

State regents expected to retain English doctorate

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Editor

The State Board of Regents is expected to recommend retention of the MTSU English doctorate at their meeting Thursday and Friday in Dyersburg, President Sam Ingram said Monday.

Last month, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission voted, after studying the program over a four-year period, to eliminate the university's doctor of arts program in English, identifying it as "unnecessarily duplicative and low-producing."

"WE EXPECT the board's staff will make a recommendation to the board to continue our D.A. in English," Ingram said.

One reason for the expected support of the program, Ingram said, is that it is Tennessee's only doctor of arts in English.

THEC's recommendation was made because the program was found to have a "viable alter-

native in the academic common market" with a comparable program offered at the University of Mississippi.

The common-market program allows students to enroll at the Oxford, Miss., university and pay in-state tuition.

IN ADDITION, according to Ingram, the program had been classified as "mission essential," or necessary within the overall educational goals of the state.

"A third reason is that we think it is a quality program," Ingram said, "and we don't think we could eliminate any significant amount of money by eliminating it."

Despite identification of the English doctorate as "low-producing," the University of Mississippi program has generated fewer graduates than the one here. Since 1971, the UM program has turned out nine graduates, while the MTSU program has produced 24 graduates since 1972.

IN THEIR meeting at Dyersburg State Community College, the board is also expected to approve a plan to increase the basic high school mathematics requirements, effective with the 1984-85 academic year.

Under the proposed plan, the general-studies mathematics course required by the SBR would carry high school prerequisites of either two units of algebra or one unit of algebra and one of geometry.

The plan would also call for individual universities to study their overall general-studies mathematics courses.

"THE PRESENT SBR mathematics requirements," SBR Chancellor Roy Nicks said in a May letter to university presidents, "has received—if not abuse, at least extremely flexible approval by many institutions."

Ingram said he is "for our students knowing more mathematics," but he expressed concern

whether an improvement in secondary schools ought to take place prior to increasing the SBR schools' requirements in mathematics.

"I would not want to eliminate higher-education opportunities for students who suddenly find themselves at MTSU, or any other school, and discover that they cannot do the mathematics required for graduation because they don't have any background and the state provides no money in most higher-education institutions to pay for remedial work."

THE "PRACTICAL effect" of this action, Ingram said, would be to increase the mathematics requirement for admission.

In addition, the plan would require individual universities to develop strategies for increasing the quantity and quality of production of mathematics teachers.

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Regents board to hear prof's dismissal appeal

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Editor

A dismissal appeal by a former MTSU aerospace instructor will be heard by the State Board of Regents when they meet Thursday and Friday in Dyersburg.

In a grievance filed last year with the university, William F. Lawter charged that various academic and constitutional rights had been violated when his contract was not renewed.

SBR representative Richard Rhoda confirmed this week that Lawter was appealing to the board, but refused to discuss specifics of the case.

"He is appealing the institution's and the chancellor's decision to not renew his contract," Rhoda said Monday.

Lawter had been notified in May 1981 that his contract would not be renewed after the spring 1982 term.

IN JANUARY, Lawter told *Sidelines* that he was never given a full explanation for his dismissal, "except for some vague reason that they wanted someone more cooperative."

"They never really said I was uncooperative," Lawter said in the *Sidelines* article. "They just wanted someone more



William Lawter

Registration for August election not planned here

By DOUG MARKHAM
Staff Writer

Legislation passed in April requiring county election committees to conduct voter registration at Tennessee colleges "during each academic term" will not be enforced at MTSU this summer, a county official confirmed yesterday.

Amy Williams, registrar for the Rutherford County Elections Committee, said she did not know if the summer semester was considered an "academic term" under the new law, and registration would not be held here until fall.

Tennessee will hold primary elections for state offices on Aug. 5.



Photo by Michelle Krayer

Listen to the beat

Robert Robertson, an instructor at a camp for high school band rifle corps held here, watches as a group conducts a drill

Other schools in worse shape

MTSU fall application rate up three percent

By MIKE CROWDER
Staff Writer

Undergraduate applications for admission to MTSU for the fall semester are up more than 3 percent over last year, according to Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records.

The total number of applications filed for next fall is 3,661, compared to 3,542 filed for Fall 1981. These totals include freshman and transfer applications.

COMPARED TO three other State Board of Regents universities, however, one reported a slight increase in undergraduate applications for the fall, while two others reported major decreases.

East Tennessee State

University reported a 3 percent increase in fall applications, the same as MTSU.

However, the ETSU director of admissions and records, Lloyd Bell, said that school officials are "very nervous" and are expecting a high rate of no-shows.

"THE PROOF of the pudding will be who shows up," Bell said.

Austin Peay State University reported a 15 percent decrease in

applications, but Dean of Admissions Glenn Gentry said he expects a large number of applications to be filed between now and the end of July.

"If there is a decrease, it will only be one or two percentage points," Gentry said.

TENNESSEE TECH University reported an overwhelming drop in applications of 20 percent. James Perry, dean of admissions, could not be

reached for comment.

