# New ASB officials inaugurated at banquet

by Karen Zimmermann

As his last official act the outgoing ASB president, Mike McDonald challenged Kent Syler, the new president, to keep the ASB the vehicle to make student life better.

Before turning over the "heavy key" to the office at Wednesday night's ASB Inauguration and Awards Banquet, McDonald said, "As I leave tonight, I would like to share some advice with the new president."

McDonald said that it is important to put students first in the decision-making process; important to remind officials not to sacrifice, but to compromise when they are at odds, and that he hoped the incoming president would have "the patience to act, not react, on the basis of fact and not emotion."

"Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to grow," he concluded

before the actual swearing in of the new president.

In addition to the swearing in of the new president, Randy James was inaugurated following farewell comments from outgoing speaker of the house, Mark Floyd, and Mark Eaton was inaugurated following comments from outgoing speaker of the senate, Kent Syler.

A myriad of awards were also presented at the banquet in recognition of outstanding leadership and contributions to the ASB and to MTSU.

•Dean Judy Smith and Diane McCord presented awards to the varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders.

\*General Sessions Court officials were recognized for their contributions by Dean Judy Smith.

 Students were recognized for membership in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities. •Eleven students were recognized as outstanding seniors.

•The Scarlett-Stegall Awards, "in recognition of achievement, committment and outstanding contributions to the ASB," were presented to Janet Clark, member of the House; Mack Kelly, ASB public defender; Mark Anthony, vice president of the inter-fraternity council; and Martha Hammond, freshman senator.

Sam Ingram, president of MTSU, opened the evening's ceremonies saying, "I am tremendously impressed with the students and student groups I have come in contact with since I have come back to MTSU...I am impressed with how responsible the students appear to be."

Highlights of the 1978-79 school year activities were recapped by a slide show photographed by Pat Casey Daley and coordinated by the

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#### Judge McFarlin names April 18 McDonald Day

County Executive Ben Hall McFarlin proclaimed April 18, 1979 to be Mike McDonald Day at Wednesday night's ASB Inaugural and Awards Banquet.

McDonald, outgoing ASB president received a standing ovation as he accepted the plaque from McFarlin.

McFarlin cited McDonald's contributions and achievements within the campus and community in the presentation of the award and the naming of the day. They included:

First black MTSU ASB president.

 First ASB president to have a major referendum pass under his administration.

•Establishment of the comprehensive legal aid program on campus.

 Formation of the Student United Nations.

•A member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Univer-

•An Outstanding Senior at

•Member of the MTSU Track

and Field team.

•Recepient of the Mr. MTSU award.

**Briefly** 

The University-Community

Orchestra, under the direction

of Dr. T. Earl Hinton, will

present its spring concert at 3:30

p.m. April 22 in the Dramatic

Nancy H. Barry and Micheal

Mann, MTSU seniors, will be

featured in the annual student

Barry will perform the Mozart

'Clarinet Concerto in A major,

K. 622." Mann will play the

"Concertino for xylophone and

Orchestra" by Toshiro

perform "Overture and Allegro"

from La Sultane Suite by

Francois Couperin and

"Symphony No. 8 in D minor,"

The concert is free and open

Criminal Justice Career Day is set for Tuesday, April 24, according to Donna Scott, one of

Representatives from the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms; Tennessee Highway

Patrol; and the Civil Defense are

expected to take part in the day-

long activities. Presentations

will start at 8:30 a.m. and will

continue to 11:30 a.m. in the UC

Starting at 12:30 p.m.,

displays will be set up by the

three participating agencies on

the lawn in front of the UC and

will be open to interested in-

dividuals throughout the af-

by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The orchestra will also

Arts Auditorium.

soloist concert.

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to the public.

the event coordinators.

Theatre, Scott said.

ternoon.



Tennessee Democrat Bob Clement with Kent Syler at Wednesday's ASB banquet.

photo by Robin Rudd



University artists yesterday demonstrated the craft of pot-throwing in the UC basement.

#### photo by Gary Lor

# Expo planned for Sept. by new ASB president

by Karen Zimmermann

Plans for a "Community-Campus Expo '79" were announced by Kent Syler, ASB president Wednesday at his inauguration.

The Expo is planned for September, Syler said, and would provide an opportunity for local and national companies to set up booths and tell the students about job opportunities.

Syler called for a sense of unity in his inauguration speech after receiving the key to his new office from outgoing president, Mike McDonald, and being sworn in.

"Let us all unite and devote ourselves so that MTSU can reach its potential," the new president said.

Syler challenged those in attendance to re-dedicate themselves and to overcome petty bickering and gripes so that a "new spirit of unity" could be achieved.

To achieve the unity, Syler said that "we have to work together as an institution."

"Each of us is here for one reason, the betterment of MTSU," Syler said, and added "we need to

be contributers."

There was some reaction among those in attendance at Syler's next statement: "We cannot sit on the side lines and watch the world go by." Scattered laughter and some applause marked the obvious play on words in view of what some ASB members consider the recently "negative" news coverage the student government has been receiving from the student press.

The new president mentioned that he is in an enviable position since the passage of the dollar referendum has more than tripled the ASB budget.

Calling his 1979-80 programs bold in scope, Syler outlined four areas in addition to the Expo that he will be working on next year:

 Weekend activities to help change the trend of MTSU being a "suitcase-college."

• Residence hall programming.

•Campus intramural sports.
•Student information programs
to inform the students about

existing programs such as financial aid and the guidance and counseling center.

A reception for Kent Syler

followed the banquet at the Colony House Apartments in Mur-freesboro.

# Two day spring art exhibit to feature art, magic, music

by Lisa Human

A spring art sale and exhibition will be held in front of the art barn this Saturday and Sunday while a variety of performers entertain the crowd with songs and magic tricks.

Art booths containing MTSU student art work such as weaving, ceramics, paintings, lithographs, sculptures and jewelry will be set up outside. All items will be on sale.

At noon Saturday the MTSU performing arts workshop and gymnastics will give a show on the lawn, which will be followed by Ed Gilgenbash and the Oshkosh Band. At 2 p.m. a performance from Susan Chrietzberg's Children's Sidewalk Mime will take place.

Hot air balloons will be launched by MTSU students from 2:30-3:30 p.m. At 2:45 p.m. John Paris and Players will supply music for the crowd, followed by Beth Parks, a female vocalist and guitarist at 3:15 p.m. "Canyon" another musical group will play at 4:30 p.m.Ollie Fancher, an MTSU art instructor will perform magic tricks on the lawn at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday the MTSU performing arts workshop will perform again at noon, MTSU Jazz Ensemble will play at 1 p.m., the Children's Mime will take place at 2 p.m. and Paris on the classical guitar will play at 3 p.m.

Parks will perform again at 3:30 p.m. Ed Gilgenbash and Oshkosh band will perform again at 4 p.m., at which time the balloon launch will also take place.

#### For the first time ever

#### National horseshow finals will be held here

by Jackie Gearhart

With the National Intercollegiate Horseshow finals coming up May 5 and 6, several MTSU students are spending their time preparing for Sunday's regionals hoping that they will qualify for the nationals, which will be held here for the first time since the competitions began twelve years ago.

The Intercollegiate Horseman's Association was started by Robert Cacchione at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey so that anyone who wants to enter a show may compete whether they have their own horse or not. The horses

are supplied by the university and are donated also by individuals.

After MTSU's final show tom-

After MTSU's final show tommorrow, more people will qualify for the regionals, where they will compete against the University of Kentucky, Miami of Ohio, the University of Tennessee, Hiawassee, Kenyon College, Southern Illinois, Western Kentucky, Morehead and Salem College.

Ribbons will be given in six categories including beginning walk-trot, beginning walk trot canter, novice over fences, novice on the flat, open and alumni. Judgingis on the riders only and

includes seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse.

MTSU's Horseman's Association

MTSU's Horseman's Association has contributed to the national association, according to president Linda Wood, by introducing the stock seat to the competition. "It's bringing noteriety to MTSU," she said.

