

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## Rape suspects granted trial extension

By DOUG MARKHAM  
Staff Writer

Lawyers representing two Lebanon men charged with raping two MTSU coeds last December have been granted a two-week extension to prepare for the trial, previously scheduled to begin tomorrow.

The extension, to July 16, stems from a complaint made by one of the defendants that his court-appointed lawyer was "indifferent" and failed to keep appointments to discuss the trial.

DAVID SHANNON, 22, charged with two counts of aggravated rape and one count of aggravated assault, said in a letter to Eighth Judicial Circuit Judge J.S. Daniel that he was "dissatisfied" with Murfreesboro lawyer James Piedra and asked for a replacement.

At Shannon's request, Piedra was replaced by Ben McFarland, also of Murfreesboro.

McFarland, who was informed June 17 he would be defending Shannon, subsequently asked Murfreesboro's Chancery Court to extend the date of the trial so he could "adequately" prepare for the case.

PIEDRA said yesterday that he was dismissed from the trial because he and Shannon had different views on how the case should be handled.

"He was dissatisfied with my views," Piedra said. "It's [dismissal of a court-appointed attorney] a very common happening."

Shannon, who allegedly raped and beat one of the women, said in the letter that he had "asked Mr. Piedra to file pretrial motions, but he has failed to do so."

"HE IS indifferent to defending me and discussed only plea-bargaining," Shannon continued. "After such a long time, and with such poor

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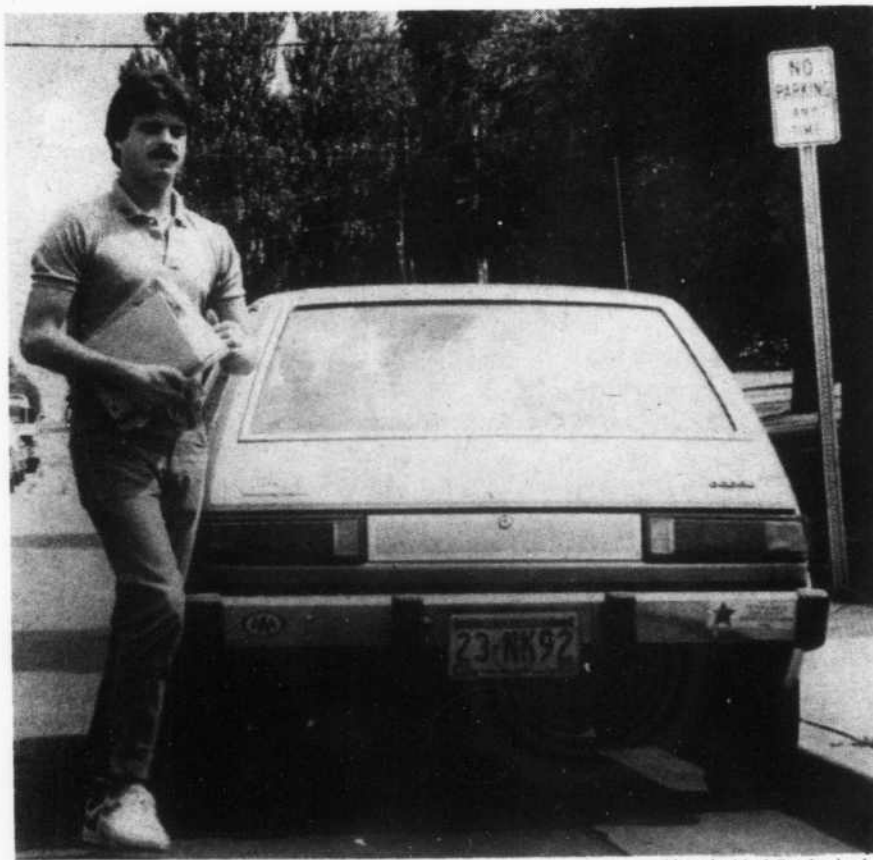


Photo by Mark Reichenbach

## Parkers, beware!

Will Schell, 23, of Nashville, parks on the no-parking area on North Tennessee Boulevard. The street was made four-lane last week and several people have received citations.

## Faculty committees reorganized

Administrators will no longer be voting members of university committees as a result of a reorganization plan approved last week by MTSU President Sam Ingram.

"My understanding is that these are faculty committees," MTSU President Sam Ingram said yesterday, "and it was the [the reorganization] committee's feeling that if you have faculty committees, you ought to get the faculty's feeling without including administrators' votes

also."

A COMMITTEE on Committees, headed by Bob Womack, professor of youth education, had been surveying the university's committee structure for over two years at the request of Ingram.

Womack could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Ingram said he was pleased with the committee's effort.

"I THINK it is worth trying," Ingram said. "It does place a little heavier burden on both faculty and administrators to see that adequate and thorough communication takes place on a committee's recommendation."