The increase in the number of MTSU freshman applications for the fall is even higher than the 3 percent increase for all undergraduate applications. For freshman females, the change is from 1,447 to 1,526, an increase of 5.4 percent. For freshman males, the change is from 1,164 to 1,251, an increase of 7.47 percent.

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Society may be affected by cheating: MTSU faculty

By KAREN BILYEU
Special to *Sidelines*

Some members of the MTSU faculty envision "negative consequences" for society resulting from students engaging in cheating.

"The danger I see in cheating is the fact that many of my students are education majors," says Margaret Ordoubadian, professor of English, "and this characteristic mars their credibility and effectiveness as being teachers."

Political science professor Jack Turner says cheating can be detrimental in long-range terms because a lot of his students are future lawyers and politicians.

"CHEATING, in general, has a negative impact on society, because people who engage in cheating are generally low-productive citizens," observes Robert Seay, a professor in the accounting department.

Ordoubadian, Turner and Seay all agree that students cheat because they hold too high a regard for the letter grade.

"I feel students cheat because

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they have a higher regard for the grade rather than the level of learning," Ordoubadian said.

TURNER explained that students cheat because of pressures of status, parents and peers.

Seay said students cheat because they have a low self-image and do not set goals for themselves.

Punishment procedures applied to students caught cheating are contained in *Rescue*, the student handbook, explained Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

"Professors have the prerogative to give the student who is cheating a failing grade for that particular test of for the course," Cantrell said.

UNIVERSITY regulations also allow faculty members to bring formal charges against students who are caught cheating, with punishments ranging from a reprimand to suspension.

"In my opinion, a student caught cheating should be suspended for a minimum of one year," Cantrell said.

However, the three faculty members interviewed disagreed substantially with Cantrell's opinion.

TURNER stated that he did not feel it was the responsibility of the teacher to punish the students.

"I have never turned a student in for cheating," he explained. "I usually throw the test out and take the student into my office in order to discuss the results of his cheating from an ethical point of view."

Ordoubadian said she had not

the previous three springs.

For all freshmen, the GPAs for the spring semesters of 1979, 1980 and 1981 were 1.72, 1.75 and 1.70, respectively.

Freshman male averages for the last three springs were 1.61, 1.64 and 1.58, respectively. Freshman female averages for the same period were 1.84, 1.82 and 1.81.

MTSU PRESIDENT Sam Ingram said he was surprised at the drop from last semester, but indicated he was more concerned with the consistency of freshman GPAs over the last four springs.

"This seems to be a continuation of the difference between the fall and spring semesters" Ingram said. "This indicates that someone, perhaps administration, should initiate more studies to see if the difference between these semesters is unusual and why, if so, it is unusual."

Ingram suggested that he might ask Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, to study the problem.

OVERALL GPAs for sophomores, juniors and seniors increased from last fall to this spring.

Sophomore averages went up from 2.20 to 2.26, junior averages from 2.37 to 2.42, and senior averages from 2.64 to 2.69. In each category, averages for males and females showed a moderate increase.

failed a student because of cheating.

"I have given an F on certain term papers if the student received the paper from another student, or if the paper is plagiarized," she recalled.

SEAY SAID he simply tears up the test and gives the student a zero.

To prevent cheating, Cantrell suggested monitoring the class during testing and checking for cheating paraphernalia, such as cheat sheets and notes written on hands and desks.

Ordoubadian said she has de-emphasized short-answer tests, using them merely for knowledge recall.

"I'VE TRIED to build grades based on essays," she said. "It's hard to cheat on an essay test, because I can usually detect the individual's writing voice."

Seay said most of the time no two students sitting beside each other will have the same test.

"I make sure that the only things my students have on top of their desks during the test are

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On this date

On this date, Midsummer Eve was celebrated throughout England and Europe. During the Middle Ages, the British thought it possible to raise the devil by running backwards around ancient druid stones at midnight—and then the devil would arrive with a bowl of porridge in exchange for the runner's soul. It was also believed that sleeping among the druid stones tonight would result in death, madness, or the power of a poet. ("Lord, what fools these mortals be.")

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Once upon a time, a young lad plotted to kill the king...

It's almost like a story out of Mother Goose.

A young lad goes to a lot of movies and decides it would be fun to act out one of his favorite scenes because he "absolutely adores" the actress.

So one day the lad equips himself for the task and writes a letter to his idol, telling of his great deed.

BRAVELY, THE hero shoots the kingdom's great and respected knight, and then rides off into the sunset, escorted by the knight's loyal guards.

Brought before the royal tribunal, the young lad claims he did not know his deed was against the laws of the kingdom. His witnesses, however, cannot agree whether the warrior really knew what he was doing.

So, therefore, the king's mighty tribunal finds that the warrior didn't really commit the crime because he didn't know that the action would not make him a hero.

SOUND TOO silly to be true?

Unfortunately, that is exactly what happened this week.

Kudos to housing officials

Modern philosopher Charles Frankel once made an observation about the accountability of government officials:

"A decision is responsible," Frankel observed, "when the man or group that makes it has to answer for it to those who are directly or indirectly affected by it."

