

Freshman applications up 7%

More Fall housing problems; M'boro is asked to help out

By STEVE SPANN
Sidelines Staff Writer

Housing for MTSU students will be a major problem again this fall as nearly 1200 students who applied to live on campus were turned down because of a lack of space.

Reservations for on-campus housing were filled in January, and it is likely that some students can anticipate temporary housing in the fall in area motels, Murfreesboro homes or with church groups.

Freshmen student applications for the fall semester number over 2000 for the second year in a row while there has been an increase in transfer student applications from 793 last year to 858 this year. According to Cliff Gillespie, Dean of Admissions and Records, these numbers reveal a 7 percent increase in freshmen applications and a 20 percent rise in transfer applications.

The housing shortage has always been a problem at MTSU, as only approximately 30 percent of the student body resides on campus. However, the problem is getting worse each year.

A campaign is currently underway to make the Murfreesboro community aware of the housing problem and to encourage residents to rent space to students. Director of Housing David Bragg and graduate assistant Eddie McGee recently talked about the problem on the WMOT-radio talk show program, "Wraparound." In addition a public service announcement is broadcast over the radio daily, and area resident Bebe Gracy III is scheduled to speak on "Wraparound" soon concerning the positive aspect of renting to students.

One of the points being stressed by the campaign is the fact that renting to students can be beneficial to area

homeowners, as students can help with household chores, provide an added feeling of security to some and provide additional income to the family in these troubled economic times.

Gillespie says, "We hope the community will realize what a tremendous asset this university is and help us out." The students can benefit tremendously by rooming in Murfreesboro because if they are unable to find housing, they will either have to go to another school or commute long distances everyday.

Eddie McGee, a graduate assistant in the MTSU Housing office said, "We've had a number of calls since more people became aware of our problem." The Housing office is attempting to get local homeowners and prospective student renters together. They are also trying to get individual students together with other students, as prospects for housing are not good for one student and together the two students may have a better chance to find housing. The office is also trying to separate homeowners and other organizations into groups of those who want to offer year-long housing, those offering only fall semester housing and those offering for a few weeks or days.

Dot Harrison, Director of Public Relations at MTSU, is attempting to solve some potential problems and worries about the program. She says some homeowners may be reluctant to rent to students, as they feel students may be rowdy. "If you let them do what they want, it is human nature to do it. But if you set limits, the students will respect them." As for parents who may be worried about first-semester students staying off-campus, she says, "Parents can appreciate knowing their sons and daughters will be staying with a family." Eddie McGee says, "What we're looking for in

some cases is surrogate families."

There are plenty of successful situations in Murfreesboro where homeowners have rented to students, as evidenced by such notable landlords as State Senator John Rucker, MTSU Associate Professor of Economics Frederick Kittrell, MTSU Associate Professor of Political Science Jack J. Turner and Mrs. Louise Byck of Lascassas highway who has rented to MTSU students since 1957.

At the beginning of the fall semester, there will be a three-week period in which those students in temporary housing will move into vacancies in campus dormitories created by those students who do not show up to claim their reservation. However, most MTSU students will have to continue to rely on off-campus housing in order to attend this university, because there are no plans in sight for new dormitories. That is unfortunate for the students, especially since according to Gillespie, "We could fill up another six or eight hundred other beds on campus." But with construction costs and interest rates both currently high, building new on-campus housing facilities would simply be too expensive.

Honors program seeks top student

By WARREN DENNEY
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Dr. Ron Messier, the new director of MTSU's Honors Program, says that the program may be elitist, but there is no way around it.

"The program is elitist by its very nature. I'm not saying that every student does not deserve the variety of curriculum that the honors student has, but that there are standards that must be met," said Messier.

For the expected 300 honors students who are to be enrolled this fall, the standards are to either finish in the top ten percent of their class or to have scored a 25 or better on their ACT tests. A student may also petition for honors placement through letters of recommendation.

"We do intend to get students that are above average, so you could term the idea as elitist. We hope to encourage the honors student to be more creative and we do this by offering a more diverse schedule," said Messier.

"Everyone may deserve the same kind of opportunity, but frankly it is just too expensive," he added. "We operate with a

lower student-teacher ratio, and the university could not afford to lower it for everyone else."



Ron Messier

"When people suggest that the Honors Program may be too expensive itself, my response is that it is worth it," said Messier.

Messier has just returned from a seven week tour of Europe as part of a cultural history program and is now in the process of orienting himself for fall honors registration.

Formerly a full-time history professor, Messier will now

carry only a half load of classes to complement his new duties as head of the Honors Program.