Other members of the reorganization committee are: June McCash, Richard H. Gould, Francis R. Ginanni, Joe Sawyer, Price E. Harrison, Wallace Maples, J. Gerald Parchment, Horace W. Uselton, William T. Windham, and J.

## No school! No school!

All university offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Independence Day. There will also be no classes.

## Interview with draft evader: 'I'll go to jail'

By PHIL WILLIAMS  
Editor

Tom (not his real name) is a 21-year-old MTSU senior who, like another estimated 800,000 men, has chosen to not register for the draft.

Like the 175 men who are expected to be indicted soon by the Department of Justice and who could face a five-year prison term and a \$10,000 fine, Tom has, by his actions, said: "I would rather go to jail than kill another human being."

In this interview with Sidelines, Tom tells his story—and perhaps the story of the 800,000 others.

**Question:** How would you describe yourself—as a draft evader or in some other way?

**Answer:** Of course I am a draft evader because of the actions—or inactions—that I have taken.

## I'm scared of what all is going on...

I'm not a pacifist, but I am definitely not into the idea of people killing people, and I don't believe that is the way of the world. I think that is the way our world is going to end and not the way that it is going to be strengthened.

I don't feel that a few handfuls of people have the power to say that other people are going to die. And so I don't accept that



[from] President Reagan or Mr. Brezhnev or anyone else. I don't accept their power.

I guess I would have to describe myself as an unaccepting human being.

**Q:** You sound as if you're frightened.

**A:** Very much so.

I'm scared of what all is going on, and I'm scared of the power that we as humans have unleashed.

It seems like we're searching for more ways to kill each other, instead of searching for more ways to live. And it seems like a pretty stupid way to go about one's life.

**Q:** In some ways, your views sound like they might be religious beliefs. Is that the case?

**A:** (Pauses) I have no concept really of what God is all about. I

really don't have a concept of what God is.

I'm not a Christian, and I don't hold any strong beliefs toward any one god.

I feel like it is a matter of intelligence. I feel like war is a stupid thing for stupid people. Anyone with any intelligence

## ...war is a stupid thing for stupid people

should know that.

It doesn't have to be based on God—the mind will do.

**Q:** Are you afraid of the punishment for refusing to obey the law?

**A:** Well... (pausing), yeah, I am.

My parents don't know that I haven't registered.

## Board of Regents plan will stiffen math courses

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

The State Board of Regents gave final approval Friday to a plan that would stiffen high school prerequisites and curriculum for the general-education mathematics course at all SBR institutions.

Under the guidelines, which become effective in the 1984-85 academic year, the one SBR-required mathematics course would carry high school prerequisites of either two units of algebra or one unit of algebra and one unit of geometry.

"Our admission requirements," SBR Chancellor Roy Nicks said in a letter to the Committee on Academic Policies and Programs, "generally give little direction to secondary-school curricula."

HAVING A college-level mathematics requirement that

can be satisfied with no prior knowledge of algebra or geometry, Nicks said, "either condones weak secondary-school training or is built on the presumption that a student need never...experience a rigorous mathematics sequence."

A provision in the approved regulations could also mean that the curriculum for the general-education courses, such as MTSU's "Mathematics in Life" (Math 100), would be stiffened.

IN OTHER action, the board voted, as expected, to retain MTSU's doctor of arts program in English.

MTSU's program, the only one of its kind in Tennessee, was slated for elimination after a May vote by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, which deemed the program too "low-producing."

John McDaniel, chairman of the English department, said yesterday that he was very pleased with the board's decision.

## TEA endorses O'Brien

The Tennessee Education Association's political-action wing voted unanimously last week to endorse state Sen. Anna Belle Clement O'Brien's gubernatorial candidacy.

The endorsement by the Tennessee Political Action Committee for Education could mean the support of 100,000 voters, according to T-PACE Executive Secretary Cavit Cheshire.

IN ADDITION, the vote carries with it a \$10,000 contribution from TEA.

O'Brien chairs the Senate's Education Committee.

MTSU, according to Professor Esther Seeman, has a local chapter of TEA, but not of T-PACE.

Speaking at MTSU earlier this month, O'Brien expressed her concern for education.

"I'm not just running for governor," O'Brien told Girls' State delegates, "I'm running for education."



Sam Ingram  
MTSU president

"I THINK it is the right decision," McDaniel said. "I think the program will continue to do precisely what it has done in the past—that is, to provide quality doctoral training for Middle Tennessee students."

In other action, the board approved a \$364.1 million operating budget for the 1982-83 year, a 7.7 percent increase over this year's amount.

"The next fiscal year will be austere at the colleges and universities," Nicks said. "While we have made some progress in funding, increasing costs coupled with the 2.5 percent set aside of 1981-82 appropriations place us in a limited financial position."

THE BOARD also voted to allow an approved leave of absence to count toward a tenure-track faculty member's probationary period "if the president of the institution specifies prior to the leave...that it shall be included in the...period."

