitts and others are

looking into the possibility of changing the basic format of the newspaper from the tabloid size to the more traditional full-size page.

"It would be a challenge, but it could also be a very educational experience for me and my staff," the incoming editor said.

"Everything's in the rough planning stage right now—the only thing I know for sure is that the paper will publish in time for freshman orientation, to give them a paper the first day they're here," he said.

"The content of the paper needs some upgrading. We've got to try

and better cover some areas of campus life that are ignored, and we must not forget our obligation to entertain the reader, and provide in-depth news analysis of complicated issues," he added.

Pitts said he "can't make many promises about how the paper will be in the fall, except that everyone will try hard to make this the best Sidelines semester ever—and that will be a challenge."

Applications may be picked up and turned in at the Sidelines office before May 1.

Mozart opera features student performances

A Mozart opera entitled "Bastien and Bastienne" will be presented at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the LRC's multi-media room.

The opera features three students performing with the University-Community Chamber Orchestra.

Soprano Mary Loy will sing Bastienne, tenor David Straughn will sing Bastien and baritone Bill Fisher will appear as Colas.

The opera is directed by Cynthia Perkins from the music department.

The public is invited to attend.

'76 college grads flood deflated job market

by Jackie Henson

Job prospects for this year's college graduates may be on the slow road to recovery, but the outlook is poorer than last year's.

Data was compiled by the College Placement Council for its second Salary Survey Report of 1975-76.

Compared to last March, the number of offers reported for bachelor's degree candidates was down 16 per cent. Master's volume decreased 25 per cent and doctoral volume was off 32 per cent.

Although still on the negative side, these figures were an improvement over January when volume was down 37 per cent, master's 33 per cent and doctoral 51 per cent.

The brightest picture was for women job candidates. Offers for women bachelor degree candidates was 27 per cent more than their male counterparts. The numbers for men decreased 20 per cent.

It was the bachelor level of humanities and social science programs that suffered the greatest

declines at 26 per cent. Close behind was engineering with a decline of 23 per cent.

The number of job offers for Master of Business Administration with non-technical backgrounds dropped 36 per cent, while those with technical degrees dropped 49 per cent.

These reports are available only to College Placement Council members and Journal Publications Group subscribers. They may be found at the Middle Tennessee State University Placement Office, room 328 of the University Center.

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Budget request top master by \$10,000

by Ted Rayburn

Budgetary increases totalling \$109,000 have been requested from a master budget of only \$99,000 by committees administered by the co-curricular committee following the second of two budget hearings Tuesday.

Increases of \$1,000, \$600 and \$250 were requested by the cheerleaders, ASB and campus recreation (intramurals), respectively, at the meeting.

MTSU's cheerleading squad requested a \$1,016 increase over last year's \$3,643 sum. The

Anne, King Henry see stage tonight

"Anne of the Thousand Days," a play about the marriage of Anne Boleyn to King Henry VIII, will be playing at the DA auditorium tonight through Saturday.

Tickets are free for MTSU students. Reservations may be made by calling 898-2716 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. today and Friday.

additional amount was submitted to allow for a possible increase in costs of travel to road games and insurance for cheerleaders which was requested last year in addition to their original allocation.

The Associated Student Body requested \$11,835, \$574 above last year's \$11,261 sum. Reasons submitted for the increase include additional student program services; the publication of an ASB monthly review for students; and a shift of funds to allocate money specifically for the ASB banquet.

Apparent discrepancies in ASB's 1975-76 budget report was clarified by indicating only \$9,380 of the \$11,261 figure went directly to ASB functions, while the rest was applied "across the board to every requesting agency," according to Paul Cantrell, dean of students and co-curricular committee member.

Approximately \$1,881 of the \$9,380 figure was designated for a scholarship fund for ASB officials, though the fund actually amounted to "more like \$4,000," Cantrell said.

Campus recreation's 1975-76

request of \$24,451 was increased by \$249 for the new budget to total \$24,700.

Decisions on the new budget allocations begin today, according to co-curricular chairman Dallas Biggers.

Faculty senate names Jones new president

Robert Jones, associate professor of history, was elected president of the Faculty Senate for the 1976-77 academic year at the senate's April 12 meeting.

Sue Whitt, assistant professor of accounting and data processing, was selected as the body's vice president, and Joe Sawyer, associate professor of business education, was chosen as senate secretary-treasurer.