"I'm just trying to get my feet wet and get ready for the incoming students this fall," said Messier.

"I am planning a fall lecture series that is open for all, and honors students may receive credit for attending. One thing that I would like to see is some funding made available for the program to sponsor more guest lectures."

Among the lectures planned for the fall are two on the Women's Movement, the Persian Gulf crisis, the situation in Ireland and possibly something on solar energy. Messier would also like to invite someone familiar with the gnostic gospels and their impact on current religious thought.

Most of the lectures this fall will be given by MTSU faculty members, as done so in the past.

Messier believes that the program at MTSU is one of the strongest in the south.

"I think that (former director) Dr. McCash did an outstanding job in building this program into

a model for others. We have people come from other schools to see our program operate," said Messier.

The weaknesses of the program, according to Messier, fall under two categories...numbers of courses and funding.

"There seems to be a limited number of upper division courses, and for a student to graduate with honors he or she must have completed at least six hours of such courses under their major. Some departments just don't offer that many hours of upper division credit. We need to get more," said Messier.

"As for funding, it is adequate in that it meets day to day operational requirements, but it would be nice to receive some special funds for guest lecturers or for scholarships. I am troubled a bit about the school's balance of funding," he added.

Messier hopes to uphold the standards that have been set before him and is pleased to be in his new position.

"I have a big pair of shoes to fill, but I plan to do my best," said Messier.

Freed hostage will return home for M. S. treatment

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) Freed hostage Richard Queen will return to the United States Friday and undergo further treatment for multiple sclerosis before going to his parents' home in Camden, Maine, Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie said.

Muskie told a group of officials in Washington Tuesday he talked to Queen by telephone at the U.S. Air Force hospital here and "found him in excellent spirits, happy, of course, at his release."

He called Queen's release Friday by Ayatollah Ruhollah

Khomeini a "very unexpected and surprising development," and said he has "no doubt" that the remaining 52 American hostages in Iran eventually will be freed.

Informed sources said Queen would be flown to Andrews Air Force Base near Washington and would be treated at a hospital in the Washington area.

Dr. Jerome M. Korcak, the State Department physician in charge of Queen's case, told a news conference in Wiesbaden Tuesday that the 28-year-old vice consul developed

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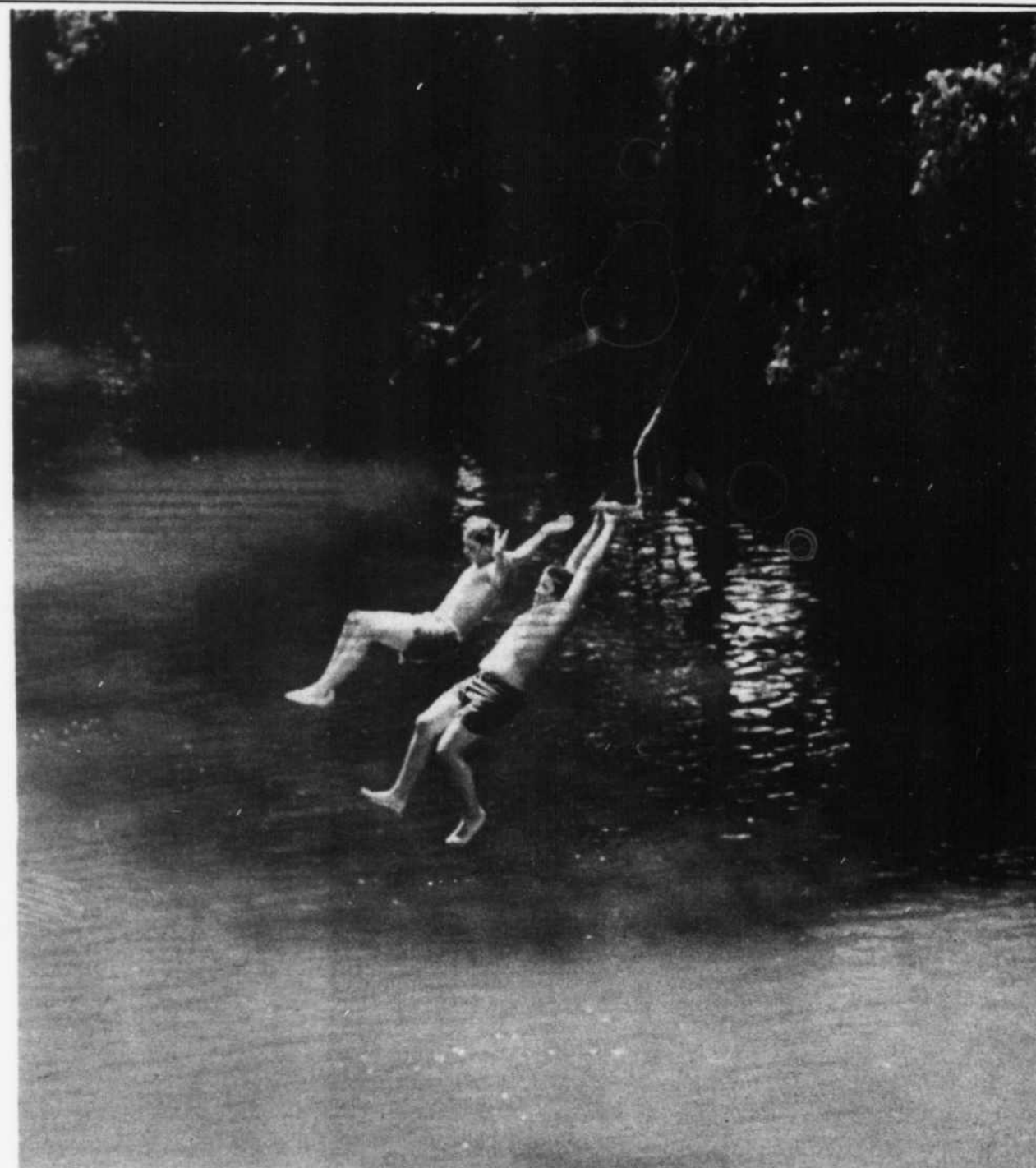