The "practical effect" of the new mathematics regulations, MTSU President Sam Ingram said prior to the meeting, is the requirement of those courses for admission.

"EITHER YOU take it [the algebra/geometry courses] for noncredit after you get to college," Ingram noted, "or you

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## 'Pepsi challenge' accepted

By NITA COOK  
Staff Writer

All Coca-Cola machines on the MTSU campus will be replaced by Pepsi-Cola, effective tomorrow.

Pepsi-Cola, of Shelbyville Bottling Company, was awarded a three-year contract during competitive bids, according to James O. Gist, director of business and administrative services at MTSU.

"WE EXPECT the same good service from Pepsi as we have had from Coke," Gist said, expressing optimism at the change.

All machines will be new

and will contain only cans. The available drinks will be Pepsi, Diet-Pepsi, Pepsi-Light, 7-Up, Mountain Dew and an orange drink.

Pepsi dispensers are already in use at athletic events.

EIGHT TO 10 vending companies submitted sealed bids that were opened May 18 at 11 a.m. at the purchasing department, according to Gist.

The university receives a commission from the vendor, with contracts being awarded to the vendor offering the highest return.

All bids are kept on file at the department.

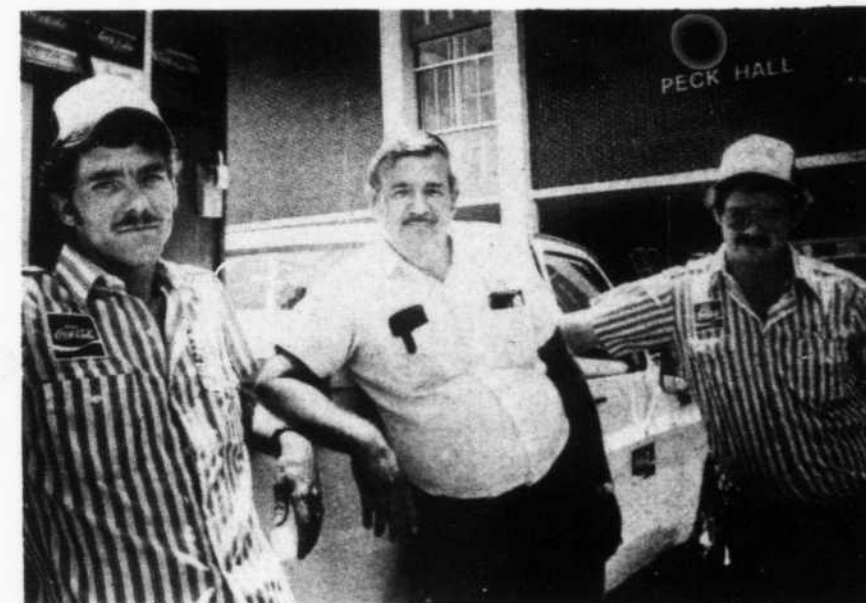


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Three Coca-Cola workers contemplate the fact that "Pepsi's got the taste..." and the contract. Shown are David Ferrell, Sales Supervisor Don Parker and Keith Thompson.

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## On this date

On this date in 1892, during a storm that raged with considerable fury, a shower of frogs allegedly fell on Birmingham, England. This zoological marvel surely frogged the mind of most Englishmen, one of whom was heard to croak, "The frog's the thing!" Such froggerel did not go unnoticed: some frogmatic Britons were at froggerheads with their friends; others merely scoffed, "Frogwash!" London frog raincoats were an immediate sensation.

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## Failure unfortunate

# Equal Rights Amendment overdue

By MICHAEL TOMPKINS

Editor's Note: This editorial, which ran last semester, addresses pertinently the issue of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment which is expected to expire tonight, three states short of ratification.

"I support the E and the R, but not the A."  
—Ronald Reagan

In the United States, all people have equal rights, by law, no matter what their skin color is. All adults have equal rights, regardless of whether they are 21 or 101. All people have, by law, the right to practice whatever religion they choose, or none at all. But in America, "land of the free," one group is still being denied the guarantee of equal rights under the law: women.

The Equal Rights Amendment, first introduced in Congress in 1923 and finally passed in 1972, would, if ratified, equalize the status of men and women in America.

THE ERA STATES that "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex."

The wording is simple and straightforward, and seems to hold logic, based on America's perceived tradition of freedom. And yet a short-sighted segment of Americans have read into that simple phrase a plethora of horrendous possibilities and have all but halted progress toward ratifying the ERA.

Passed by Congress in 1972, the ERA had seven years to gain approval by 38 states (three-fourths of the 50). By 1977, 35 states had ratified the amendment and it seemed on its way to becoming law.

ABOUT THAT TIME, however, support for the amendment began to waver. Four states (including Tennessee) have since rescinded their support for the ERA, although the constitutionality of such turn-arounds are questionable.