"Everybody in the club has really been working hard...training the horses and painting the barn. They've been working from early in the morning until about eleven at night," said junior Marie Vaughn, who will be entering the competition in the advance class for western and

hump seat riding.

Vaughn has been involved with horses for 14 years and has been competing for eight years. "I love competition and I love to show horses," said Vaughn. To prepare for the show she has been riding about four or five times a week and practicing her positions.

Junior Danita Talley, who has been interested in horses for six years and competing for five years, will be competing in advance walktrot-canter in the regionals.

"I like the competition and competing with somebody who's at my level," said Talley. Talley said she rides about twice a week in all to prepare for the show. She says video tapes come in handy in showing the riders what they are doing wrong. "I get one of my friends to help me also," said Talley.

"I think it's really great that a college team can get together and compete against other schools," said Talley. In this competition, she said, "you don't have to have your own horse. All you have to bring is yourself."

All shows, including tommorrow's and the regionals and nationals, will be free and open to the public. They will take place at the Horse Pavillion.

All events are free and open.



# **News Digest**

#### Use of pot rises among teens

WASHINGTON (AP) The government on Wednesday reported a significant increase in marijuana use among teen-agers, particularly boys, but said there has been little new research in the past year involving the illicit drug.

The latest report, prepared for Califano last summer but not released until Wednesday, said a national survey showed that 16.1 percent of young people between 12 and 17 "currently used" marijuana in 1977, up from 12.4 percent the previous year. Current use was described as having smoked the drug within the previous 30 days.

The report was issued a day after voters in Berkeley, Calif., passed a measure to prohibit spending city money to enforce state and federal laws against marijuana smoking.

#### Tennessee dumps under scrutiny

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Already in the top 10 states producing hazardous chemicals, Tennessee is under special scrutiny in a nationwide search for dangerous dumps. But no one knows how many there may be or whether anything can be done if one is found.

Between them, the state Department of Public Health and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have identified 18 potentially hazardous waste sites in Tennessee. No one in authority has knows how dangerous they are, if at all, or who would pay for clean

According to the EPA, a single clean up costs an average \$25.9 million. But officials said Thursday that if the persons or firm responsible can't pay or are gone there is no state or federal money for such an operation. Many such dumps are abandoned.

#### Calendar

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April 23rd., 24th., 25th., 26th.,

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#### FRIDAY:

OVC Women's Tennis Tournament: all day, Tennis Courts

Softball Tournament: Recreation; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., High Rise

Open House: Industrial Arts Dept.; 10

a.m.-2 p.m., IA 123 Tennessee Archivists: Dept. of History; 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., JUB Tennessee

Room Luncheon: Society of Financial and Accounting Managers: noon-l p.m.,

JUB dining Room B Typewriting Awards: Pi Omega Pi;

12:30-2 p.m., UC Theatre Jr. Recital: David Coleman; 8 p.m., UC

Dance: Kool Club; 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Murphy Center Dance Studio A

Main Stage Production: The Curious Savage; 8 p.m., DA Auditorium SATURDAY

OVC Women's Tennis Tournament: all day, Tennis Courts

Intercollegiate Horse Show: MTSU Horseman's Assoc.; 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Horse Pavillon

Tournament: Karate Club; 8 a.m.-8 p.m., AM Gym

Brunch and Fashion Show: Dames Club; ll a.m., JUB Tennessee Room Middle Tenn. Mule Festival: Alpha

Gamma Rho; ll a.m.-ll p.m.,

Rutherford County Agriculture Center

Picnie: Kool Club; 2-6 p.m., Picnie Area Main Stage Production: The Curious Savage; 8 p.m., DA Auditorium

SUNDAY: Meeting: Tenn. Jaycees; 12:30-4 p.m., UC 311 and 312

Baseball: MTSU vs Murray 1 p.m. Picnic: Wrestling Team and Cheerleaders; 1-6 p.m., Picnic Area

Volleyball Match: Gymnastic Club vs Biology Club; 2 p.m., Murphy Center Aux. Gym 2

Orchestra Concert: Music Dept.; 3:30 p.m., DA Auditorium Senior Recital: Karen Blooding; 8 p.m.,

IUB Tennessee Room Brotherhood Day Church Services: Omega Psi Phi; ll a.m., First Baptist

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#### MONDAY

Recruiting: Navy; 8 a.m.j5 p.m., UC basement

Foster Parent Wordshop: Continuing Education; 10 a.m-noon, UC 313 Track Meet: Campus Recreation; 4:30-10

p.m., Jones Field Track Talent Show: Plant and Soil Science Club; 6-10 p.m., DA Auditorium

Black Progressive Theatre Group: Omega Psi Phi; 7:30 p.m., LRC 221

#### MTSU students honored with academic awards

More than 100 MTSU students were honored for their outstanding scholarship achievements at the annual Academic Awards Banquet Monday night.

The awards ranged from a hard rock pick given to the outstanding student in earth science, to checks, scholarships, certificates, plaques. One thing that they did have in common though, was the recognition for the proven academic ability of the recepients. Some of the grade-point-averages hit 4.0, and it was indeed a "proud day," for many.

The keynote address was given by George Keem of the education department who challenged the honor students to keep on "dreaming the impossible dream."

Following the awards presentation, all of the graduating seniors with grade point averages of 3.75 to 4.0 were recognized.

The awards, in order of presentation, are listed below:

Accounting and Information Systems: the Faculty Award was presented to Patrick Bartkus; the MTSU Foundation Award to Holly Freeman; the National Association of Accountants Award to William Gregory Nelson; the Foundation Achievement Awards to Diana Carriger and Betty Price; and the Joe Dearman Memorial Awards to Teresa Ann Maxwell and Betty Price.

Aerospace: the Donelson Rotary Club Aviation Scholarships were presented to Randy Allen Jones, Charles Wayne Watson, and David Wiseman.

Agriculture: the B.B. Gracy, Jr. Award was presented to Laura Jean Watts; the Sam Paschal Award presented to Jane Stanfield.

Alpha Kappa Psi Scholarship Award was presented to Lisa Slayden Charlton as the senior student in the School of Commerce who has the highest average for two years of

Biology: the Charles Holland Scholarship Award was presented to Timothy Michael Gooden; the Outstanding Biology Freshman Award to Donna Gail Otwell; the Outstanding Biology Senior Award to Kathy J. Womack.

Business Education, Distributive Education and Office Management: the Commerce Union Bank Award was presented to Rebecca Ann McCord as 

outstanding student in office management; the Murfreesboro Federal Savings and Loan Association Award to Debra Lynn Smotherman; and the State Farm Insurance Company Award to Cherl Lynn Weber.

Chemistry and Physics: the Faculty Achievement Award was presented to Esther Dianne Manning; the Faculty Award in Physics to James Robert Pearson, Jr.; and the Chemical Rubber Company Award to Hardie Vaughn Sorrels III.

Economics and Finance: the Economics and Finance Faculty Scholarship Award was presented to Sondra Smotherman; the

Stokely Scholarship Award to Patricia Pacaud Bell; and the Wall Street Journal Award to James Edward Archie

Elementary and Special Education: The Miss Mary Hall Scholarship Award was presented to Cheryl Bond Nabi; the Tennessee Jaycettes Scholarship Award to Rebecca Yearwood; and the Elementary Education and Home Economics Award to Marcia Garner Woodard

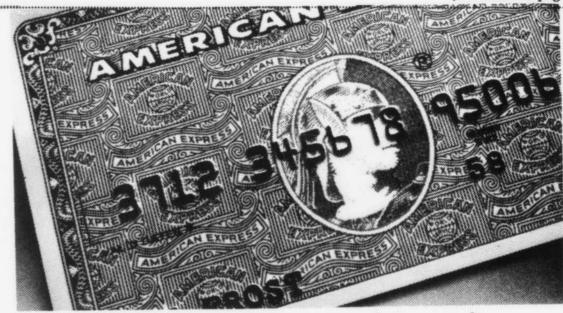
English: the Richard C. Peck Memorial Fund Academic Award was presented to Annette Ragland as the graduating English major with the highest grade point average.