UNFORTUNATELY, this astute observation does not apply to most decisions affecting higher-education institutions. Generally, students are at the mercy of the powers that be.

Kudos must go, however, to the MTSU housing department and to Housing Director Ivan Shewmake for being exceptions to, rather than examples of, the rule.

With the recent hiring of MTSU graduate Vickie Gail Justice as assistant director of housing, Shewmake instituted a policy that required upper-level housing officials to live on campus.

John W. Hinckley Jr. was found innocent by reason of insanity Monday when a seven-woman, five-man federal jury ruled he was not criminally responsible for his attempt to assassinate President Reagan.

UNDER THIS decision, Hinckley will now be committed for a mental examination, and the judge will then determine whether he should be institutionalized or set free.

After a 50-day evaluation Hinckley will then be returned to Judge Parker's courtroom for a hearing on his future. At that time, he could then be released if the judge finds that Hinckley is not likely to injure himself or others.

What is so ironic is that the government's own psychiatrists, who testified that Hinckley was not insane at the time of the crime, will now be required to determine when the assailant is sane enough to be released.

The whole question of an insanity plea is utterly ludicrous; without question, it should be subjected to further—and far more careful—scrutiny by lawmakers across the land.

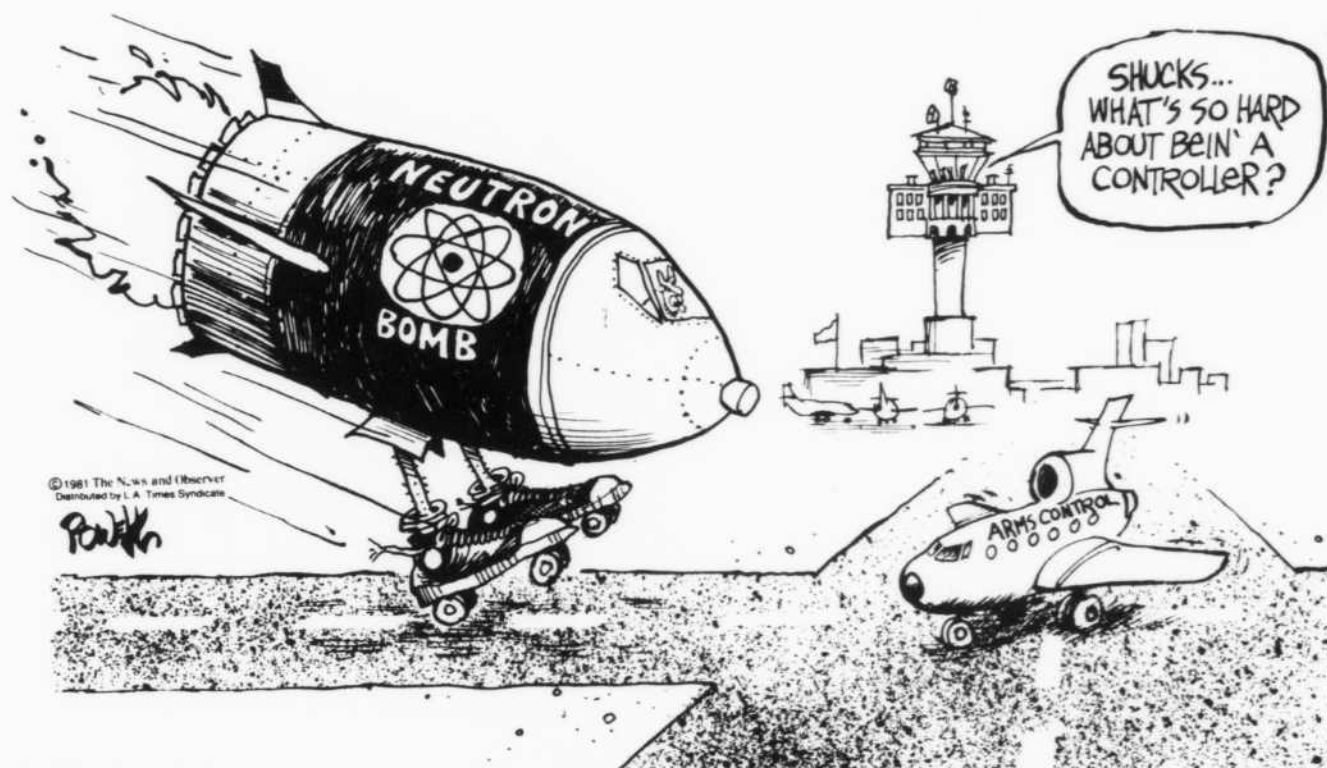
JUSTICE, WHO will be a resident in the Family Student Housing, noted when she came that this requirement will play a vital role in her ability to perform her duties.

"When they first talked to me about the job," Justice said, "I thought it would be necessary to live in the housing because I can't understand what you have to put up with unless I have to put up with it, too."

Indeed.

THIS DECISION by Shewmake, who is a resident of H-Hall, is truly a commendable effort to make the housing office more responsible to the needs of the residents of on-campus housing.