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Letting go!

Two youngsters are escaping the heat and having fun, in a pond near Murfreesboro. The heat continues to take its toll on the city, causing a water shortage and at least 15 cases of heat exhaustion.

University Police Department plans to move off campus

By JANE STROBEL
Sidelines Staff Writer

The University Police Department will soon begin its move to what is known as "the Black House" at 1417 East Main Street.

A need for more dormitory space at MTSU has prompted this change.

The section of Reynolds Hall which now houses the Police Dept. will undergo renovation to help fill this need.

Larry Nixon, Captain of the Univ. Police Dept., is looking forward to the move as is the rest of the force.

"It will be like our own department," said Nixon.

Euleda Snelling, a Securities Officer said, "We are glad to be moving, it will give us more space, more everything."

The Police Dept. will have three floors to work with in the house which will give them much more space and privacy. Nixon feels that this will help the morale of the Dept.; a change he would like to see.

The only problem associated with the move is that "it could hinder our relationship with the

students by being so far away from campus," Nixon said.

However this should not cause much concern because the Police vehicles will still be parked on campus, and the Police force is going to try to get out and mingle more with the students and faculty.

The move is expected to be complete by the beginning of the fall semester.



photo by Charlie Hunt

NEW HOME-This shady home on East Main Street will soon house the University Police Department.



UNCLE DAVE MACON DAY-Murfreesboro celebrated Uncle Dave Macon Day this past Saturday with a parade and a banjo picking contest. Uncle Dave was a Rutherford County native and original member of the Grand Ole Opry.

These people were gathered on the grounds of Central Middle School, awaiting their turn in the parade.

photos by Charlie Hunt



Republican outlook optimistic

DETROIT (AP) Tennessee Republicans have a good chance of picking up five seats and control of the state Senate in the Nov. 4 election, state GOP Chairman Tom Beasley said Wednesday.

Beasley listed for reporters five Democratic senators as the Republicans' top targets and said the race between Lt. Gov.

Hostage

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disturbing symptoms" of multiple sclerosis during his 250 days of captivity in Iran, including incessant vomiting, dizziness and a stiffness or numbness of his left arm.

He said the symptoms first appeared in December, a month after he was taken hostage in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

"It's well known that stress has a part to play in the clinical development of multiple sclerosis," Korcak said. "Whether the conditions in Tehran did that it would be impossible to prove or disprove."

But Korcak said he and Queen's other doctors "have every hope that he will be among that group of patients with mild and transient manifestations of the illness."

"He will resume his duties as a foreign service officer as soon as his health permits," he said. We have every hope, every expectation that he will return...to a normal life span and a productive life."

The Wiesbaden hospital's chief neurologist, Dr. Herminio Cuervo, said Queen's health has improved somewhat since Khomeini freed him. He said it is possible for multiple sclerosis victims to recover completely, but it is "impossible to tell now" whether this would happen to

John S. Wilder, a Somerville Democrat, and Republican Ray Bodiford of Selmer "is a real sleeper."