Gamma Beta Phi Society Award was presented to Mary Barone Martin for the highest grade point average as a graduating member of Gamma Beta Phi.

Geography and Earth Science: the Geography Award was presented to Patricia Cooper; and the Earth Science Award to Edgar Allen Lee III.

HPERS: the HPERS Academic Award for women went to Alisa Reeves and the award for men to Stephen Joe Shepard; the Leona Drake Scholarship to Carol Elaine Trantham; and the Tommie Reynolds Scholarship to Susan Kathleen Cook.

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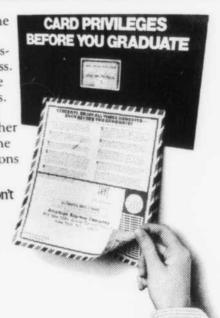


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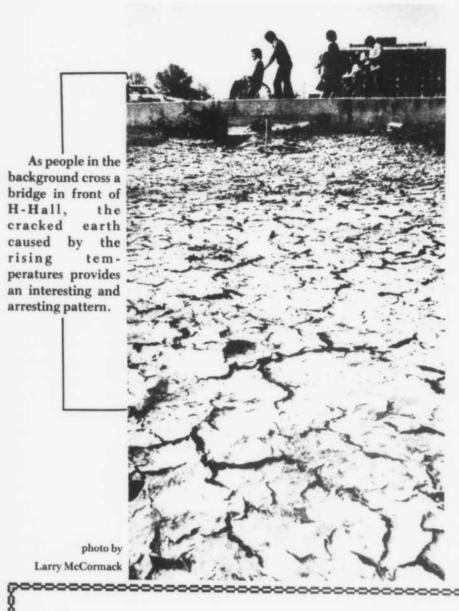
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#### Block and Bridle Club hosts 10th annual show

by Angie Galloway

The 10th annual Block and Bridle Club Spring Classic Walking horse show will be held tonight at the Rutherford County Agriculture Center at 6 p.m. according to Kelly Rice, chairman of the show.

Rice said it is one of the largest spring shows in middle Tennessee. Last year, over 350 horses competed and 1200 spectators attended, she added. "Hopefully this year, there will be as many as there were last year. Trainers do not preregister their horses before the competition," Rice said.

Eighteen walking horse classes will be judged by Willie "Flip" Cook from Duluth, Ga. First

Applications for Sidelines staff

positions for Fall semester, 1979,

are available in the publication

office, room 310 of the James Union

Building. Deadline for applications

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is next Friday, April 27.

through sixth places will be given in each class.

Prizes will be \$75, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$25 and a ribbon in all of the events except the spring classic championship class. First prize receives \$300. It is one of the largest amounts given in a one night horse show, Rice said.

Other classes include: yearling class under halter; groups of 3, 4, and 5 year olds; juvenile; amateur; and ladies and gentlemens classes.

Rice said trainers will come from Georgia, Kentucky, east and west Tennessee and the Carolinas to compete in the show.

Pat McAfee will be master of ceremonies.



photo by Larry McCormac

Work crews began resurfacing a section of the roof of the James Union Building this week with the task expected to be completed within the next

#### Graduation draws nigh, rehearsals set

Rehearsal for May graduates will begin at 8:50 a.m. Friday, May 11, in the Murphy Athletic Center. Candidates should use the Center's south entrance to the ground floor where a "line of march" will be posted and they will be lined up alphabetically by schools.

The graduation processional will start at 10:50 a.m. Friday, May 11. All class members are urged to be in Murphy Center in their respective rooms no later than 10:30 that morning.

Beginning Tuesday, May 1, graduation regalia will be available at the University Bookstore.

All requirements for graduation, including incomplete grades and transfer work from other colleges, must be met by 11 a.m. May 11. Parking tickets or other outstanding debts should be cleared

with the Business Office by 4 p.m. April 26.

President and Mrs. Ingram are inviting each candidate and four of their family or guests to a post-graduation luncheon in the Tennessee Room of the JUB between 12:30 and 2 p.m. Candidates should report the number of guests coming to the luncheon when they pick up their caps and gowns.

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# Movies, cartoons to be screened in upcoming Spring Film Festival

"The Great Dictator" and "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch" will be shown free of charge to students, along with free cartoons, during the 1979 Spring Film Festival April 24—25.

Free cartoons will be shown both days in the UC theatre beginning at noon.

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"The Great Dictator," Charles Chaplin's satiric view of Adolph Hitler, will be shown April 24 at 7 p.m. only. This film proved to be one of Chaplin's most popular features. It was his first all dialogue film and marked the final apperanace of his famed tramp character. In it, Chaplin plays a dual role as Adenoid Hynkle and a Jewish barber.

"One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch," taken from Alexander Solzhenitsyn's book, outlines one day in the life of a Siberian labor camp prisoner during the Stalin regime. It will be shown April 25 at 7 p.m. in the UC theatre. These films were made possible by the Student Programming films committee.

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#### **Newsroom Comment**

# **Dedication well-deservant** of thanks and back-patting

"I think that if Sidelines' purpose is not to enhance this university, we should end it tomorrow."

It wasn't the first time an administrator, upset because a news story had shed what might be construed as an unfavorable light on MTSU, had made the comment. And, of course it won't be the last.

Despite the many misconceptions, though, certainly our role in addition to training students is to present information as factually accurate as we can. Unfortunately, everything that happens isn't necessarily going to enhance.

Yet, aside from such a comment's crying need for clarification as to the role of the press, another reaction is prompted. That is a call for editorial comment that could satisfy even Blanton's good news

And, in view of this week's Academic Awards Banquet and the ASB Banquet, who can doubt that recognition is deserved. This editorial, therefore, is dedicated to back-patting and blessing-counting.

All over campus there are people who are dedicated to doing their jobs. They don't want to just do it well-they want to do the very best that they can. There are professors who are dedicated to the students and to the ideals of education. Every student probably knows at least one instructor who has gone out of his or her way to provide information, or help with a

project, or counsel and then stayed up half the night trying to keep current in the field or work on research.

Time is one of the most valuable commodities a person can give, and the sharing of oneself with others is certainly a gift worth recognition. Students, whose time may be split between classes, jobs, and university activities are well aware of the demands on their time.

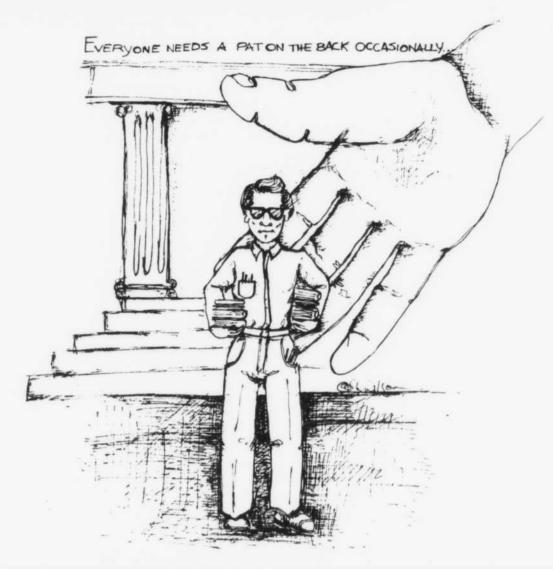
At the Academic Awards Banquet, Monday, the combined minds were awesome. Nearly a hundred students were recognized for their scholastic achievements-several had 4.0 overall grade point averages! Can you imagine the psychic power of all those minds in one place thinking the same thought?

Students deserve recognition, not only for scholastic achievements, but also in time spent working to improve conditions at this institution.

There are also some over-worked administrators who are dedicated to their jobs and that genuinely care about student's needs. Not to mention the overworked and grossly underpaid staff persons who put up with bureaucratic hassles daily despite the fact that there is little, if any, chance for advancement.