Eight persons were elected to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. The newly elected committee members are: Robert Armbrust and Jesse Smith (School of Basic and Applied Sciences); Don Embry and Jeannette Heritage (School of Education); Merrel Pratt and Jerry Prock (School of Business and Economics) and Frank Essex and William Holland (School of Liberal Arts).

Campus Calendar

Today

Mock Presidential Primary: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; UC basement
Luncheon for Retirees: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Tennessee Room, SUB
Film Festival: noon cartoons; "That Darn Cat," 6 & 8 p.m.; UC theatre; free
Baseball: MTSU v. Belmont; 3 p.m.; Baseball Field
Residence Hall Programming Banquet: 6 p.m.; Dining Room B, SUB
Theatre Production: "Anne of the Thousand Days;" 8 p.m.; DA auditorium

Tomorrow

Workshop: Nutrition for the Aged: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dining Room B, SUB
Tennessee Office Education Club Conference: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; UC and Tennessee Room, SUB
Baseball: MTSU v. Lipscomb; 3 p.m.; Baseball Field
Chamber Orchestra: 7 p.m.; LRC auditorium
Theatre Production: "Anne of the Thousand Days;" 8 p.m.; DA auditorium

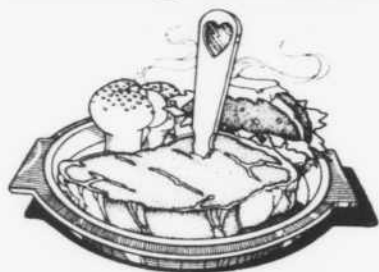
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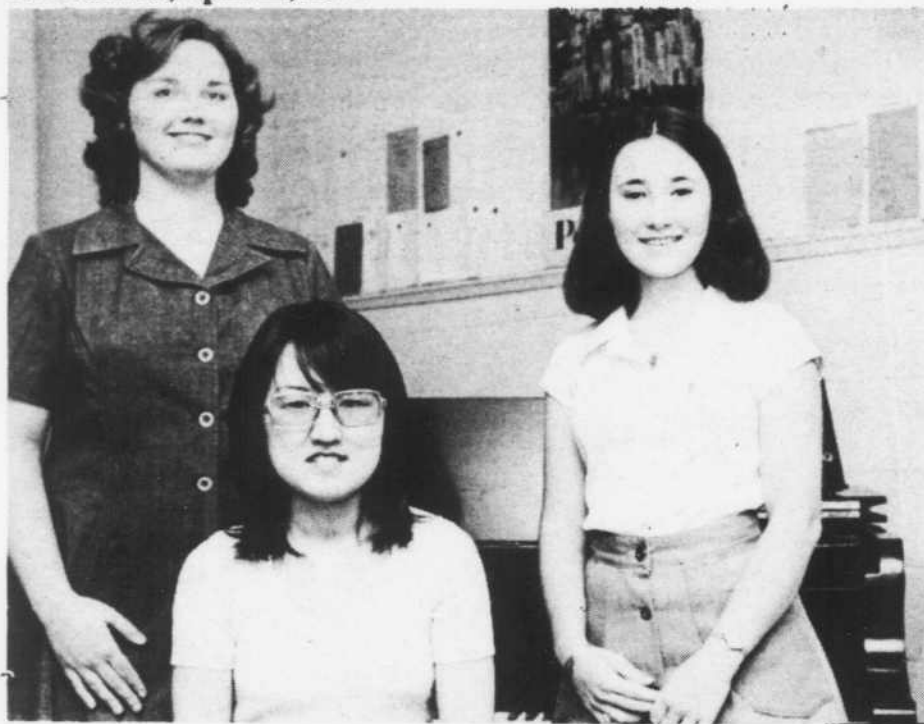
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Seven present and former MTSU students will travel to Europe this summer from June 24 to August 6 on the European Cultural History Program, according to Ronald Messier, co-organizer of the trip.

Sponsored by Eastern Michigan University, the six-week trip entails two-week stays in Vienna, Florence and Paris, with weekend trips to Prague, Salzburg, Pisa and Rome.

Six hours of lower division credit (Western Civilization 171 and 172) or upper division work (Absolutism and Enlightenment 303 and The Middle Ages 473) may be obtained in the undertaking, Messier said.