A major reason for its loss of momentum has been the "Stop ERA" movement led by right-wing activist Phyllis Schaffley. The anti-ERA forces believe that ERA would break up families, encourage homosexual marriages, end such things as separate toilets, and the Boy Scouts. They believe it will end favorable gains for women, such as maternity benefits and protective labor laws.

Phyllis Schaffley and her supporters believe they are countering militant feminists who would install unisex toilets and target women for the draft. They are evidently happy with the status quo, with their personal lives as women in America.

OTHER WOMEN aren't so lucky. Women over 65, for example, averaged \$2,813 in 1979 from Social Security incomes. For a large percentage of these women, it constituted their total income. Men in the same circumstances received \$5,120 per year, almost double.

Women in the U.S. work force are paid 57 cents for every dollar a man makes. There are, of course, several complex reasons, but the fact is that women are often paid less than a man for the same amount of work (and some are expected to make and serve coffee as well). In some states, such as Louisiana, a husband can dispose of community property without his wife's permission.

The discrimination against women permeates our society in little bits and pieces. The ERA would, in a fell stroke, make equal rights for men and women the law—at least on paper. But that's a start.

ERA FALSEHOODS have been strewn about like cow manure, and unfortunately have crippled the likelihood of ERA passage. Misinformation can be as effective as the truth in a nation that doesn't bother to sift through the facts before acting.

For instance, women are now legally eligible to be drafted. If ERA were passed, women would be subject to the same provisions of the military as men are, only on a sex-neutral standard. In the event of a war, women would be judged as to conscientious objection, parenthood, family responsibilities, and physical and mental capabilities—the same as men.

As for unisex toilets, social customs will not be affected; only protection under the law. Thus, laws based on physical differences, such as rape laws, will not be changed. So, forget about unisex toilets.

IN SUMMARY, fears about ERA aren't based on reality, but rather on misinformation and apprehension. Some people prefer to have a death-grip on the status quo.

The ERA would not turn America into a unisex nation. It would, however, give women equal pay for equal work, pressure employers to treat maternity leaves as a temporary disability, and legally end discrimination against women in public schools, universities and military academies, as well as on the job.

The ERA ratification deadline was extended by Congress until June 30, 1982. A federal judge in Idaho ruled the extension unconstitutional, and the Supreme Court will rule on the issue—after the deadline.

UNFORTUNATELY, the extension hasn't helped the battle for ratification. A block of 15 states remain opposed to the amendment, all but five of them Southern states. Perhaps the land of the mythical Southern belle is a good symbol for opposition to women's rights, of the retention of the status quo.

But, history has a way of showing our mistakes to us, and the ERA is no different.

You've come a long way, baby. But, until the ERA is inserted into our constitution, you haven't come far enough.



# Argentine tango played poorly

By MARIO PEREZ-REILLY

Department of Political Science

The tango the Argentine generals play did not play well in the Falklands; it was a dud, played by corporals masquerading as generals while led by a papier mache prima donna with the stage name of Galtieri.

Just as Cervantes' Don Quixote's ride out of La Mancha did for Spain, the gauchos' ego trip regaled Argentina with its own epic of failure and defeat; the only difference between the two is that Don Quixote was symbolic fiction, while the gaucho generals and their "epic" are a crude, unvarnished reality.

THE ARGENTINES' claim to the Falklands (a.k.a. Malvinas) is based on rights "inherited" from Spain and brief occupancy and settlement from 1828 to 1833.

In 1833 Britain forced the Argentines out when it reasserted its never-abandoned claim to sovereignty dating back to 1592.

In international law and practice, territorial sovereignty reduces essentially to the display of effective control and authority, either by the state claiming sovereignty, or by a state from which the state claiming sovereignty can prove that title has been derived.

ANALOGOUS TO the civil-law methods of acquiring private sovereignty are: occupation, annexation, accretion, prescription, cession, and adjudication or award by a conference of states.

The British ability to establish a settlement that has proved lasting (though not populous) gives credence to the British claim of sovereignty under the doctrine of effectivity.

All poetic and literary license aside, the carnage and stupidity of the Falklands War was no laughing matter.

THE CENSORED glimpses of the Argentines' truncated quest for national reaffirmation and universal respect concealed the nightmare into which a gang of military thugs has plunged a whole, unhappy nation.

There is a scene in Shakespeare's Hamlet that aptly

describes the motives and psychology of desperate national leaders who contemplate involvement in a senseless war in the name of national honor.

In this scene a captain of the Norwegian army informs Hamlet of the impending war between Norway and Poland for the purpose of contesting the ownership of a small piece of Polish territory:

CAPTAIN: Truly to speak, sir, and with no addition,

We go to gain a little patch of ground

That hath in it no profit but the name.

To pay five ducats, five, I would not farm it;

Nor will it yield to Norway or the Pole

A ranker rate, should it be sold in fee.

HAMLET: Why, then, the Pollack never will defend it.

CAPTAIN: Yes, it is already garrisoned.