To all of those persons that do enhance the university-those that strive for the ideal, those who are thoughtful and apply reason, those that care-





pops' people

by Larry Popelka

# Habit-forming hobby hard to handle

Finding a nice, safe hobby is becoming more and more of a problem

Stamp and coin collecting are boring. Jogging is too exhausting. And things like skiing and skydiving are downright dangerous.

So before I chose my last hobby I gave it a lot of thought.

Finally a friend recommended I try electronic games—those beeping and buzzing contraptions that have gradually taken over campus gamerooms everywhere.

These mechanical marvels seem to have seduced much of the country, pulling quarters from most everybody's pockets.

Each year more than \$300 million worth of games are sold, and billions of dollars in quarters are plunked into them. The average college student

spends an estimated \$10 per year on them. With all this going for it, I figured the sport was worth a try.

So I visited one of the biggest gamerooms I could find-a huge 60machine extravaganza in Virigina Beach, Va.

It was like a disco for robots. Lights flashed. Beepers beeped. Coins

clanked. One machine even seemed to be exploding I dropped a quarter into something called Space Invaders.

Suddenly a bunch of ugly little creatures appeared on the TV screen in

front of me, dropping bombs while I tried to retaliate.

Fortunately it was not an actual invasion. Our side was creamed. I decided that Death Race was a better game, anyway. More realistic. All you have to do is run over pedestrians on a TV screen with your car.

My favorite, however, turned out to be something called the Wild Gunman.

A three-foot movie screen showed various outlaws riding up on horses andpulling guns. As they pulled their guns, I had to try to outdraw them and gun them down. It's sort of like watching a Western but getting to kill all the bad guys yourself.

Finally, after sampling about 30 or 40 of these new gadgets, I turned in

my gun and went home, tired and broke. Mostly broke. But in a few days I was back with a crisp ten dollar bill, ready to fully

embark on this new hobby. After just an hour of amusement, though, I was stumbling out the door

again penniless. What's worse, I couldn't quite remember where all my money had gone. My pocket had been picked by a quarter-thirsty machine. I think it was

the one with the big red flashing lights and the funny beeping sound, but I wasn't sure. After a while they all look the same.

I was depressed. And broke again.

But in a few days I came back—just to watch.

I watched players put money into machines. I watched players lose. I wathced players cuss and slap their machines. But win or lose, I always watched them put in more quarters.

Many of the players seemed to almost be in a trance. They were prisoners of the lights, sounds and colors.

As the machines beeped and whirred, they'd wiggle their hips and twitch their hands. The machines seemed to control their every move, including the one from their change pocket to the coin slot.

One man who challenged me to a game of pinball said that he spent \$100 a week on the machines. I looked at him in awe. He looked serious.

Finally I asked why he would do such a thing.

He looked perplexed, as if I has asked some sort of silly question. "Because it's a lot of fun," he eventually said. "I've been playing all my

life. What else is there?" I beat him two straight games in pinball. He seemed disturbed. He started challenging me to other games: Depth Charge, Airborne

Avenger, Space Wars and Gun Fighter. Soon I was cashing in another ten dollar bill and plunking in quarters. And more quarters.

I even started having fun. I ran over groaning pedestrians, shot down wild gunmen and drove a spaceship through the universe.

And then it finally struck me. I was addicted.

I pulled out more money and fed it to the machines. I could not stop.

The lights, buzzers and bumpers had me under their spell. Fortunately the building closed before I could pawn off my watch, car

and Master Charge card for a final round of games.

When I regained my senses, I felt like a bum. I vowed never to go within 10 feet of anything that beeps, bangs or pings again for fear of a

But what I learned from my tragic case of gameroomism has not stopped others. Every day hundreds of unsuspecting victims are led astray by multi-colored flashing lights and R2D2 sound effects. And then they

Courious about this growing trend, I asked one of these new addicts why he took up electronic games.

"I used to drink a lot," he replied. "I'd go out and buy three or four beers a night. But instead I come out and play the machines. It's a lot

I don't know much about health, but I do know that it's hard to go broke buying a couple beers. I think for my next hobby I'll take up something safe like alcoholism. Or Russian roulette.

#### **Sidelines Staff**

Springing into action

An invigorating, fast-paced volleyball game was one of the highlights of

the free picnic sponsored by Residence Hall Programming Tuesday af-

ternoon. Although officials said the attendance was larger than expected,

Steve Tambornini Production Manager Janet Hyatt **News Editor** Frank Wm. White

Publications Adviser

the event was considered a success.

Karen Zimmermann Editor in Chief Jeff Ellis Copy Editor Scott Adams Sports Editor

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Lisa Human

#### To the editor:

The Student Publications Committee wishes to make known publicly its appreciation for your professional and dedicated editorship of Sidelines this semester which resulted in its being named the best all-around student newspaper in the Annual Region 12 Sigma Delta Chi Mark of Excellence Awards. This award has brought both honor and distinction

to the Sidelines staff and to the University as a whole. The standard you have established will continue to serve as a model for future Sidelines editors.

The committee wishes you continued success in your career as a journalist.

W. Larry Gentry Chairman, Student Publications Committee

#### To the editor:

We are presently prisoners and have been confined for over four years. We'd enjoy exchanging letters with students!

If you respond, a photo will be considered an additional pleasure. Be gentle with yourself!

Frank Hall **Thomas Pinckney** Box 345500 Memphis 38l34

To the editor:

**Letters to the Editor** 

As we all know, the week of April 8-14 was World Hunger Week. During that week I noticed things which upset me. There were many references to God and what we should do to help God in the hunger program.

This is blasphemy! Before you know what God wants, you must first know what the word of God says. The people who claim to be Christians should "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to ashame, rightly dividing the word of truth." (Tim II 2:15).

Those who rightly divide the word of truth know that God causes most of the suffering people have in world hunger. By now, most of you are vibrating, yet you don't rightly divide the word of truth. There are eleven reasons to cause the suffering in the Christian, and one valid reason is to cause suffering in the unbelievers. In the unbeliever, God causes world hunger so that the individual will recognize that he can not survive on his own and needs the salvation the Lord Jesus has to offer. The hunger of today could mean an eternity in heaven

When man interferes with God's plan, such as he is doing with his world hunger program, then man falls under discipline. This notion is now under this same discipline. According to the valid word of God, we are now in the third stage of discipline and the fourth stage is the take-over of a nation. The fifth stage is the dispersing of the nation's people throughout the world. Israel has fallen under discipline several times. (Check Matthew 27:24-25). I believe we should be arming our military instead of feeding our enemies.