Cost for the trip is \$845, excluding round trip trans-Atlantic air fare, car fares within the cities, passports, textbooks and other personal expenses.

Unlike most summer tours, the European trip emphasizes the academic aspects of the program, chiefly early modern and medieval European history. Included are morning lectures and discussion sessions- and textbook use, with afternoons and evenings reserved for cultural and recreational

outings.

Activities scheduled include: A performance by the Spanish Lippizaner Stallions Riding School; two evenings at the Vienna opera; a trip on the Danube River to Melk Abbey; an Independence Day celebration on Charles' Bridge in Prague ("The fourth of July behind the Iron Curtain," Messier noted); a mountain hike in the Dolomite range in South Tyrol; sightseeing in Pisa and Rome; a swim in the Mediterranean; an evening at the Paris Opera; and visits to Chartres and Loire Valley Castles.

There are still two openings in the 40-person expedition and any interested persons are invited, Messier said.

Members of the tour will travel by rail and chartered bus, with accommodations provided in Youth Guest Houses and various institutions. The program provides two meals a day and insurance coverage up to \$5,000 during the trip.

Information on a deposit and registering for the tour may be obtained from Dr. Messier of the history department.

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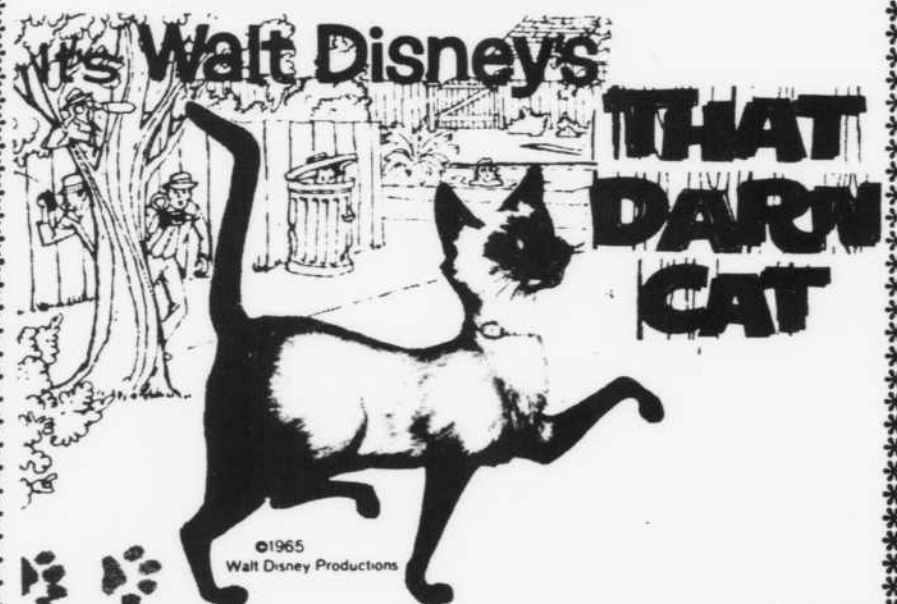
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Revamp NCAA tournament?

Rulesmakers discuss abolishing automatic bids

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

It is the middle of March. The year is 1977 and the Bicentennial extravaganza is past.

SPORTS

NEW YORK (UPI)—The NCAA tournament selection committee today finalized the handing of bids to the top 40 teams in the nation.

Ohio Valley Conference champion Middle Tennessee was overlooked because "we just didn't feel they qualify as one of the best 40 teams in the nation," a member of the selection squad said.

Ohio Valley coaches and athletic directors called a special meeting "to see what could be done about this intolerable situation."

It was rumored outside the meeting that the coaches fear the loss of recruiting power for next season if the selection process is allowed to stand.

"It is really something," one AD said after the meeting.

"Our conference is just now beginning to come into its own and now they all but give us the ax in one grand swoop," he said.

To some that notion may seem far-fetched. But to most the shuddering realization of a new format in the NCAA post-season tournament is nearing reality.

The new alignment would do away with all automatic bids and regional play. The idea, as they say, has been bouncing around for some time now.

At present the "top forty plan" is speculation, but the Tournament Committee holds the annual review meeting of the tourney in June.

After that meeting the selection panel will submit its proposals to the NCAA Council, where any recommendations will be reviewed.

One adamant voice behind the new format is Indiana Coach Bobby Knight, who has long been a spokesman for a 40-team tournament.