It is only unfortunate that other higher-education officials are not personally affected by or accountable for their decisions. Then higher education would mean more in government circles.



Nuclear war threat puts stress on Americans; freeze urged

By MARLYNE M. KILBEY

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Children of my generation, growing up during World War II, did not remain innocent long.

While the propaganda we were exposed to in movies and in the press—mainly, as I remember it, of Japanese soldiers bayoneting Chinese babies—proved unrealistic, the horror we previewed proved inadequate when we were forced to confront evidence of Nazi concentration camps following the Allied victory in Europe.

ANY NOTION we had that our country was simply the "good guy" in the war "out to protect the weak" died along with the Japanese of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, when the *Enola Gay* parachuted the first nuclear bomb to its destination.

In explaining the bomb to the American people, Lowell Thomas, a popular news broadcaster, compared its power to that of Niagara Falls.

And events did follow as quickly as a barrel is carried over Niagara Falls. On Aug. 9, a second nuclear bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. On Aug. 11, the Japanese surrendered.

YET, IN THAT short span of five days, many Americans had time to wonder if peace attained at the expense of introducing doomsday weapons could prove to be a lasting peace.

When the Japanese surrendered, our nation had one more nuclear bomb in reserve. By the end of the year, we were producing enough fissionable material to manufacture two or three a month. In 1949, the U.S.S.R. exploded their first atomic bomb.

Before the decade was out, political-action groups centered in Great Britain and European countries were protesting the entry of those nations into the nuclear arms race, the basing of nuclear bomb-carrying aircraft in their countries and other foreign policies that were viewed as heightening international tensions.

THROUGHOUT the 1950s

and the 1960s, the pattern was one of escalation: more nuclear bombs and more nations possessing nuclear bombs. Missile systems carrying nuclear warheads were developed. All

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these combined to provide a doomsday scenario that was beyond many persons' comprehension.

By the mid-1960s, intercontinental bombers to deliver nuclear bombs, missile systems and antiballistic missile system were available to the United States, the U.S.S.R., Great Britain, France and China.

While nuclear arsenals grew rapidly from 1945 to 1965, negotiations to limit their use proceeded slowly. In 1968 a Non-Proliferation Treaty was signed by the five nations possessing nuclear technology. In May of 1972, Salt I agreements were signed—the first major treaty limiting arms since the 1920s.

WHILE THESE treaties eased public fears of nuclear war and lessened public protest, they were designed to have little impact upon the buildup of nuclear weapons.

Today the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. together possess more than 50,000 warheads. These weapons have not come cheaply. They have been purchased at the expense of sound economics, peace of mind and, possibly, our future on this planet.

We are all aware of studies showing the detrimental effect of stress on physical and mental health.

YET, LITTLE thought has been given to the price we are paying by the continual threat of the annihilation of modern society. Much of the social disorganization attributed to the "Now Generation" may be a response to their deep-seated fear that, in reality, tomorrow may not come.

One way each of us copes with

the knowledge of our personal mortality is to have faith in our continuation through our children's lives and their children's lives, in turn, and our values through the perpetuation of our culture.

Yet the specter of a nuclear holocaust undermines that faith. Recent attitude surveys have found that Americans would choose not to survive the holocaust to confront a sterile, radioactive environment.

THE NUCLEAR arms race has produced stress in another way. A large portion of our national resources has been diverted from programs that support health, education, welfare, environmental and consumer needs and dedicated to the development of complex weapons systems.

The end results have been inflation, due to intense competition for a few highly trained persons, and unemployment for many others—less well-trained or with other priorities.

For most people, the conviction that there exist sufficient nuclear weapons to destroy life on Earth and that, nonetheless, our government continues to build more and more weapon systems has forced them into a type of psychological denial sometimes seen in the terminally ill.

FOR MANY others, however, the defeat of Salt II and the Reagan administration's talk of limited nuclear war have provided an impetus to build a coalition of citizens' groups.

The goals of these anti-nuclear war groups are (1) to educate the American people, especially the young, about the horrors of nuclear war; and (2) to foster a mutual U.S.-Soviet Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

Freeze proponents do not pretend to have all the plans leading to de-escalation worked out, but they do feel that working toward a freeze is the only viable alternative to the present policy, which is viewed as leading to the eventual destruction of life, as we know it, on this planet.

Eastwood lends little more than name to 'Firefox'

By JANENE GUPTON

Movie Critic

First the Russians beat the United States in the arms race...then they developed a MIG-31, undetectable by radar, that fires weapons upon the thought command of the pilot (provided, of course, he thinks in Russian).

The *Firefox*—which travels at speeds over Mach 5—must be taken from the Russians if the United States is to survive.

ENTER MITCHELL Gant (Clint Eastwood), an ex-Air Force pilot who suffers from delayed stress syndrome but who is an otherwise perfect candidate for stealing the *Firefox* right out from under the Soviet Union's nose.

As far as storyline goes, "Firefox" definitely has potential, but Eastwood—who produced, directed and stars in the film—does little for it except lend it his name.

With the plot it has, "Firefox" should have been a fast-paced, action-packed movie about international espionage and intrigue. Instead, the two-hour-plus movie drags on—and on—with the only action

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materializing when someone is murdered in cold blood.