Jeffrey W. Claiborne Box 4933







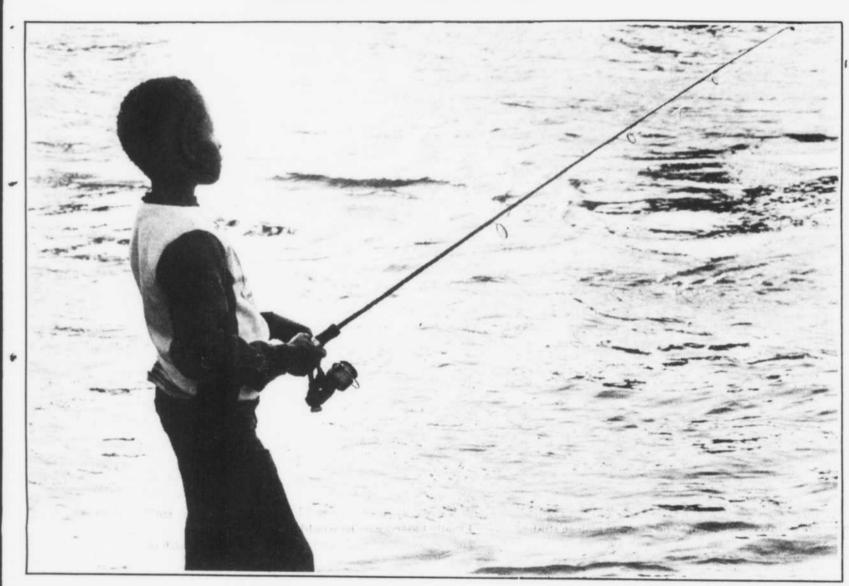


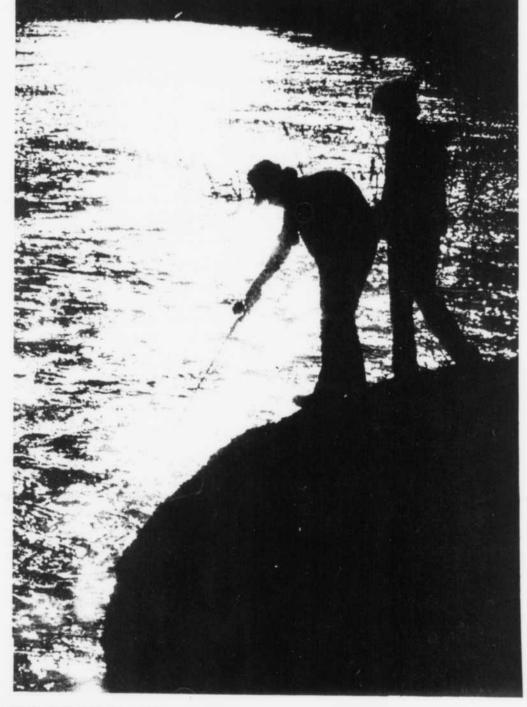


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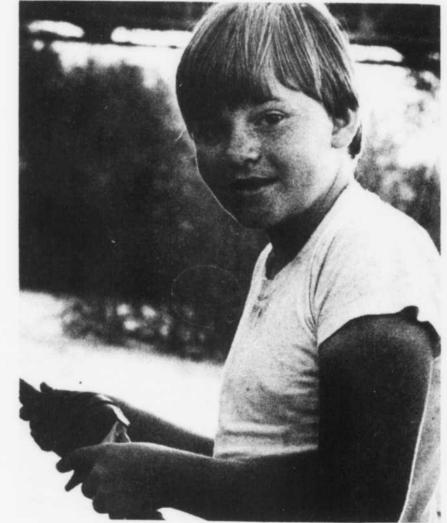




Walter Hill has its own story

# Spring 'tales' of fishing

"I've caught 108!" Billy Penderest exclaimed. "Whoops, there's 109," the thirteen-year-old (pictured at right) said as he pulled another bite-size crappie from the Stones River below Walter Hill dam Sunday. It sounded like a fishy tale, but as the count rose to 115, some of the doubts began to dispel. Billy's sister Samantha, (top right) though only seven years old, was working hard to catch up, and had caught 28 of the fish by late afternoon. After a long winter, Easter Sunday's brilliant weather compelled many Murfreesboro-area residents to the dam, to fish, picnic or just to enjoy the outdoors. A good percentage of the active fisherpersons were under age 18, like these members of the Penderest family. Although some of the older sportsmen were wading out in search of the "bigger game," like small mouth, the youngsters were content to haul in the mostly tiny crappies. Spence Tillman, 13, hooked some of the larger fare, and planned on a fish fry dinner (pictured above).



photos by Karen Zimmermann



"The Cloisters," a mental institution, serves as the home for a cast of entertaining and touching individuals.

#### The Low-Down

by Ken Jobe



The Annual Black Expo Concert will be held Saturday, April 21 at the Municipal Auditorium. The show will feature Chuck Brown and the Soul Searchers, Tyrone Davis, Millie Jackson and Howard Kinney. Tickets are \$7.50, \$8.50 day of the show and are available at all Sound Seventy Ticket locations.

Thursday the 26th, the MTSU Special Events Committee will present the group STASH in concert. STASH is a local group from Nashville that is on its way to the top. The group features two MTSU students: Gerald Powell on trumpet and Eddie Carter on drums. The concert will be held in the Tennessee Room of the JUB from 10 p.m.—1 a.m. Admission is \$1. In order to promote the future of other larger soul concerts at MTSU it's important you support and party with STASH.

Ray Parker Jr. and Raydio have a new album out called "Rock On"

and it's just what Raydio fans were waiting for.

While not as dynamic as their debut album, this album is thoroughly enjoyable to listen to. Their new single, "You Can't Change That," is a melodic tume which stays with you for a long time. Other exceptional tunes are "Rock On," "When You're in Need of Love" and "Hot Stuff."

As on their previous album, all songs were written and produced by former Memphis disc jockey Ray Parker Jr., who shows excellent taste in knowing what the public wants to hear. From last year's "Jack and Jill" to "You Can't Change That," Ray Parker Jr. and Raydio are giving the people what they want. By the way, Herbie Hancock's latest hit, "Ready or Not," was co-written by...Ray Parker Jr.

#### **Entertainment**

# "Savage" comedy gets good response

by Angie Galloway

"The Curious Savage," a play performed by University Theatre, is an excellently comical and touching protrayal of a mother being put in an institution for refusing to hand over \$20,000,000 to her step-children, and the true friends she finds while she is there.

Ethel P. Savage, portrayed especially well by Lisa Davis, is the mother who hides the money in one million dollar bonds to use in a trust fund for people to do foolish things

Her three selfish step-children commit her to "The Cloisters" institution, where five other patients reside.

Fairy May, a character who tends to be a bit overdramatic at times but who just wants to be beautiful, is performed extremely well by Shirin Sohrabi. Florence, another patient, played by Kina Steed, is effected by the loss of her child and tries to replace it with a doll. Hannibal, portrayed by Allan Barlow, is a violinist who can not play, but no one is willing to inform him. Jeff, a veteran of the war is portraved by David Johnson, whose scars run deeper than the imaginary one he believes to have on his face. And lovable Mrs. Paddy, done extremely well by Cindy O'Brien, who speaks only to list everything she hates, and she hates just about everything.

The five patients at the Cloisters become quick friends of Mrs. Savage, and strive to help her as she helps them to overcome their fears and inhibitions. As the theme goes deeper than the plot begins to reveal, the audience can feel the heartwrenching humor as Mrs. Savage sends her daughter and two sons on wild goose chases to find the money. All three become topics of newspaper headlines the next day.

In their greediness, they become prime targets to be made fools of, but like fools, they fall for the information.

The bitchy daughter, Lily Belle, who has been married and divorced six times to millionaires, is excellently done by Hallie Coppedge. Titus, the senator, is the epitome of the demanding, overbearing and obnoxious son. Bob Forsythe does a good job in that role. Samuel, the judge, is the quietest of the three. He is portrayed by Bill Jones.

The nurse, Miss Wilhelmina played by Laura Leopard, is a compassionate but strict character who works with all of the patients, but is especially interested in Jeff. The doctor, the kind Dr. Emmett who treats his patients as people and not at mental patients, is portrayed exceptionaly well by Gerald Dunn.

Overall the effect of the play is deeply moving as well as comical. The ending is a surprise and the audience loved the effect Mrs. Savage has on all of her friends at "The Cloisters."

The play will be presented again tonight and Saturday in the DA beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and MTSU students are admitted free.



photos by Larry McCormack

Allan Barlow and Lisa Davis in "The Curious Savage."

#### Famous play brings season to end

Rosecrans Civic Centre, in the Rosecrans Amphitheatre off Highway 96 in Murfreesboro, will feature Bill Manhoff's popular comedy, "The Owl and the Pussycat," as their final dinner theatre production before the

The production will open Friday, May 11, and play Friday and Saturday nights through May 26. Curtain time is 8 p.m. with a buffet dinner served from 6:30 until 7:45. Admission to both the

dinner and show is \$8.