Knight and several other coaches complained that many of the better teams in the nation were playing in the early rounds while the weaker ones were bunched together in easier regions.

The OVC would be in danger of losing the berth anyway, recent wire stories have said, because of a composite 10-25 NCAA tournament record (second worst among Division I conferences).

Many of the losses, however, have been against top competition as was Western Kentucky's lost to second-ranked Marquette this year.

Schools outside of the OVC (SEC

and ACC) have been using the possibility of the OVC losing the automatic berth in the recruiting wars that are now in their final hours.

Thinclads had plenty of bullets, but Tennessee Tech had the guns

by John Shires

Tennessee Tech ended any hopes for an undefeated year for the Blue Raiders, as the Golden Eagles dealt MTSU their first loss of the outdoor track season, 79-65, yesterday in Cookeville.

"We competed well," MTSU track Coach Dean Hayes said, "but we didn't have enough ammunition."

Hayes cited the main reason for losing was in the 880, 440 and 100-yard dashes where the Raiders "were just barely beaten."

MTSU's Harrison Salami captured first place in both the discus and javelin, with efforts of 168'11" and 199'7", respectively.

"Grasshopper Gang" member John DoDoo placed first in the long jump with a leap of 23'10", first in the 220-yard dash with a time of 21.7 seconds, second in the triple jump with a blast of 49'3" and teamed with fellow Raiders Louis

Friend, Bill Moore and Samuel McBee in a losing effort in the 440-yard relay with a time of 42.6. Tech's time in the 440 was 42.1.

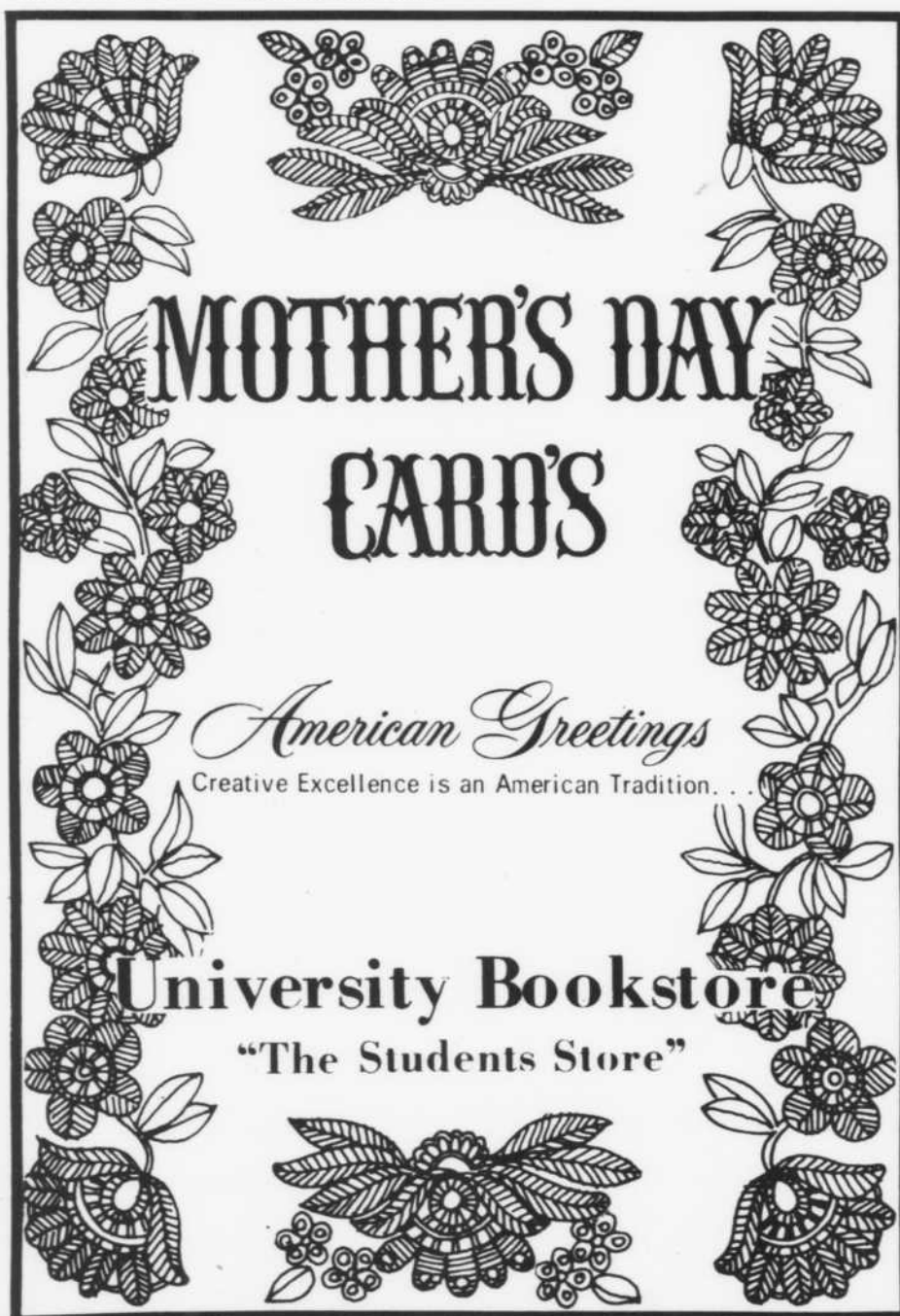
Junior Ted Hausauer of MTSU won the shot put with a heave of 51'6¾". He was followed in second and third places by Raiders Scott Akins and Jerome Pratt with throws of 50'¾" and 46'1½", respectively.