Bodiford is a former state representative.

As he has done all week, Beasley urged delegates to the Republican National Convention to work in Legislative campaigns.

"The Legislature makes its most significant change in presidential years," he said. He said Ronald Reagan's popularity in Tennessee should help Republican legislative candidates, but said contested legislative races would get voters to the polls.

"We've got the money. We've got the candidates. Now we have to get it together," Beasley told the delegation.

A legislative fund-raiser is scheduled June 25 in Nashville.

Among Democrats whom Beasley says can be beaten are Sen. Ernest Crouch of McMinnville, chairman of the

Senate Democratic Caucus; and Sen. Anna Belle Clement O'Brien of Crossville, sister of the late Gov. Frank Clement.

Republicans had 12 of the 33 seats in the 1980 Legislature and five more would give them a majority. There is one independent, Sen. William J. Davis of Covington, in the current Senate 8 and 20 Democrats.

The GOP is contesting 16 races in the Senate and 36 in the House, where Democrats outnumbered Republicans 60-38 in the last Legislature. There also is one independent in the House.

Crouch is opposed by Pedro Paz, a Warren County high school football coach, while Sen. O'Brien is opposed by Gene Scanlon, a Harriman oil distributor. Sen. O'Brien succeeded Republican Raymond Shadden of Crossville in the Senate from what Beasley said "is essentially a Republican district."

School system found guilty of sunshine law violation

McMINNVILLE, Tenn. (AP) A Chancery Court judge says the Warren County school system must give a dismissed principal a job because the school board violated the state's open meetings law.

Chancellor L.F. Stewart said the violation occurred when the county school board conducted two secret meetings last December and this January.

The board decided Jan. 2 to transfer Thomas Pedigo from principal at Northside School to assistant principal at Warren County Senior High School.

At an open meeting March 24, the board fired Pedigo.

Stewart said the board only gave 24 hours' notice when it scheduled the March meeting. "That was not adequate notice" and violated a provision of the open meetings law, he said Tuesday.

Pedigo had filed suit to retain his job.

In a four-day Chancery Court hearing earlier this month, teachers testified that Pedigo used profane language in their presence, showed a pornographic film on school equipment to a teacher and made sexually suggestive remarks to a faculty member.

Shooting trial of Klan members continues; jury selection resumes amid much publicity

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) Defense lawyers, concerned about the effect of news accounts, resumed Wednesday quizzing potential jurors for the trial of three Ku Klux Klansmen on charges they shot four black women.

The defense, on the second day of juror interviews, kept up the same line of questioning from Tuesday. The lawyers asked prospective jurors what news accounts they had heard or read and whether the news stories had caused the jurors to decide that the defendants are guilty.

The defense also asked whether the racial tensions the shootings created in Chattanooga would affect the jurors' ability to decide the case, and whether it would sway their

opinions if proof shows the three men to be Klan members. They received mixed responses.

The April 19 shootings aroused emotions among blacks in the city of 170,000, but there were no violent outbreaks. Police arrested the three men within an hour of the shootings, earning praise from city and black leaders.

By Wednesday afternoon, 11 tentative jurors had been obtained "all of them white" six men and five women. Two blacks were among those excused from service. Prosecutors and defense lawyers excused at least 13 persons through Wednesday by use of peremptory challenges, which the lawyers are not required to justify.

Criminal Court Judge Joe

DiRisio said none of the jurors is final until the entire 12-member panel is selected.

On trial are William Church, 23, who calls himself the imperial wizard of the Justice Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Marshall Thrash, 30, and Larry Payne, 26. Police say Thrash and Payne are members of Church's group.

The men each face five counts of assault with intent to commit murder which resulted in bodily injury. Each count carries a penalty of five years to life in prison.

Defense lawyers have asked DiRisio to move the trial from Hamilton County because of prejudicial publicity.

from the editor

The jingoistic spirit revisited

The seeming resurgence in American pride and spirit that has swept the country over the past few months has not been necessarily positive.

We are reacting to certain situations (the economy, the hostage crisis and the Soviet presence in Afghanistan) on a highly emotional level, and if we are not careful, these same emotions could do us in.

We are behaving like a child who has just had his nose blooded unexpectedly.

What do people usually do when they come under unwarranted attack? They react emotionally, defensively, violently and sometimes irrationally.

This is what we are doing now. Just look around.