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#### Sunday, April 22: Brotherhood Day

11 am - Church, First Baptist Murfreesboro 2 pm - Picnic, Cedars of Lebanon (open to the public)

#### Monday, April 23: Racial Uplift Day

9 am - Display, U.C. Basement 7:30 pm - Black Progressive Theater group from Nashville, LRC Multimedia Room (free and open to the public)

#### Tuesday, April 24: Friendship is Essential To the Soul Day

3 pm - Softball Tournament (Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, S.U.S.H., and Omega Psi Phi - Free and open to the public), Greenland Drive Fields

#### Wednesday, April 25: Founders and Pearls Day

9 am - Pearl Display, U.C. Basement 5 pm - Pearl Step Show, Front of D.A. (free and open to the public)

9 pm - Fraternity and Sweetheart Mixer at Weeping Willow Lounge

11 pm - Mixer open to the public (admission 50 f until lam)

# LOOSE OMEGA WEEK

#### Thursday, April 26: Kiddie Olympics

1:30 pm - Murphy Center picnic area

#### Friday, April 27: Purple and Gold Day

2 pm - Que Hopdown (front of U.C.)

10 pm - Disco Dance - Guest DJs, the 3000 watt sound from Pulaski - Bro. Marshall Jenkins and the Miller System and Strick and Joe Mac Show, Alummi Memorial Gym (admission \$1.00)

l am - After set Hotwheel Arena (admission \$1.00)

Don't forget the Miss Black MTSU pageant before the disco dance.

#### Saturday, April 28: Que Dogs "Bustin' Loose"

12:00 - Basketball game, featuring Bros. Mason Bonner, Wendell Porter, Jimmy Powell, Harold Martin, Charles Wilson and others vs. Undergrads, O.I.T. Champs and Greek Tournament Champs. Alumni Gym (admission 25 ¢)

10:00 - Omega Ball, Live from lovely Atlanta, the Magga Brain Band and Show, Holiday Inn (admission \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door) first drink free. Get tickets from any Omega Man or Pearl.



#### Students honored\_

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History: the Tennessee Historical Commission Award was presented to Joseph Horne for academic excellence.

Home Economics: the Home Economics Award presented to Cathy Cantrell for achievement in general home economics; and the Campbell Award to Nancy Nolan for achievement in foods and nutrition, dietetics emphasis.

Industrial Studies: Award was presented to Kenneth Wayne Butner as the outstanding senior industrial technology major and to Henry Isenberg, Jr. as the outstanding senior industrial education major; the American Society for Quality Control Award to Ralph

Library: the Leneil Edwards Award was presented to Martha Marie Herbert.

Management and Marketing: the Chairman's Award was presented to Diane Lee Parke; the Jack Adams Scholarship Award in Retailing to Barry Minatra; the Cain-Sloan Company Award to Marcia J. Ogilvie; the Bernard Goldstein Scholarship Nancy Delores Denson; and the Paramount Packaging Corporation Award to Lisa Slayden Charlton.

Mass Communications: the Nashville Chapter of the Recording Academy Scholarships to Michael Ellis and Richard Hudson; the Gene Graham Award in Journalism to Cathy Wood; and the Society of Professional Journalists Citation to Brian

Mathematics and Computer Science: the Leona Drake Scholarship Award was presented to Michael Chris Bean; the Tommie Reynolds Scholarship Award to

Matt Lee Davenport; the Honeywell Senior Mathematics Award to Mary Barone Martin; and the Charles F. Lewis Freshman Mathematics Award to John Stephen Spraker.

Military Science: MTSU President's Scholastic Awards were presented to Mark Hendrickson and Clinton Woodlee.

Nursing: the Alma Matlock Makeig Memorial Award was presented to Joe Albritten; the Murfreesboro Medical Clinic Scholarships to Joe Albritten and Lorraine Solecki; the Rutherford County Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Award to Valerie Buchanan, Julie Morrison Farmer and Elizabeth Smith Griswold

Political Science: the C.C. Sims Award was presented to Joseph Horne; and the Norman L. Parks Award to Stephen

Psychology: the Psychology Club Award was presented to Margareta Whiteside; the New York Life Graduate Achievement Awards to Elizabeth Lose and Jeffrey

Sociology and Anthropology: the Clayton L. James Award for Academic Excellence was presented to Lydia Phelps; and the Leatherman Awards to Elizabeth Charboneau and Elizabeth Waldron.

Honors Program: the Citizens Central Bank Award was presented to Karen Zimmermann.

School of Business: the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Company Outstanding MBA Award was presented to Todd Hutto; and the MTSU Foundation Outstanding MBA

# Homemaker image changing: Leach

by Angie Galloway

Today's home economist is not the same happy homemaker like Sue Ann Nivens on the Mary Tyler Moore show according to Ruth Ann Leach, newscaster for WTVF-Channel 5 in Nashville.

Leach spoke at the Tuesday night banquet for the MTSU chapter of the student home economics association on the "Communication of the home maker".

"The communication of the homemaker is to first define their goals and and second to find the methods of communications," she

now, she added. "There is not a long time to accomplish what we want to," Leach said. Leach said communication is

constantly moving forward and

suggestion that it be turned over to Sidelines.

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they are a pain to me most.'

of the "negative coverage."

The future is happening right

affecting future trends.

She emphasized the fact that all have a responsibility to use energy more wisely and think in present terms about the future.

Family relationships have changed from the past. "There is a redefining of women's role in the family," she said. "If a woman is fulfilled being a mother and raising a family, she should never be put down because of her occupation as a homemaker," Leach said.

Marrying or bringing a baby into the world involves all aspects of self-fulfillment. Before becoming pregnant, she warned, think of the committment you have made and the investment as a unit instead of just one person anymore.

"Last year, 100 12-year-old girls gave birth. Teenage mothers' babies are not as healthy as older

womens' babies and teenage mothers have a tendency to abuse their children more," Leach said.

"Look at our divorce rate. When a woman makes a commitment to a marriage, she is not just one person anymore, but part of a unit," she

She added, "Before getting into a marriage, think of what you are getting into. Be aware of what is going on."

In communicating ideas, use

resources better to find way of changing the world. "Think of what a person with a happy attitude can do when encountering a rude person," Leach said.

"Be the only nice person in Nashville traffic in the morning. A good attitude is everything," she emphasized.

She claimed, "Anyone can look for things to go wrong, but it is harder to look for everything to go

#### Spring Bluegrass Jam 1, the concert that never was

Money is now being refunded for tickets to Spring Bluegrass Jam I, which was cancelled just 12 hours before it was to take place Tuesday night, according to Harold Smith, director of Student Programming.

Janice Rice, secretary for the Association of Country Entertainers, called student programming Tuesday morning and told Smith that she had been advised by the council of the association that the concert would have to be cancelled because of the ticket sales generated beforehand,

Smith got in touch with an attorney from the association who "told me in no uncertain terms we just blatently did not have enough pre-ticket sales," . Only 312 tickets were sold. Seventy-one of the 81 tickets sold in the Nashville market have been returned for refunds.

Ticket money was refunded at the door Tuesday night, but student programming still has money to refund. People who still have tickets can come by student programming office, UC 309 for refunds.

"We had some people who drove pretty far to see the concert, but most everyone took the cancellation pretty well," Smith said, adding that although there were quite a few people waiting to buy concert tickets at the door, that number would not have reached the two or three thousand people student programming was hoping the concert would draw at first.

Although Student Programming incurred a loss through the cancellation, it is a relatively small one which includes advertising funds and the expense of setting up the show beforehand. Everything was already set up before the concert was cancelled.

Spring Bluegrass Jam I has not been rescheduled for anytime in the near future.

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awards were also formally presented. Among those was the "south-bound

side of a mule" (the posterior end of a horse-bronzed and in trophy

form), presented by Mark Eaton and Randy James to Kent Syler, with the

Syler declined the suggestion however, saying that "though some of

Syler was apparently referring to recent stories investigating the status

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their journalism has been fitting, I think I'll keep this to remind me where

of budget proposal legislation and possible violations by Syler, and has

charged the paper recently with having a "vendetta" against him because

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Middle Tennessee State University

Assistant Sports Editor "We're going to have to struggle to get into the playoffs," said head baseball coach John Stanford after his Blue Raiders had split a Wendsday afternoon

doubleheader with league leading

The Raiders were beaten in the first contest, 3-1, despite a sparking pitching performance from David Booker. Bill Branter threw a complete game shutout in the second game as MTSU came back to win 5-0.