Pole vaulter Jack Warner of MTSU was edged out in that event because of having two faults compared to one fault to Tech's Reed Upthegrove. Both vaulters catapulted 14'6".

MTSU's Dennis Votava won the mile with a time of 4:15.8.

Hayes was pleased with the mile relay in which McBee, Russell Holloway, Moore and Larry Cotton came in with a time of 3:15.2

The Blue Raiders' next meet is the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, to be held April 23-24.



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Raiders continue to add wins to record setting list

by Ed Arning
Assistant Sports Editor

"The Raiders will be shooting all of their mini balls this last week of the regular season. We're going to go out in a winning style," said MTSU pitcher George Ploucher.

Head Coach John Stanford's crew did just that Tuesday as they spanked the Fisk Bulldogs 15-4.

The victory surpassed the most season wins in MTSU history for a Blue Raider baseball team (27).

MTSU opens a four game home stand today when Belmont arrives for a single game at 3 p.m.

The win over Fisk that upped MTSU's record to 28-14 was very unusual in more ways than one.

Before there were any outs in the game, the Raiders had blitzed Fisk for eight runs and had given starting pitcher Mike Graham a comfortable lead to work with.

Unfortunately Graham suffered a pinched nerve in his shoulder in the bottom of the first and was forced to leave the game.

Netters rip Tech

Maintaining their unblemished 5-0 OVC record, the MTSU men's tennis team whipped Tennessee Tech 6-1 here Tuesday afternoon.

The Raiders took all but one of the singles matches and both of the doubles matches in route to the win.

"I was very pleased with everyone's play," said Head Coach Clyde Smithwick.

MTSU's Geoffrey Gilchrist, Pete Pihko, Doug Meidaner and Lasse Durchman posted the singles wins while Bob Butterfield took the only loss.

The doubles team of Butterfield and Gilchrist won 7-6, 7-5 while Pihko and Durchman teamed up for a 7-6, 3-6, 6-3 win.



George Ploucher

'...gonna go out in winning style.'

In a surprise move, Stanford went to second base, not the bullpen, to get his relief pitcher.

"We had pitched most of our pitchers in batting practice this week and I knew that Spot Howard, the second baseman, had previous pitching experience," said Stanford.

Howard went seven innings and held Fisk to four runs on four hits.

Third baseman Ricky Wheeler, a former pitcher, took over for Howard in the eighth inning and held the Bulldogs scoreless.

MTSU's offensive output was aided by Steve Zitney's two homeruns and Ricky Wheeler's homer.

Denton Peters went three for three at the plate and Danny Moore was three for four to pace the Raider hitting attack.

MTSU's Danny Neal will be out to avenge his only loss of the year tomorrow when he faces David Lipscomb College at 3 p.m.

Arch rival Tennessee Tech will

be the Raider's last home opponent of the year when the Eagles invade MTSU for a doubleheader on Sunday beginning at 1:30 p.m.

MTSU closes the regular season on Monday with a twinbill at the University of the South.