From an emotional standpoint, we are demanding the return of our hostages without looking seriously into the problems that we have caused in the past in Iran. Are the atrocious incidents that Iranians claim took place under the Shah's regime to be believed? It is our responsibility to investigate.

Yet, we have allowed our emotions to cloud the picture. Our feelings have manifested themselves in a rigid national defensive stance. We no longer trust any foreign entanglements, when it may be our place to share the responsibility of past failures.

Many speak out in favor of solving our problems with force.

How many times have you heard that a "good war" would straighten out our economy?

These are certainly not rational reactions.

Actually, our resurgence of spirit may be a little ill-founded. We might even compare ourselves to a redneck in a bar who gets bumped and reacts with a house clearing brawl.

Indeed our "new pride" has spawned a number of less than desirable occurrences.

You can't ride down the road without hearing an overgrown cowboy's cry for the Soviet Union to go to hell...real thoughtful lyrics that were in no way designed to play on our emotions.

Sayings like "nuke 'em until they glow" float around campus the way "make love, not war" used to.

When one stands back and looks at the phenomenon objectively, it can be frightening.

The combination of economic factors along with fragile relations abroad has brought on a national anxiety that has given birth to a new conservatism.

Who would have guessed that a presidential platform with such archaic characteristics as the one proposed by this year's Republican party could have ever been considered?

But, the anxiety does not stop here. It has recreated an old and ugly type of patriotism...that of the narrow-minded variety.

Witness the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan. Their newfound popularity is a direct result of irrational reactions to our current state of affairs.

They speak of loving God and our country while denouncing the constitutional rights of some of their own fellow citizens.

They are twisted, mutant thinkers, and though they represent extreme American reaction, much of their philosophy is compatible with the new consciousness.

We have a responsibility to our future generations to act reasonably and rationally.

The importance of doing so takes on even greater proportions in the light of the decisions that this country will soon be making.

under the rim

by Charlie Hunt

Hygiene hits Madison Avenue

Our concern with personal hygiene is reaching ridiculous proportions. If we are to believe the media barrage forced on us every day, we might learn to loathe ourselves.

According to a few widely seen commercials, well dressed women now meet in elegant restaurants or beside scenic waterfountains to discuss feminine hygiene protection, much as they would a new recipe or a choice bit of gossip.

Throwing convention to the wind, one woman proudly reveals her brand new, flowered box of the latest scientifically tested, government approved, Good Housekeeping sealed and sanitary example of the state of the art in feminine protection.

The other looks on, flabbergasted by this startling revelation.

And just around the corner, another young lass has just been informed of a marvelous new product that will keep her private parts "as fresh as baby's breath."

American manufacturing companies must think that the average fool on the street smells as rank as month old milk.

These "protectors of the common good" feel the unwary consumer must be informed of his pathetic predicament before he is ostracized by society.

We are assailed by advertisements for sprays, powders, liquids and creams for all those deep, dark and nasty areas of our bodies that, God forbid, stink!

Every odor that a human being could possibly emit is being methodically stamped out by overzealous manufacturers.

What more could we possibly need?

Imagine sitting down in front of your video one night and seeing this:

"Is your rectum right with the world? Try new Bottom Bouquet and keep that spring time freshness between your buns."

Feel a little nauseous? It could happen. If corporate America decides there is a market for anal deodorant, you better believe that we will have it!

And, we will buy it, too. What conscientious American could stand the stigma of not having spring time in his buns?