EASTWOOD'S IS the only name emblazoned on the movie's publicity material, because the others in "Firefox" simply do not have the box-office draw that he does.

However, if one goes by performance, his should have been the one left off.

Gant, we are told, suffers from delayed stress syndrome, but Eastwood's performance leaves the audience feeling as if this Vietnam vet were actually a crybaby who needed to be slapped back to reality.

To compound the problem, Eastwood seems to sleepwalk through the entire film, leaving the remainder of his anonymous cast to carry the load.

WARREN CLARKE, as Pavel, a Russian national who helps get Gant to the *Firefox*, gives a far better performance than Eastwood, as do Nigel Hawthorne and Dimitra Arliss, who play scientists working on the plane.

Perhaps the latter two provide the only example of any distinction in Eastwood's directing. Portraying lovers who have only hours left to spend with each other before their inevitable deaths, the pair conveys with a look what no

words could express.

In the special-effects department, "Firefox" will certainly win no awards. During the flight scenes, it is all too easy to discern that the plane is nothing more than a plastic model set up against a background of blue sky.

LIGHTING is another area where the film falls far short. Abrupt light changes are frequent, leaving the viewer more worried about his own eyes than the film.

"Firefox," I am convinced, could have been good, but the end result here just plain isn't. The film is alarmingly boring, Eastwood's acting performance and directing leave a great deal to be desired, and everyone in the audience already knows how "lucky" he is to be an American living in the land of the "free"—we don't need to be reminded every 30 minutes in a film.



Clint Eastwood
"Firefox"

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SOME SHOPS, as a matter of policy, require your signature on a work order. Before you sign,

understanding, it is your word against his.

Before giving the mechanic the go-ahead, inquire about his service guarantee.

MOST FRANCHISE dealerships, as a matter of policy, guarantee their work for a specified length of time or number of miles. Independent garages may or may not guarantee their work. So always ask before they begin.

Do not accept a verbal guarantee—it is up to the mechanic whether to honor it or not. Get it in writing, either on the work order or on your receipt. Make sure the guarantee covers labor if additional work is necessary.

When you pick your car up after repairs, check each item on the work order. If you do not understand anything, ask.

DO NOT ACCEPT the car unless everything is complete and satisfactory. Road test the car before you drive home. If something does not seem right, take it back to the shop immediately.

If any parts were replaced, ask for them to take home—or at least ask to see them. It is always a good idea to pay for your repair work by check. It may

insist on a specific repair cost. Ask for a written itemized estimate. Do not accept broad job descriptions such as "repair brakes" or "fix noise in engine." This could cost you \$10 or \$200.

Most shops have a flat-rate book that gives the time a job should take and what parts are necessary. You probably will not be charged for an estimate, but ask—just in case.

If the estimate seems unusually high, take your car to another shop and get another estimate.

REPAIR WORK may also be negotiated verbally. Oral contracts are legal and binding. If you enter into such a contract, make sure that you and the mechanic have a mutual understanding of the work to be done and the approximate cost.

in selecting your mechanic and negotiating the repair.

ONE WAY to find a competent and reliable mechanic is through recommendations from friends.

But if you are new in town or on a trip, you can find a mechanic in one of several places.

If you have a fairly new car not under warranty, take it to a dealer who sells your make of car. Dealers will most always have factory-trained mechanics who specialize in repairing your make of car.

IF YOU KNOW what is wrong with your car, a specialty shop may be the answer. Mechanics there specialize in repairing one part of your car, such as brakes or transmission.

Gasoline stations offer the convenience of long hours, close-in locations and emergency road service. Try to make friends at the gas stations at which you regularly trade. They can be good for routine maintenance and minor repairs.

In addition, service departments of discount and department stores specialize in fast, relatively simple repairs and replacements.

INDEPENDENT garages often charge less than other repair shops because of reduced overhead, fewer employees, little or no advertising and less-costly facilities. Be careful to check out the reputation of independent garages through local residents and customers.

Before you take your car in, make a list of the things that need checking.



If the mechanic finds that additional repairs are needed, have him notify you for authorization before he begins the work. But do not be quick to authorize major repairs over the phone. If there is a misun-

derstanding, it is your word against his.

If you have any questions or complaints, call the Division of Consumer Affairs in Nashville at 741-1461 or toll-free at 1-800-342-8385.

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one," Williams said.

UNIVERSITY officials, however, could not confirm

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Talking Heads

Do you support a freeze on nuclear weapons?



MARILYN BROYLES
sophomore

Yes. If both the U.S. and Rissia had an equal amount of weapons. I am not in favor of nuclear power or weapons.



MOHAMAND JABER
junior

Yes. People are sick of the threat of nuclear war.



STEVE KENDALL
junior

Yes. If both sides had an adequate way to assure both sides stick to the agreement.

Photo by Michelle Krayner

Campus Capsule

THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING DIPLOMA-FEE FORMS to the Office of Admissions and Records is tomorrow at 4 p.m. Every student who has filed an Intent to Graduate form has already been mailed a diploma-fee form.