HAMLET: Two thousand souls and twenty thousand ducats

Will not debate the question of this straw:

This is the imposthume of much wealth and peace,

That inward breaks, and shows no cause without

Why the man dies—I humbly thank you, sir....

HAMLET: Examples, gross as earth, exhort me:

Witness this army, of such mass and charge,

Led by a delicate and tender prince,

Whose spirit, with divine ambition puffed,

Makes mouths at the invisible event;

Exposing what is mortal and unsure

To all that fortune, death, and danger dare,

Even for an egg-shell. Rightly to be great

It is not to stir without great argument,

But greatly to find quarrel in a straw

When honour's at the stake....

—(Act IV, Scene IV)

The Argentine invasion of the Falklands was an attempt, by Gen. Galtieri and his martial mafia, to divert national as well as universal attention from their bungling and fumbling inept-

titude as rulers.

Like the man who tried to hide the moon with his hands, they seized upon the emotional Falklands dispute with Britain as the vehicle to amend the dismal record of an incompetent, corrupt and rapacious garrison state, pregnant with 12,000 desaparecidos, a collapsing economy and scores of obscene tortures and murders.

Military incompetence shone in lunar proportions: in the words of British marines, "The Argentines dropped their rifles and ran like scared rabbits."

The military might of Argentina is "good" only as an army of occupation against its own people, invincible only against an adversary armed with broomsticks.

THE CELLULOID gaucho in the White House should take notice. He may not want any scared rabbits running loose in Nicaragua, El Salvador or any other place where he and Ms. Kirkpatrick have dreamed up meretricious arrangements for destabilizing governments that do not meet with the "Good White Housekeeping Seal of Approval."

Now Galtieri, disgraced like his macaronic cousin, Mussolini, is out, yet saved from the wrath of a citizenry ready to brand him as a traitor, clamoring to hang him from the highest structure in the Plaza de Mayo.

The army will not relinquish power; it will appoint senile, retired generals as presidential dummies, and if such artifice does not work, it will once more kill, torture and beat on the Argentine people.

AS FOR THE Malvinas War, new tangos will be sung in Buenos Aires, but none will be as poignant as the one made famous by the late Carlos Gardel:

Now all is past, plants are in bloom,

And a hymn to life sing the ploughshares.

And the silver-haired mother was left alone,

With five medals that the Fatherland gave her

For her five dead sons....

Silence in the night! Silenced is the soul....

# More emphasis needed in technological development: Cranston

By ALAN CRANSTON

U.S. Senator

One of the key issues of our times is the crisis in technological literacy—a crisis that threatens America's scientific and economic leadership.

Overall, our school curriculum is so weak in science and technology that U.S. schools rank closer to those in the developing nations of the world than to schools in the industrial democracies which we consider our peers.

Two-thirds of U.S. school districts allow graduation from high school with no more than one course in science or mathematics.

ABOUT HALF of all high school graduates have had no mathematics or science beyond the 10th grade. Less than a third of our high schools teach calculus. Only about one in 10

high school graduates has studied physics.

Meanwhile, there's a critical shortage of qualified science and mathematics teachers. The number of secondary-school mathematics teachers being trained has declined by 77 percent over the past 10 years; science-teacher training has dropped 65 percent.

The results have serious implications for America's ability to compete in a technological world, affecting not just national pride but national survival.

CRITICAL, sophisticated new growth industries—computers, robotics, and biotechnology—to name a few—demand workers skilled in technology and a populace conversant with the rudiments of science.

We are not meeting the challenge of our leading industrial/technical competitors—

Japan and West Germany. They, along with the Soviet Union, East Germany and China, pay far more attention to science and math education. Indeed, they place a greater premium on education overall.

But when it comes to our own economic crisis, our own opportunity for vision and planning, our own opportunity to bring the vast resources of education to bear on our economic problems—what has the Reagan administration done?

JUST WHEN our country needs to receive a new generation of scientists, President Reagan proposed abolishing education loans for graduate students.

Just when other industrial nations are training more scientists, technicians and engineers, the Reagan administration virtually eliminated National Science

Foundation programs for science and engineering education.

President Reagan's response to the crisis in American education is to propose a 41 percent reduction in federal education spending over the next three years—ending programs that have brought both dollars and ideas into America's classrooms.

AND HE wants to kill one of America's newest and brightest hopes: the U.S. Department of Education.

Such an attitude—so tragically pervasive in the words and actions of his administration—cannot be condoned.

Years in public life have convinced me that education and democracy are inseparable, that there is no greater priority than the basic processes society employs for the bringing up of its children as men and women

of decency, honesty and discretion.

THE KEY to education is teaching. Nothing is as important to a quality education. And it's time we worked to elevate the prestige, the dignity and the sense of professionalism associated with a teaching career.

Let's do more to recognize the extraordinary demands made on teachers. Teachers serve, simultaneously, as educators, counselors and disciplinarians, often with poor pay, in classrooms that are too often ill-equipped.