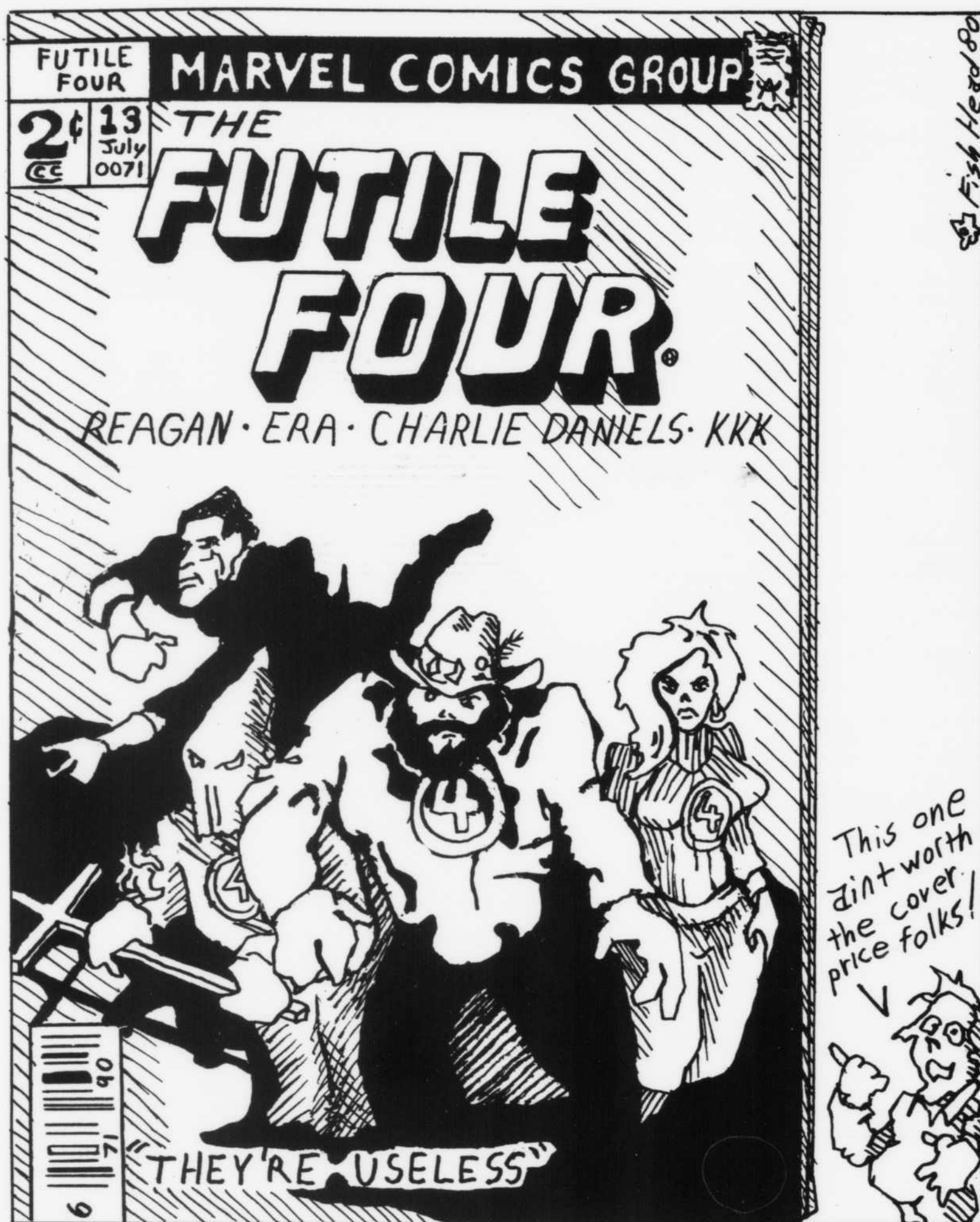
Once they have freshened our seats, the next logical step will have to be toward a masculine hygiene spray. Just think of the commercial potential. I can see it now...two Pittsburgh Steelers standing in the locker room, casually discussing, not jock itch, but scrotum odor.

The sky is the limit! They won't stop until they have sprayed and dusted every orifice and hidden recess on our bodies.

So, don't be too surprised when a little old lady in a crowded elevator taps you on the shoulder and says, "Have you smelled your navel lately?"

Perspective

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Nixon defends Reagan's past

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon has come to the defense of Ronald Reagan's foreign policy credentials, saying the Republican presidential nominee-to-be dealt skillfully with several foreign leaders during trips abroad.

Nixon's comments about Reagan were contained in a letter to the editor of The New York Times, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

The letter referred to a July 6 Times story which said that independent presidential candidate John Anderson was making a foreign trip in part to portray himself "as a well-traveled citizen of the world, compared to Mr. Reagan."

The Times story said Reagan, a former California governor

who is to be nominated tonight as the Republican Party's presidential candidate, "made one trip to Australia as a representative of President Nixon, but foreign policy and familiarity with world leaders are not regarded as among his strong points."

Nixon said he had checked the record and found that Reagan made four official trips at Nixon's request between 1969 and 1973. Nixon said those trips took Reagan to Great Britain, France, Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Thailand, South Vietnam, Spain, Belgium, Denmark, Ireland and Italy, as well as Australia.

Nixon said Reagan met with chiefs of state and heads of

government in virtually all those countries.

"Based on reports I received from our embassies abroad and my discussions with him after each trip, I can attest to the fact that he was well-received and conducted his meetings with major foreign leaders with intelligence, skill, and judgment," Nixon wrote.