"We just couldn't get the sticks going in the first game," said Stanford, Walt Terrel handcuffed the Raiders on just five hits. MTSU's lone run came on a first inning home run by rightfielder Bobby Hines.

The amazing story of the first game was the performance of Booker. The senior right hander limited the powerful Morehead bats to only two hits for the entire ballgame. In addition, Booker had 14 strikeouts over seven innings including four first inning strikeouts. The four strikeouts were made possible when a third strike got away from catcher Eric Graves. A number of professional scouts were on hand to view Booker's performance.

The third strike that got away led to Morehead's first run. Don Kiser followed the play with a double, scoring the runner from first. The Raiders tied the game in the bottom of the first on Hines' home run.

Morehead got the game winning run in the fourth on a 400 foot homerun by Jody Hamilton. Hamilton, a left hander leads the league with 14 homeruns and 38 RBI's. Most of Hamilton's homers have come at home. Morehead's

by Scott Adams

Sports Editor

won four of the six singles matches,

then held off a strong MTSU

challenge in the doubles matches to

post a 5-4 win over the Lady

Raiders in tennis action in Nash-

Only Diana Myers at number 3

and Kaye Wrather at number 5

were able to win their singles

matches against Vandy, but the

Lady Raiders won two of the three

doubles matches, and almost

captured the third in an effort to

Myers and Nancy Broadhurst

won at number 2 doubles, and

Wrather teamed with Karen Miller

to win at number 3. In the number

1 doubles, Elina Durchman and

Tarja Ojala won their first set, but

dropped the next two in the

The loss drops the Lady Raiders

record to 13-6 for the season.

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salvage the win.

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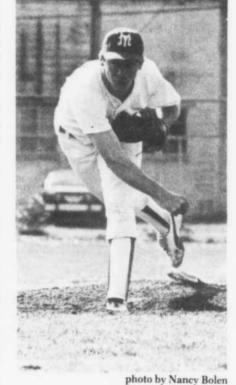
Vanderbilt's Lady Commodores

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rightfield fence measures a mere 290 feet from homeplate. The Ashland, Ky., junior also sports an impressive .422 batting average.

The game's final tally also came in the fourth when Don Kiser scored on a wild pitch.

The Raiders actually out hit the Eagles with five hits to Moreheads



Bill Brantner

two. MTSU put runners on in the second, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh, but failed to put a scoring burst together. Morehead turned back Raider rallies in the fifth and

sixth innings with double plays. MTSU was never seriously threatened in the second game after jumping out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. The Raiders loaded the bases in the first on singles by Tommy Blankenship and Bobby Hines. Eric Graves recieved a walk. Randy Goff took advantage of the bases loaded situation by

Lady Raiders lose to Vanderbilt

MTSU was coming off of a

Tuesday win over the University of

Coach Sandy Neal and the Lady

Raiders will play host to the 2nd

annual Ohio Valley Conference

women's tennis championships on

Western Kentucky won the

Friday and Saturday, April 20-21.

initial title last year in Richmond,

Ky., but will be hard-pressed to

hold off strong challenges from

The Lady Hilltoppers lost a 7-2

Eastern, Murray, and host MTSU.

decision to a much-improved

Eastern team last fall, and barely

beat Murray 5-4. WKU defeated

Austin Peay is also much im-

proved, and could play a spoiler

role. Tennessee Tech and

Morehead State are not expected to

Individually, five of last year's

singles champions are back, but all

five could have trouble repeating as

challenge for the title this year.

Middle 6-3 two weeks ago.

hitting a sharp single up the middle that scored Blankenship and Hines. Designated hitter Tom Zackotnik followed with a two RBI basehit to make the score 4-0 after one.

The Raiders final score came in the fifth. Rightfielder Bert Fuqua doubled off the right-centerfield fence. Tommy Blankenship drove Fugua home from second with a base to make the final margain 5-0.

The split left Morehead with a 8-2 mark in the Ohio Valley Conference and clear control of the league's first place postion. The regular season champion will host the OVC playoffs. "We would love to get the tournament up at our place," said Morehead coach Steve Hamilton, "mainly because people hate to play us up there."

Stanford, meanwhile, admitted his team was out of the race for a regular season championship. He goes on the road this weekend for a pair of games with Murray State. Following the two away games with Murray, the Raiders will host the same Murray team for a doubleheader Sunday afternoon.

MTSU is now 9-6 in league play and tied with Western Kentucky for second palce in the OVC. Western is 6-4 in the OVC. Austin Peay and Murray are only one-half game out of second place with identical 5-4 record in the conference. Conference standings are figured on percentage basis.

With only one half game separating second place from fifth, the race for the four spots in the OVC tournament looks to be a battle that will only be decided in the final week of play.

Middle Tennessee's Durchman

78 as a freshman, but has lost twice

this season to Western Kentucky's

super freshman Sandy Leslie.

Others contending include

Murray's Karen Weis, runner-up

last year, and Eastern's Mary

defending OVC champion at

number 3, but will receive strong

competition from Eastern

sophomore Mendy Jackson and

Johnson and Murray's Yvonna

Utley are the favorites at the

Karate club

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MTSU's karate assosciation will

host the Southern American Karate

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Wrather, WKU's Suzanne

Kathy Ferry of Western is the

title winners this season.

the South on the Murphy Center won the number 1 singles in 1977-

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Raider coach John Stanford tells the umpire in Wednesday's game with Morehead his point of

photo by Robin Rudd view. As usual the umpire had his way.

Whip Vandy in process

# Tennis team takes two

by Scott Adams Sports Editor

Dick LaLance's Blue Raider tennis team made it 16 straight yesterday on the Murphy Center courts with a 7-2 win over the Murray State Racers which uppped their season's record to 17-2.

Things started off shakily for LaLance's netters, but once again it was the steadiness of number one singles player Peter Heffernan who pulled them out of the fire with a dramatic win. The Raiders were up 3-2 after the first five singles matches with Peter Roberts, Dale Short and Stuart Thompson all winnning their matches. Heffernan won the first set 6-3 before dropping the second 4-6. He rallied in the last set to win 6-4 and gave the team a 4-2 edge going into doubles.

LaLance said that he was really worried about the team going into doubles matches because everyone "looked so drained." But

MTSU, which had never beaten Vandy in tennis, and had already lost to them once this season, edged the Commodores 5-4.

"They always act like they do us a favor when they come down to play us," LaLance said. "We just took it to them this time. They were a little flat and we really jumped on them.'

LaLance was quick to add that Vandy's flatness was not the only factor in the outcome.

"We showed Vanderbilt and a lot of people that we can play with the best around here," LaLance

The dramatics centered around Heffernan again at number one singles as the score was tied at 4-4 with only his match with Chip Tolleson left to finish.

The doubles had been played first because the women were playing the University of the South at the same time and the courts had to be divided up.

made by the other, and Tolleson exchanged a few comments with the crowd, the Vanderbilt "star" went on to literally give away the last three games of the set to pull them even.

"Yeah I would have to agree that Chip 'tanked' in the second set, but I think it just made me want to win even more," Heffernan said. "To tell the truth, I really don't think I should've lost the first set."

Heffernan, who had been battling a bad head cold all week, got stronger as the match went on. But, as Heffernan got tougher, so did Tolleson. Niether let the other break serve in the third set, thus forcing the nine point tiebreaker at

Tolleson won four of the first six points, and looked on his way to the victory up 4-2. But Heffernan came back, like he had done all day, and won the next three points to take the match and give MTSU the win.



the Raiders set LaLance's fears to rest by winning all of the doubles matches, although it took three sets for every win.

Even though the win over Murray was important, it could never overshadow what happened on the Murphy Center courts on Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday, the "big boys" from Nashville, the Vanderbilt Commodores, paid the Blue Raiders a visit and it will surely be an afternoon that neither team is likely to forget for quite some time.