We need to answer some questions about the real needs of a national teaching workforce. If we are to mount the quality education programs Americans want at all levels of education—preschool through adult—we need qualified teachers, with the time and resources to teach.

WE ARE AT a point in our

history when we must act with clarity and resolve, and with an eye to the future, if we are to resolve our economic perils. It is clearly in the nation's interest that the federal government play a key role in assisting schools to meet the challenges ahead.

There is a host of things to do:

- We must forge a new commitment to science education, matching rhetoric with the dollars needed to develop curricula and instructional materials and to help schools purchase instructional equipment.

- We need to sustain student-loan programs to make sure every avenue of financial aid is available to those students who need it, particularly to those choosing math, science or engineering as their profession—and especially those who want to teach.







## SportSpeak

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Wasn't it nice to see Tom Watson back to his winning ways when he won the U.S. Open two weeks ago?

Watson capped off one of the most exciting U.S. Opens in years with birdies on the last two holes at the picturesque Pebble Beach golf course.

HE FINISHED with a 2-under-par 70 to win his first U.S. Open title ever—just two shots ahead of one of my favorites, Jack Nicklaus.

"The Golden Bear" really made a charge for his fifth U.S. championship, but finished as the runner-up for his fourth time.

Coastline beauty and superb drama combined for a race to the famous 18th hole of the championship. Watson dropped in a nice-looking birdie on the last hole, but it was a miraculous 16-foot chip shot from the heavy grass collar around the 17th green that clinched the win for Watson.

IT WAS AN absolutely sparkling finish to what was a very exciting and tight battle for the title. As many as 12 golfers were capable of winning the Open going into the fourth and final round.

One thing is for sure, the men's field at the Wimbledon tennis championships hasn't even come close to producing its traditional amount of drama and excitement. To me, it's just not the same without the great Bjorn Borg.

Borg has decided to skip all Volvo Grand Prix tournaments for the rest of the year, including Wimbledon. It may be true that we've seen the decline of a true champion, but I keep telling myself that it's not true.

IF THE ABSENCE of Borg isn't enough, four of the top six

players in the world have also decided to skip the prestigious grass-court tournament.

So I guess it will take a major miscue by John McEnroe to keep him from capturing his second-straight Wimbledon championship. Can you tell McEnroe doesn't excite me a lot? I suppose you just have to put up with him.

The women's field has certainly been star-studded with 46 of the top 50 women players in the world. I pick Martina Navratilova to take the Wimbledon women's title because of her consistency this year.

WELL, these days of illegalities, craziness, and charges and counter-charges in college football are really something. Some major football schools insist they should negotiate their own TV contracts. That would create a sheer monopoly on TV games for about 20 to 30 schools and wouldn't be fair to everybody else.

And among all the probes and investigations, it's very refreshing to know one coach came rightout and admitted his school had been guilty of recruiting violations.

Yes, Georgia football coach Vince Dooley asked the SEC commissioner to invalidate a scholarship for a Georgia high school All-American because of technical recruiting violations.

AFTER the NCAA investigates, the player will be eligible for a grant-in-aid again. I think it was a very professional gesture on Dooley's part.

It remains to be seen if the NFL Players Union will go on strike and send pro-football fans looking for their crying towels. I personally don't think a strike will come off. I just wish we could get sports back to the

playing field, out of the courts and away from outrageous salary demands.

And my goodness, it looks like we're going to see the 3-point shot in the Ohio Valley Conference after all. Yes, all shots made from 19 feet and extended will be worth 3 points.

I'M NOT necessarily for the 3-pointer or against it. If it's used in the right way, it's okay—but not from just 19 feet out. I'm afraid it's not really going to be much of a positive factor in the games.

How about some of these nonconference teams MTSU will be playing during basketball season? When they come to Murphy Center, they have to decide whether or not to agree to use the 30-second shot clock, which will be turned off during the final four minutes of the game. The result could be some games where the clock isn't used at all.

On the other hand, when the Raiders travel to South Alabama, they'll have the option of using a 45-second shot clock that is used in the Sun Belt Conference.

IF THAT'S not enough, when MTSU goes to Southeastern Conference foes Alabama and Vanderbilt, they'll again have the option of using a 45-second shot clock that will be shut off during the game's last four minutes and in overtime as well.

All this is bound to affect the Blue Raiders' continuity and sense of timing at various times during the season. Vanderbilt Athletic Director Roy Kramer summed up the shot-clock situation yesterday when I talked with him.

"I guess it's part of the price you have to pay to be experimental," Kramer said. "It's quite a mess, indeed."

another recruit who many believe to be MTSU's top prospect this year.

Junior college All-American shortstop Brad Windham from Spartanburg (S.C.) Methodist College "could be very important to us next year," Stanford said.

With MTSU's shortstop from last season, "Buster" Keeton, signing a major league contract with the Chicago White Sox, Windham would be a very welcome addition.