Nixon's letter was hand delivered Monday to the letters-to-the-editor section of the Times by his staff in New York, where he has lived since late February. A source close to the former president, asking anonymity, made a copy available to the AP on Tuesday.

The source said it was the first time the former president had ever sent a letter to the editor.

"He saw the article, thought it ought to be corrected and had his staff research the question," the source said. "Mr. Nixon felt it vitally important there be accurate and fair reporting of the records and views of the candidates, especially in the vital area of foreign affairs during this election year."

David Jones, national editor of the Times, said Tuesday the newspaper would decide today whether to publish the letter from Nixon or instead print a correction. "Mr. Nixon didn't ask us to print his letter. I know that the Times will want to correct the inaccurate impression conveyed by its news story. We checked the facts. He is right; we were wrong, and we're printing a correction which is what he quite properly requested."

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David Bibee to join MTSU on Donnelly's coaching staff

Middle Tennessee head football coach Boots Donnelly has completed his coaching staff for the 1980 season with the announcement that David Bibee will join the staff as defensive secondary coach.

Bibee, 26, comes to MTSU from the University of North Alabama where he was defensive secondary coach since the spring of 1979.

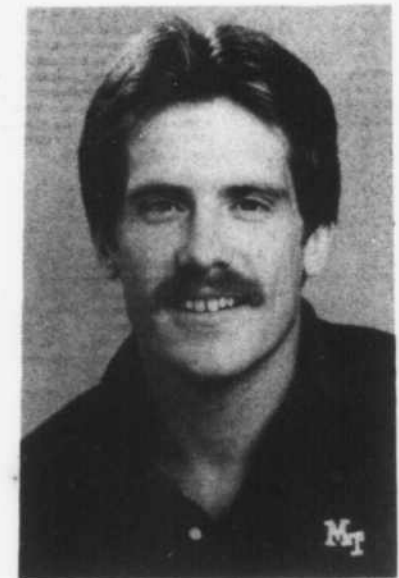
The Bristol, Tennessee native began his coaching experience at Tennessee High School in his hometown in 1977. From there he moved on to work on the staff of Steve Sloan at Mississippi in 1978 and then on to North Alabama in 1979.

"We're delighted to have David join our staff," said Donnelly. "He will fit in well with our current staff members."

"It was important for me to get someone compatible with our present staff, someone who

is comfortable with us and with whom we are comfortable," said Donnelly.

Bibee replaces Duke Shackelford, who resigned following the 1979 season to go



David Bibee

into the business world.

Bibee was a four sport letterman at Tennessee High School, playing football, baseball, basketball and running track.

He was an all-state quarterback in his junior and senior years as THS won the TSSAA Class AAA state championship both in 1971 and 1972. Their combined record while Bibee was there was 35-1, the lone loss coming to Murfreesboro Central in the 1970 playoffs.

Upon graduation, Bibee signed a scholarship with Tennessee and played under Bill Battle.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of joining a program that is building," said Bibee, whose duties will also include recruiting.

"I've been impressed with Coach Donnelly and with the high calibre of football played in the Ohio Valley Conference."

New IOC president elected

MOSCOW (AP) Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain was elected president Wednesday of the International Olympic Committee (IOC.) He will succeed Lord Killanin of Ireland when the flame goes out at the end of the Moscow Games and will serve for eight years.

Samaranch, who will be 60 Thursday, won a clear majority on the first ballot of the IOC election. It was believed 75 of the IOC's 85 members were present.

There were four other candidates-James Worrall of Canada, Willi Daume of West Germany, Marc Hodler of Switzerland and Lance Cross of New Zealand.

According to IOC traditions, the voting was secret and no figures were released.

Killanin, who took over from the late Avery Brundage in 1972, appeared at the head of a staircase in Moscow's palatial House of Unions, flanked by members of his executive board, and announced the results of the election to waiting reporters.

Samaranch, an industrialist and former president of the Barcelona City Parliament, has been Spanish ambassador in Moscow since 1977.

He was elected to the IOC in 1966 and almost immediately began playing an important role in the running of the Olympic

movement.

Since 1968, with one short interval, he has been the IOC's chief of protocol, arranging meetings and ceremonies.

He had terms as vice president

and member of the executive board and since 1974 has presided over the IOC Press Commission which advises on press coverage of the Olympic Games.

New athletic director at Tech; Wade full-time football coach

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Tennessee Tech announced Wednesday it had selected David Coffey of Central Michigan University as athletic director.

Coffey, assistant athletic director and business manager at Central Michigan, succeeds Don Wade, who gave up the position to return to full-time coaching of the school's football team.