After MTSU lost two of the doubles matches they roared back to win three of the first five singles matches to knot the score at four

The match between Heffernan and Tolleson was a story in itself with Tolleson, who is ranked among the best in the Southeastern Conference, winning the first set 6-2. Heffernan came back in the second set to win the first three games and visably upset Tolleson. After the two traded words over what each thought was a bad call

"Coach told me after the match, and I'll have to agree with him , that was the best point that I had ever played," Heffernan said speaking of the point which gave him the win.

The Blue Raiders will host Washington and Lee University this Saturday at 10 a.m. on the new courts on highway 96. The Raiders have all of next week off before traveling to Murray next weekend for their last seed match before the OVC Championship.

Stanford says crucial series

#### Blue Raiders ready for Murray

by Scott Adams Sports Editor

This weekend's home and home series with the Murray State Racers could very well be the deciding factor in this year's Ohio Valley Conference baseball championship race.

John Stanford's Blue Raiders will head for Murray, Ky., Saturday for the first two crucial games and if their pitching rotation holds true, sophomore Tom Wilson and freshman Mark Smith will be on the mound for MTSU. Wilson is second on the team in earned run average behind reliever Tony Dawkins. Dawkins stands at 1.19 and has appeared in nine games and pitched 22.2 innings. Wilson is

at 1.58 and sports a 3-1 record after

seven appearances and 34 total

innings pitched.

"We're just looking to split on the road and do well at home." Stanford said. "I think Murray has the best team in the conference, but they just haven't had a chance to prove it yet. They've lost a lot of close games and have been rained out several times."

Morehead State head coach Steve Hamilton echoed Stanford's thoughts after the two teams had split their doubleheader on Wednesday.

"Everybody thinks that Murray has no hitting, but let me tell you they do," Hamilton said. "I also think that they have the best pitching in the league."

Statistics compiled after Wednesday's games find that the Raiders still have six men hitting over the .300 mark for the season.

Leading the pack is senior catcher Eric Graves at .369 followed by centerfielder Tommy Blankenship (.364), rightfielder Bobby Hines (.360), shortstop Mike Killian (.350), leftfielder Burt Fuqua (.306) and designated hitter Tom Zakotnik (.302).

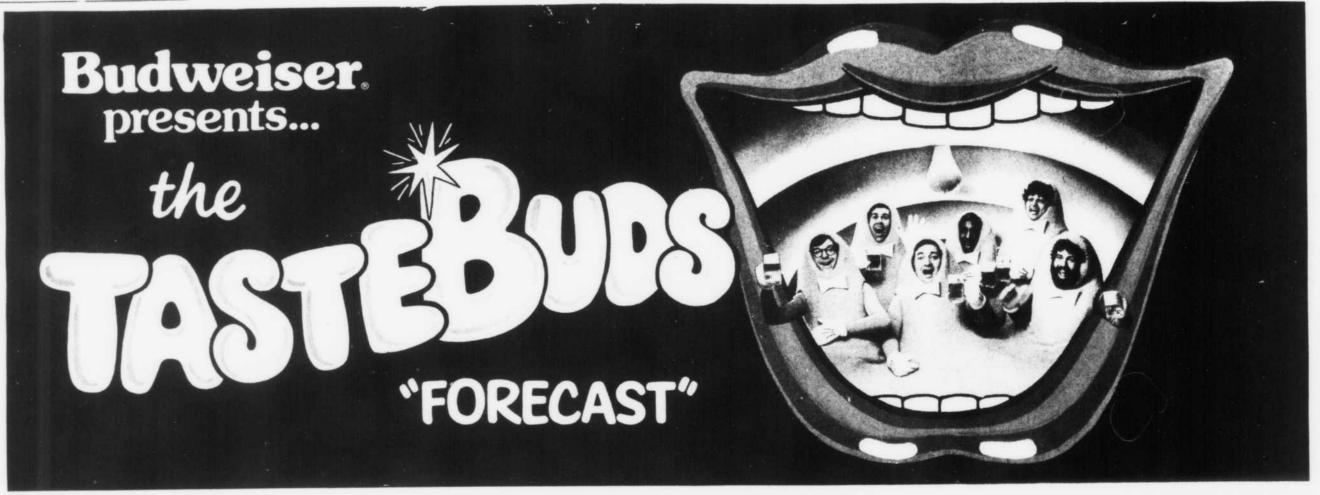
Senior ace David Booker leads the team in wins with a 5-3 record and also leads in appearances (10), strike outs (69) and innings pitched

The Blue Raiders will return home on Sunday for the second end of the doubleheader with Murray with game time scheduled for 1

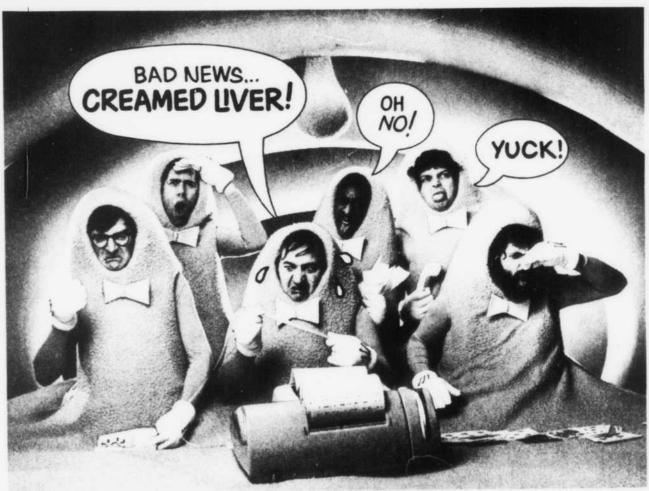


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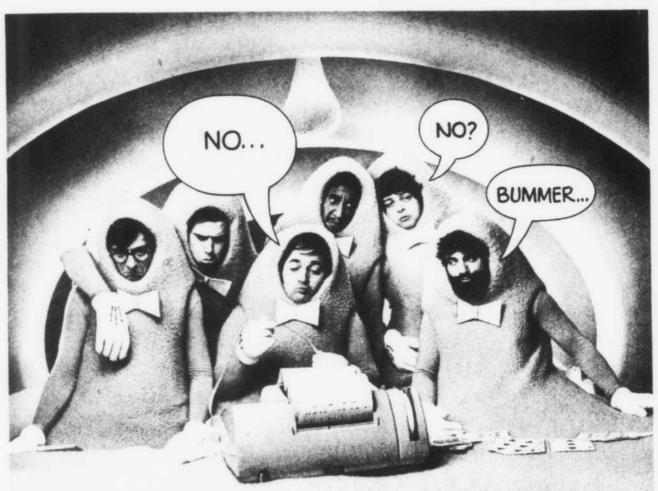


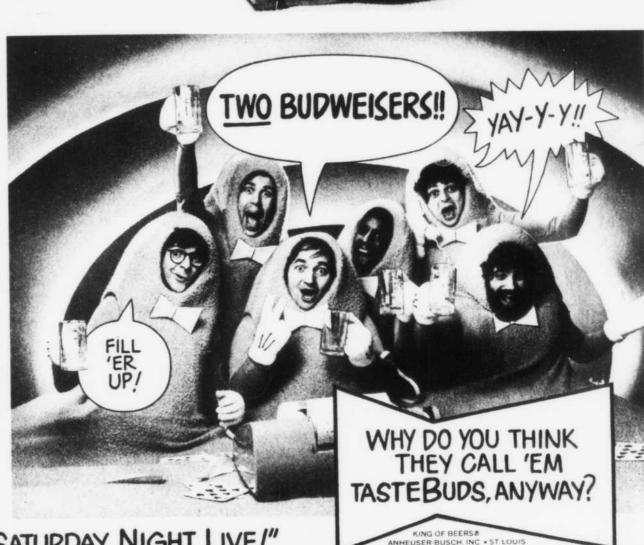












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