Looking back over the success of the season so far, Ploucher said that the main reason for the Raider's success has been "the superlative coaching that we have had, since it brought out talents in us that we had not previously used."

Stanford will have his hands full in the off season trying to replace 12 seniors on the squad, but he said, "It is going to be harder to find replacements for Jim Ward and Gary McCullough, our only managers, because they have done everything but put on a uniform in

their four years with the team."

So far this season the Raiders have stolen a school record 90 bases in an attempt to put more runners in scoring position.

The credit for the vastly improved base running goes to Assistant Coach Steve Peterson, according to Stanford.

The mound hill aces for MTSU are Neal with a 7-1 record, 3.00 ERA, Bob Hardin at 5-1 and a 2.48 ERA and Ploucher with a 4-3 mark plus a 2.90 ERA.

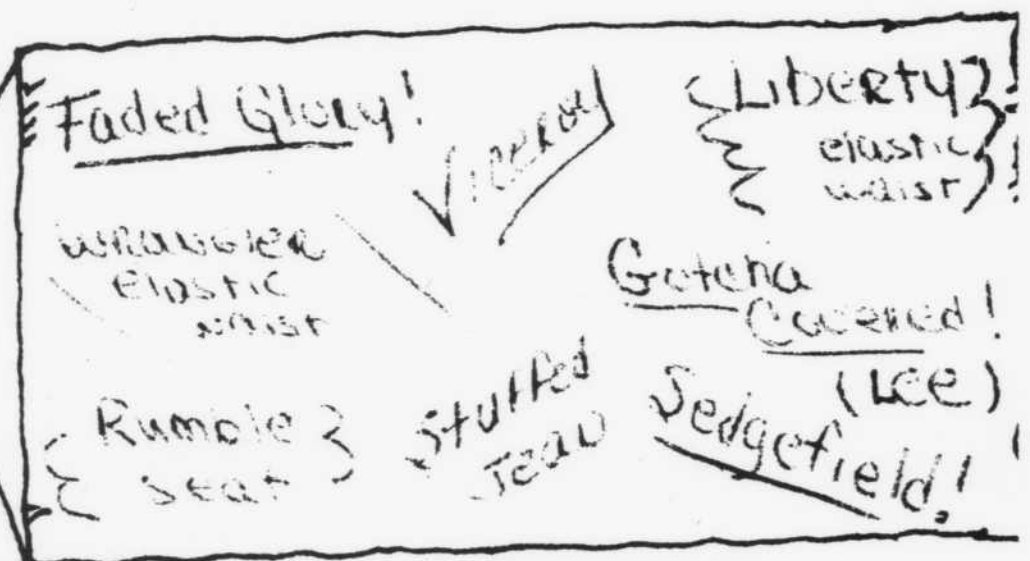
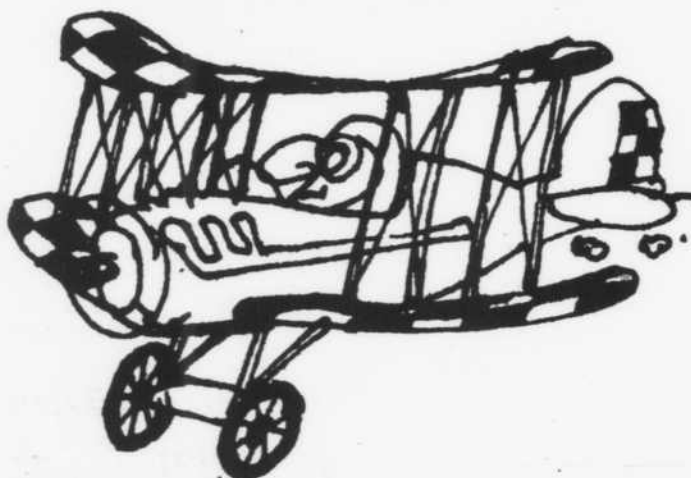
Prior to the beginning of the season, the coaching staff set a goal for the Raiders to be hitting around .290 by the end of the season.

The goal has been well surpassed as the Raiders head into the last week batting .301 as a team.

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[1] Co-MVP basketball player in OVC, Tim Sisneros [2] OVC's Most Valuable football player, Mike Moore [3] Linebacker Tony Buck grabs an errant Murray pass [4] Second baseman Spot Howard goes high in the air to avoid a pair of enemy spikes [5] All-American long jumper Sheikh Faye.