Failure to meet the deadline may result in the omission of a student's name from the graduation program.

THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST for admission to teacher education will be administered Tuesday, July 6, at 4 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Students taking the test must present a valid I.D. There will be no charge for the test, and preregistration is not required.

THE UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE will be closed for inventory June 28 through 30.

TRAFFIC TICKET APPEALS will be heard on June 30, July 14 and Aug. 4 at 3 p.m. in rooms 312 and 313 of the University Center.

All appeals must be brought to the Traffic Court Office, Room 120 of the U.C., within seven days of the citation.

A free dance, sponsored by the MTSU Dance Committee, will be held tonight in the University Center Grill Annex from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Featured will be "Michael B's Traveling Disco."

Applications

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According to Gillespie, most transfer students file their applications in the summer, so the total of 3,661 will probably change.

IN SPITE of all this, Gillespie does not expect an increase in enrollment over last year.

"We have two things working against us," Gillespie said. "The first is that we had more students suspended in the spring than we did the previous year, and the second is that we

graduated over 900 students this time."

Last spring, 728 students were placed on academic suspension, compared to 491 in spring 1981, an increase of 48.2 percent.

SUSPENSION means that a student cannot return to school until one semester after the semester in which the suspension occurs.

Gillespie attributes the drastic increase in academic suspensions to the recent changes in the retention standards of the

university.

"Students have to do better sooner," he said. "They must attain a 2.0 [grade-point average] by the time they begin their junior year."

GILLESPIE said the economy may have a positive effect on enrollment.

"The economy is a big unknown," he said. "Historically, when it is bad, college enrollment goes up because people want to get more training. But the economy has been bad for several years now, and enrollment has not gone up."

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a test paper, calculator and pencils," he said.

TURNER, HOWEVER, argued that there is no "really effective" method of preventing cheating.

"I've tried spacing people, yet this is difficult because of the limited amount of space in classrooms," Turner said. "Also, not returning graded tests back to the students as a preventive measure can be detrimental because it deters the learning process."

Turner's dilemma suggests that there may be no real solution to the problem of cheating—or to the incompetent and nonproductive society which may result from cheating in the academic world.

Lawter

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cooperative."

Although MTSU President Sam Ingram and Affirmative Action Coordinator Joy Callahan both had refused to comment, *Sidelines* quoted a source who indicated that Lawter's firing had resulted from his inability to get along with department chairman Randall Wood.

In that article, Wood also refused to comment.

yesterday that the committee had indeed conducted voter registration during registration.

MTSU President Sam Ingram said he was not sure whether the committee is legally bound to hold registration here this summer.

"My impression is they [the

state Senate] are talking about the fall and spring, rather than the summer session," Ingram explained.

WILLIAMS SAID she did not even have a copy of the law or any document defining its nature.

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Applications for graduate assistant as a female residence hall programmer are now being accepted by the University Housing Office.

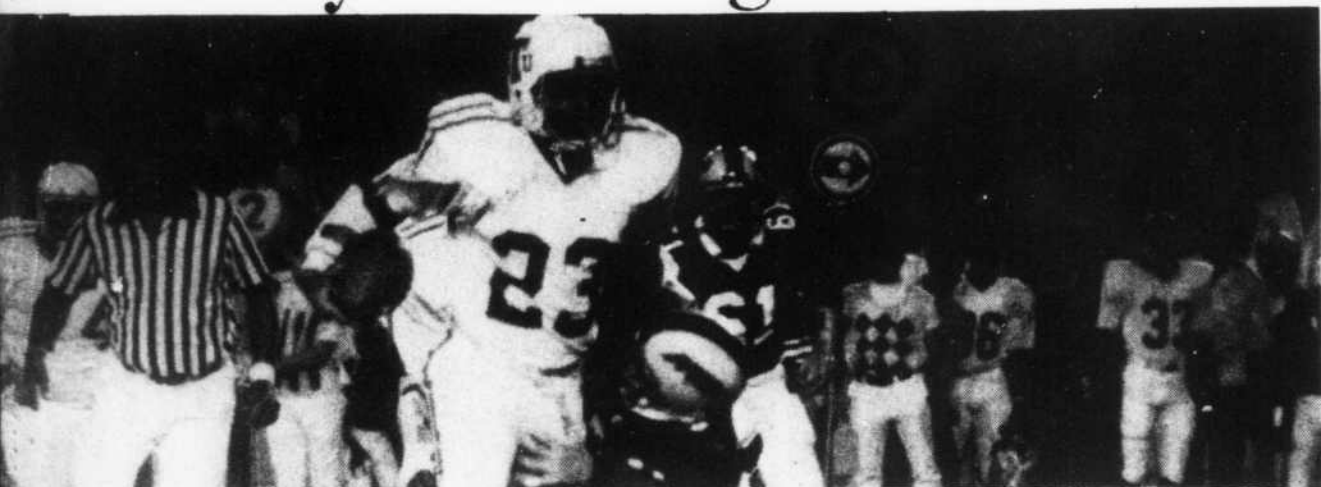
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Applications must be turned in to the University Housing Office, University Center, Room 303, by July 1, 1982.