Other baseball players that have signed with MTSU thus far are:

- Outfielder Gary Cathcart, Cumberland College, Lebanon.
- Outfielder Jimmy Petty, Columbia State, Columbia.

- Outfielder Stan Hovater, Martin College, Pulaski.
- Catcher Allen Colburn, Rutherford High School, Panama City, Fla.

- Infielder John Seito, Hiwassee Junior College, Hiwassee.
- Catcher Glen Zucchamaglio, Hiwassee.

## Simpson not happy with changes

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports Editor

Some people are very excited about the changes that will take place in Ohio Valley Conference basketball next season.

However, MTSU head coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson is pretty calm about the OVC's use of the 30-second shot clock and 19-foot, 3-point bonus basket.

"I'M NOT OPPOSED to change," Simpson said Monday, "but I am opposed to the changes the OVC has passed."

The league's recent adoption of the shot clock and 3-point basket are part of an experiment being conducted by many conferences affiliated with the NCAA. Some leagues have 30-second shot clocks, while others have 35- and 45-second clocks. The decision of time restriction on the clock has been left up to the various officials in each league.

After next season, the results of this experiment will be evaluated by the NCAA. Following their evaluation, what can fans expect to happen?

"WHAT WE might see is a 45-second shot clock for uniformity nationwide," Simpson said.

"I still like the 45-second clock because it gives you more time to adjust to defenses," he added.

The main argument in favor of the 3-point basket is that it



Stan Simpson  
Head basketball coach

will keep defenses awake, speed up action and deter them from setting up in a passive zone defense for 30 seconds.

HOWEVER, Simpson expressed the feelings of those against a 19-foot shot circle when he said that, "from 19 feet, a zone will still get the job done."

With the introduction of the bonus basket, many coaches are worried about their team getting into a situation where they have to take low-percentage shots just because of the 30-second time restriction.

"I've always stressed taking a percentage shot, and then we get this long shot that they'll give

you an extra point for," Simpson quipped.

ANOTHER OVC change next season will be Friday-Saturday games rather than the present Thursday-Saturday system. Simpson noted that Friday contests will conflict with high school games and that the new scheduling system "will hurt our game preparation."

Advocates of the new schedule plan argue that the benefits of preventing an extra day of travel and expenses outweigh any of the negative aspects of the switch.

Simpson said that, when he considers all the changes planned for next season, he doesn't see "how they will help the quality of the game, especially the Friday-Saturday games."

THE RAIDERS' head mentor did say he expected higher scores in OVC games but stressed that "defense will still dictate success."

The various shot clocks most surely mean a decline in the number of surprising victories, like MTSU's win over Kentucky last season.

"I hope it [the shot clock] doesn't give us the tendency to rush things and make mistakes," Simpson said.

He also pointed out that the changes could be "rough on us because we'll be a young team."

## Assistant coach applicants to five

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports Editor

Finalists for MTSU's two assistant basketball coaching positions, which should be filled by July 12 or 15, have been narrowed to five individuals, according to Blue Raider head coach Stan Simpson.

The list includes University of South Alabama assistant coach Bill Muse; Delta State assistant coach Coleman Crawford; Dave Hammer, an assistant at Delta State Junior College of Saginaw, Mich.; Phil Hopkins, head coach

at Piedmont (S.C.) High School; and Birmingham Minor High School head coach Houston Kennedy.

MUSE, 26, may have the best credentials of the five and is a full-time assistant to coach Cliff Ellis at South Alabama. He is the third assistant on a four-man staff.

Crawford, 28, is a full-time assistant at Delta State in Mississippi, while Hammer, 33, has been head coach for the past three years at Delta Junior College. Hammer has a total of

nine years coaching experience.

With 18 years of coaching at Birmingham Minor, Kennedy, 42, has the most experience of the five.

THE TWO POSTS were vacated when part-time assistant Austin Clark resigned before the end of the season, and full-time assistant Larry Slaughter resigned to accept the assistant vocational supervisor and head basketball coach positions at Bainbridge (Ga.) High School.

## Fundraiser applicants down to four

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports Editor

Russell Guill, who holds a position with one of the most successful athletic fund raising organizations in the nation, is one of four finalists for MTSU's fund-raiser/promotions director/ticket manager position.

Guill is an assistant with Clemson's IPTAY (I-Pay-Thirty-A-Year) office. Clemson was one of the top five colleges in the nation in raising outside money

for their sports program, according to a March 3 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

A COMMITTEE of university and Blue Raider Club officials, along with Athletic Director Jimmy Earle, chose the list of finalists, which includes three men and one woman.

Rounding out the list are Beth Campbell of Auburn, Bob Brennan, director of promotions and tickets at East Tennessee State University and Henry

Click from the Daughters of the American Revolution School at Sand Mountain, Ala.

Click and Campbell have fund-raising experience, while Brennan's job at East Tennessee is the same as the MTSU position.