[6] Sleepy Taylor knifes past a Tennessee Tech defender [7] Blue shirts galore stop the TSU ground game [8] Raider ecstasy after clinching Western Division [9] Bonnie Angus puts up a jumper [10] Coach Ben Hurt calls a defensive conference [11] The umpire said he was out, but shortstop Ben Lankster didn't think so.

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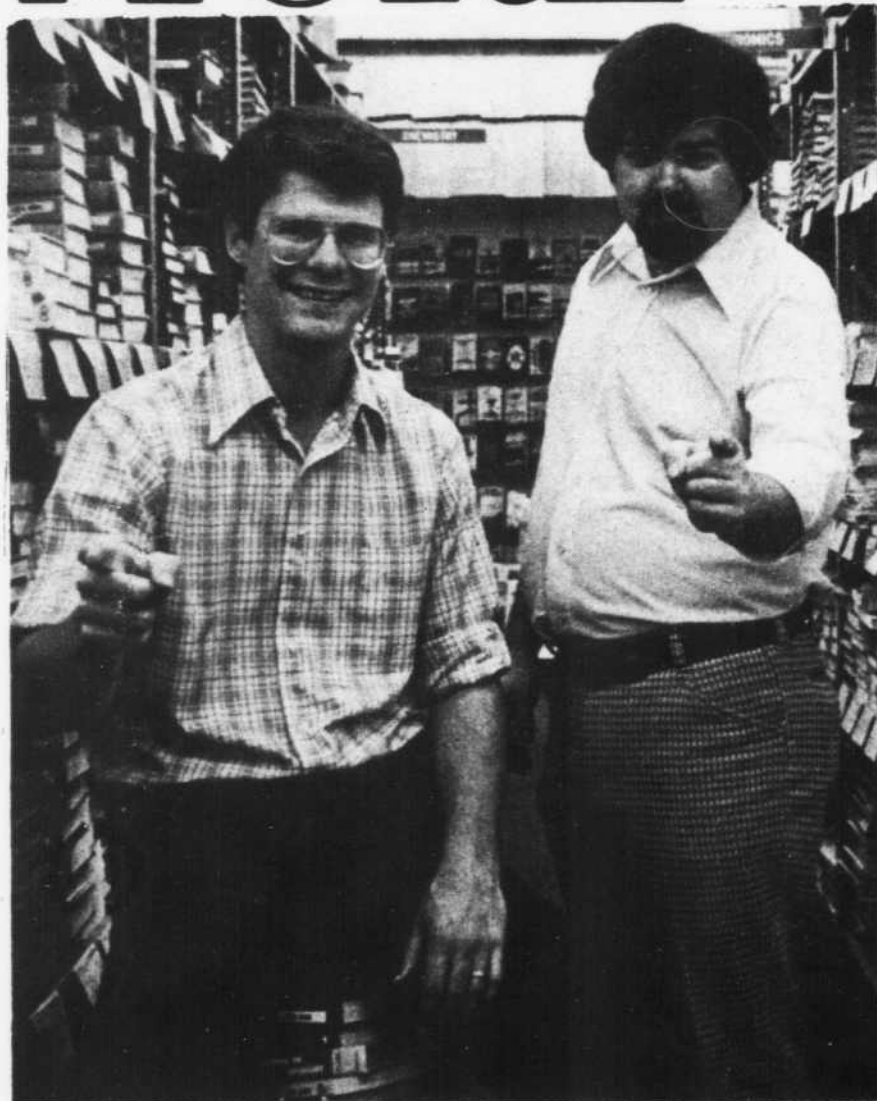
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Bookstore must be considered MAD."

The past history of book buying at Blue Raider Bookstore confirms a certain touch of lunacy in the behavior of the book buyers at the end of each semester. One semester each of the book buyers wore tuxedos and performed a floor show each hour on the hour. Other semesters they have given away candy, bubble gum, and popcorn. Rumors have run rampant as to what they will do next. Could it be Heaven Lee? In this reporter's opinion, these people have more money than sense.



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After years of tracking the elusive King Kong, investigators have followed their leads to Murfreesboro. In an exclusive interview with the detectives this reporter learned how the infamous Gorilla was traced to this area. "What made us suspicious was the fact

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