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Donnelly talks about next season**Earle says TSU might be on '83 schedule; Boots is not sure**

An MTSU player tries to bring down a TSU ball-carrier during the two schools' last contest in 1978

By CRAIG ARNOLD
Sports Editor

The Tigers of Tennessee State University could be on MTSU's 1983 football schedule, although the schools as yet have taken "no definite action," Athletic Director Jimmy Earle said Monday.

MTSU and TSU have not met on the football field since 1978, when a six-year series between the two schools was terminated by MTSU after TSU allegedly played an ineligible player.

IN SPITE OF that controversy, Earle said MTSU "has to look at TSU because of the financial factor involved."

"We had a \$24,000 gate from the TSU game in 1978, and our sales from season tickets last year was only \$16,000," he said.

The series was ended, according to a September 1978 story in *Sidelines*, because of a controversy concerning the eligibility of Tiger running back Larry Kinnebrew.

CHARLES MURPHY, MTSU athletic director at the time, questioned Kinnebrew's eligibility prior to the season opener with TSU. In the article, TSU Athletic Director Samuel Whitman admitted that Kinnebrew did not even graduate from high school.

Kinnebrew, however, carried the ball three times for no yardage in the game, and MTSU cancelled the series with the Nashville school.

Despite the controversy surrounding the cancellation of the series, Earle said, "We are going to talk to them."

THE QUESTION of scheduling TSU arose after a date opened on the Blue Raiders' 1983 schedule for a 10th game.

The vacancy occurred because the only return game in 1983 with any of the three newly added Division II teams in this fall's schedule was Savannah State. That left MTSU with only

nine games on the 1983 slate.

MTSU football coach "Boots" Donnelly said Friday that if MTSU set up a game with TSU, he would be "worried about my team being subjected to the same thing that happened to us in 1978."

"UNDERSTAND, I personally have no qualms about playing TSU," Donnelly explained.

Besides Savannah State, the two other Division II schools on MTSU's schedule next season are Elizabeth City, N.C., and Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Va.

Many fans have questioned the '82 slate that has the three Division II teams leading off the season and a total of six road games.

"PEOPLE DON'T seem to remember that we've played UT-Martin and North Alabama in the past—they're Division II schools," Donnelly said.

Explaining the array of road trips, Donnelly remarked: "Well, it looks like we'll have a strong home schedule every

'Boots' Donnelly
Head football coach

other year, but it's not this year. We'll be trying to change that in 1984."

With preseason practice more than a month away for the Raiders, Donnelly said he expects MTSU to have "a decent defensive team," barring any injuries. He added that the seniors on this year's squad are his first senior class, and the Raiders will have a good amount of "leadership potential" going for them.

ON THE other hand, Donnelly said he was disappointed with the "lack of maturity shown after we reached some goals last season."

"Attitude is extremely important this coming year," he emphasized.

Wide receiver, kicker and quarterback are spots Donnelly cited as needing improvement.

"WE DON'T have an established leader at quarterback," he said, "and we're not strong at this stage on offense."

The Raiders' defensive secondary currently has some depth problems, Donnelly said, and the offensive line is "very, very green."

Commenting on the season opener with Savannah State, Donnelly stressed that the Raiders "can't come in thinking we're good."

"WE'VE GOT to prepare and work hard for everything," he said. "We'll be in a situation we're unfamiliar with."

In the season opener, Donnelly said the key factors would be the high humidity and heat of the south Georgia area and the Raiders' basic unfamiliarity with the Savannah State team, which has a "great amount of natural and physical talent."

Loyd places 11th at Knoxville meetBy CRAIG ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU's record-breaking All-American triple-jumper Eddie Loyd topped the 53-foot mark once again Friday at the U.S.A.-Mobil Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Knoxville.

However, Loyd's leap of 53' 3/4" only placed him 11th in the meet.

MTSU TRACK coach Dean Hayes said it was Loyd's sixth jump of over 53 feet this season in seven attempts during competition.

Other contenders in the event failed to perform as well as had been expected.

Hayes pointed out that the short jumps at the meet could be attributed to recent construction on the track that included a rebuilt runway and a pole-vault pit that had not been filled in.

"I WAS extremely happy with Eddie's season," Hayes said last week. "He's been real consistent."

Hayes noted that Loyd "may still end up on the Sports Festival team, representing the South."

"That would be his last meet," Hayes said.

Loyd will be back with the Raiders next year for his senior season.

Eddie Loyd
Triple-jumper**Stanford gets coaching honor**By CRAIG ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU head baseball coach John Stanford was named Tuesday as the South Region Coach of the Year.

Baseball Coaches all across the south voted for the prestigious honor.

"I am extremely flattered," Stanford said yesterday, "because I'm in really good company."

STANFORD WON out over coaching names like Ron Polk at Mississippi State, Jake Gibbs at Ole Miss and Ron Frazier at the University of Miami. Frazier's Miami team won this year's College World Series.