CAMPBELL was on campus Friday, and Guill is scheduled to visit MTSU today. All the finalists will be interviewed, and the job should be filled by July 10.

## Coach Hayes signs two trackmen

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports Editor

MTSU track coach Dean Hayes needed only two recruits for next year's team, and last week he signed just the two he needed.

Billy Porter from Overton High in Nashville will fill the spot left by Irishman Joe

O'Loughlin who graduated in May. Porter, along with Oakland High sprinter Perald Ellis, has signed a grant-in-aid



and will join Hayes' 1983 veteran-filled squad.

Porter is the reigning Class AAA 3200 meter champion, and according to Hayes, he will be "a real asset for us" next season.

Porter is a very versatile middle- and long-distance runner capable of participating in events from the half-mile through cross-country.

## Coach Stanford signs more

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's past baseball season produced a lot of happiness for Raider's head coach John Stanford.

The team won a second consecutive Ohio Valley Conference championship and had their best performance ever in the NCAA playoffs.

PLUS, Stanford was named the OVC Southern Region Coach of the Year by the U.S. College Baseball Coaches Association.

Now that recruiting season is in full swing, Stanford still has several reasons to keep on smiling.

The Blue Raiders' head coach has added two more names to MTSU's list of baseball signees. That brings to eight the number of baseball players signing grants-in-aid.

PITCHER Steve Sonneburger from Smithville's DeKalb County High School signed with MTSU Monday, and another pitcher, John Barbato, signed last week. Barbato comes to MTSU from South Miami, Fla. by way of Cumberland College in Lebanon.



John Stanford  
Head baseball coach

Sonneburger is a right-handed hurler who transferred to Smithville for his senior season from Texas.

"Steve is an outstanding pitcher and infielder," Stanford said.

Barbato, also a right-hander, was awarded the Top Pitcher at Cumberland College this past season and received the Top Pitcher Award at Columbus High School in South Miami his senior year.

AS OF press time, Stanford was still awaiting the decision of

## Gerhart makes grand debut

Kenny Gerhart, MTSU outfielder from last season's Ohio Valley Conference cham-

pionship team, certainly made his mark in his first trip to the plate as a professional baseball player.

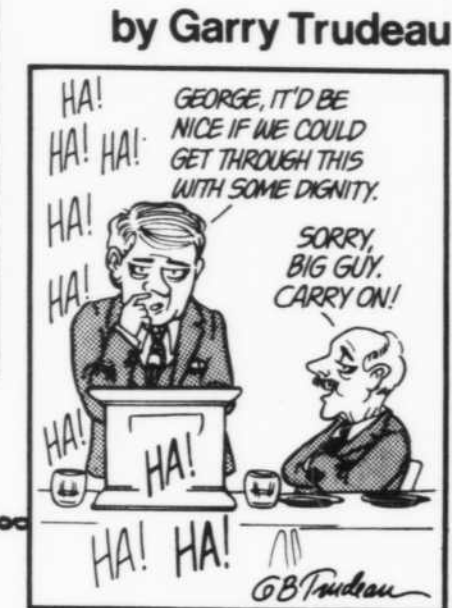
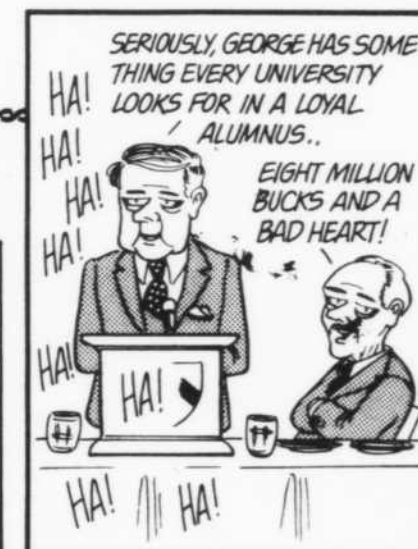
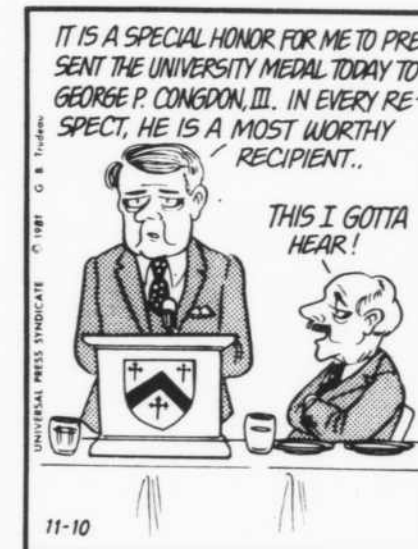
The former OVC Southern Division Player of the Year and Oakland High star knocked a grand slam home run last Monday night in his first-at-bat as a professional.

Gerhart is playing on the Baltimore Orioles' rookie team in Baltimore, Va. in the Appalachian League.

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