This fall, Wade starts his 13th football season with the Ohio Valley Conference school.

Coffey, who has been at Central Michigan for seven years, was among 60 persons considered for the athletic director's job. Five of those years Coffey worked with Roy

Kramer, who was athletic director and football coach at Central Michigan before becoming athletic director at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Prior to going to Central Michigan, Coffey spent three years on the athletic staff of Ohio State University and two years as ticket manager for the Cincinnati Reds baseball team.

Speaking of the Tech athletic program, Coffey said, "I see similarities between Tennessee Tech and the Ohio Valley Conference and in what I've been involved with in the Mid-American Conference at Central Michigan. The types of programs and the level of competition are much alike."

Ovett sets record-temporarily

OSLO, Norway (AP) Britain's Steve Ovett has equalled the world record for 1,500 meters...but he will not hold it any longer than May 1, 1981.

And he could have owned the mark by himself were it not for a brief wave to the crowd.

Nine and one-half months from now, under new rules of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the world governing body for track and field, records in races of all distances will be carried out to hundredths of seconds. At present, the rule applies only to races 400 meters or less. But when the new rule is instituted, it will be retroactive.

Therefore, Ovett's current official time of 3 minutes, 32.1 seconds, recorded Tuesday night

at Bislett Stadium, "the world record track," will revert to 3:32.09 * and Sebastian Coe, his countryman and arch-rival, will be the record holder with a time of 3:32.03 registered at Zurich, Switzerland on Aug. 15, 1979.

Coe's time currently also is listed as 3:32.1.

Ovett's record-tying performance adds even more intrigue to the upcoming Olympic Games in Moscow, where he and Coe are scheduled to meet in the 1,500 for the first time. The race is expected to be the high point of the track and field competition * and possibly of the Games.

The two never have liked each other, and Ovett has been grimly determined to wipe Coe's name from the record book. He did it July 1 at Bislett, breaking

Coe's world mile mark of 3:49.0 with a clocking of 3:48.8.

And he almost did it again Tuesday night.

Only the wave to the crowd, with about 40-50 meters remaining * when he had the race won * cost him sole possession of the mark.

West Germany's Dr. Thomas Wessinghage, the second-place finisher in 3:33.16, was more cooperative.

He said he thought Ovett muffed his chance to own the record alone by waiting too long to make his move. That move came without about 200 meters left, shortly after Ovett had swept past Steve Scott of the United States and into the lead.

The usually fit and talkative Scott said only, "I'm disappointed," then refused to say anything else.

Ovett, 24, is the 11th runner in history to hold the 1,500 and mile records simultaneously. He is the sixth to set or equal the marks in the same year.

Neither Scott nor Wessinghage nor John Walker of New Zealand, the 1976 Olympic champion and the third-place finisher Tuesday night in 3:33.31, will be at the Olympics.

American members of IOC discuss Olympic boycott

MOSCOW (AP) Douglas Roby, a retired Detroit industrialist, and Julian Roosevelt, a New York investment banker with a proud family name, are America's only official links to the boycotted Moscow Olympic Games.

They are the U.S. members of the pontifical International Olympic Committee, a self-perpetuating body of princes and potentates, sheiks and industrial tycoons. As such, they must balance water precariously on both shoulders.

Theirs must be a double-pronged allegiance * loyalty to their country and fealty to an organization dedicated to the preservation of world peace through sports.

For both, the choice has been agonizing.

"When President Carter announced the decision to boycott the 1980 Games, my first impulse was that it was a hasty, impulsive action using our athletes for a political tool," said Roby, a chipper 82-year-old, whose membership in the IOC dates back to 1952.

"Then, when it became evident that our national security and patriotism were

involved, I had to weigh my country's concerns against my love for the spirit of the Olympic movement.

"I had to go with my country. To do otherwise would be like slapping your mother."

Roby abstained when the IOC voted almost unanimously not to move the Games from Moscow as Carter demanded because of the Soviet Union's military involvement in Afghanistan.

Roosevelt, 56, a gold medalist in yachting in 1948 and an IOC member since 1974, resolutely opposed the boycott on the grounds that it used Olympic sport as a political weapon.

"Which I find," he added in a formal policy statement circulated among IOC members Tuesday, "unconscionable and totally morally unacceptable."

"The USSR-Afghan situation stems solely from political and military decisions and policy of which I thoroughly disapprove. It does not stem from USSR Olympic sport policies."

Expressing disapproval of the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan, Roosevelt said he personally boycotted all political situations and associations.

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