Through nine years of being head coach at MTSU, Stanford's teams have won six division championships, three OVC titles and have been in the NCAA

John Stanford
Head baseball coach

playoffs three times.

Stanford said if he's learned one thing during his coaching years, it would be the fact that "you can't slow down" if you're going to be successful, and "you can't have a successful team with one or two stars."

"THEY HAVE to be team players," he said.

And just where was the Blue Raider coach when he got word of the honor bestowed upon him? On the baseball field, of course.

Stanford was at Blue Raider field, where the Cincinnati Reds held a tryout camp on Tuesday. Reds' scout Chet Montgomery showed a keen interest in three former MTSU players at the tryout, Randy Goff, Jeff Perkins and Bill Sharp.

OVC votes approval of three-point bonus basketBy CRAIG ARNOLD
Sports Editor

It will be a lot easier to make a three-point play in OVC basketball games next season.

OVC commissioner Jim Delaney announced Monday that the OVC will use the pro-style, three-point shot along

with the previous addition of the 30-second shot clock.

During last month's OVC spring meetings in Nashville, OVC coaches were divided on the issue. A survey of the coaches earlier this month, however, had six of the eight coaches voting in favor of the shot. OVC

athletic directors approved the bonus basket last week by a vote of 7-1.

MTSU coach Stan Simpson was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

By a one-votemargin, league officials chose a 19-foot shot

circle rather than one of 21 feet. Shots from outside that range will count three points.

Automatic approval of the OVC's decision is expected from the NCAA basketball rules committee.

Fundraiser applicants narrowed down to four

The candidates for the position of fund raiser for MTSU athletics have been narrowed down to four persons.

MTSU athletic director Jimmy Earle said Tuesday the following persons will be interviewed, and a final decision

will be made within the next ten days: IPTAY official Russell Guill, Clemson; Promotions Director Bob Brennan, East Tennessee State; ticket coordinator Beth Campbell, Auburn; and fundraiser Henry Click, Sand Mountain, Ala.

Stanford is going recruitingBy CRAIG ARNOLD
Sports Editor

You might think that, after a lengthy baseball season which included a second consecutive OVC championship and a return trip to the NCAA playoffs, John Stanford would be relaxing.

No way.

THE BLUE RAIDERS' head baseball coach is busy hitting the recruiting trail in hopes of replenishing the ranks of his team—which lost three players to graduation and two others to major league contracts. Pitcher Larry Bruno, outfielder Jeff Perkins and catcher Randy Goff all graduated, while junior outfielder Kenny Gerhart and junior shortstop "Buster" Keaton inked their names on the dotted line for the Baltimore Orioles and the Chicago White Sox, respectively.

Within the past month, Stanford has signed two junior college outfielders, Gary Cathcart from Cumberland College in Lebanon and Jimmy Petty from Columbia State. Last week, Stanford signed Stan Hovater, an outfielder from Martin College in Pulaski. Hovater had a .356 batting average his freshman year and a .348 average this past season. He is an All-Western Division junior college player as well as a junior college All-Star.

"Stan's not real big, but he's got a great swing," Stanford said. "He's a real good hitter."

This past weekend, Stanford also signed a catcher out of Rutherford High School in Panama City, Fla. Stanford says Allen Colburn "will play some for us in the fall, and we'll give him a good look in the spring."

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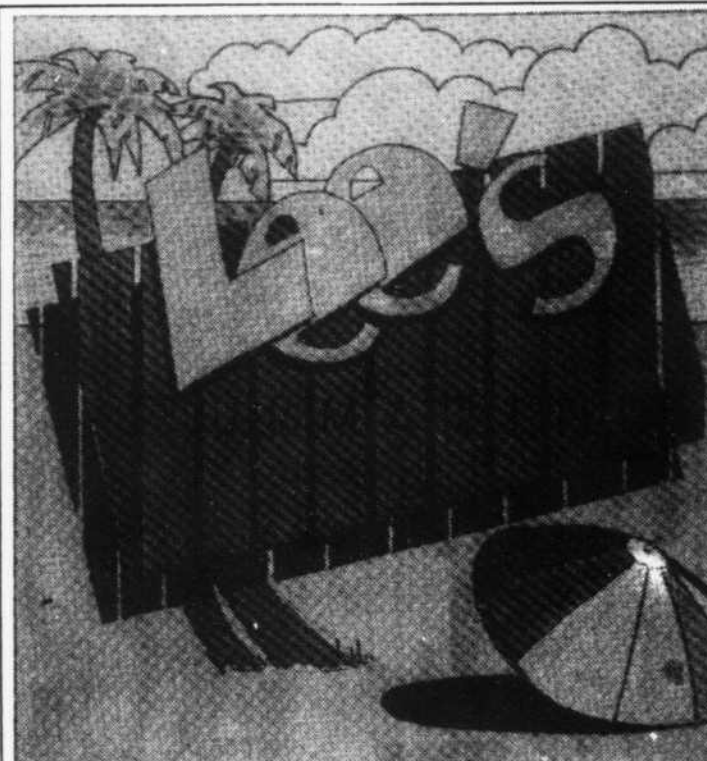
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