

Weather

There is a 50 percent chance of rain today increasing to 70 percent tonight. Highs will be in the mid-40s, and the low tonight will be in the upper-30s.

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Over \$5 million to higher education

From WIRE AND STAFF REPORTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gov. Lamar Alexander presented his \$4.25 billion budget to the Legislature last night, specifying that \$561,889,100 would go to higher education.

Of that total amount, \$34,524,100 would be directed for Middle Tennessee State University.

MTSU PRESIDENT Sam Ingram indicated that he felt higher education has received a reasonable portion of the total budget.

"It appears that the governor has been fair with the distribution as compared to other areas of state government," Ingram said. "I'll have to study the proposals before I make any firm predictions."

In addition, it was announced that Tennessee's 40,000 school teachers and 40,000 state employees would get salary increases averaging 7 percent. Alexander set aside \$108 million for the increases, which also would go to employees of state colleges and universities.

TEACHERS would get the full 7 percent, Alexander said, if local school systems agree to increase their share of salaries accordingly.

But the governor said those employees paid directly by the state could get only 5 percent—with the other 2 percent in state-paid dental insurance or some other form of benefit.

The money for the increases

was gained by asking all state agencies to reduce their payroll expense by 2 percent. In some cases, this meant letting workers go. In others, it meant not replacing workers who left for other jobs or simply not hiring employees to fill jobs that already were vacant.

INGRAM SAID this mandatory 2 percent cut could have a negative impact on some colleges.

"That may pose some difficulties in schools that have been growing in enrollments instead of declining," Ingram said.

The budget, for state government operations beginning July 1, is up \$185 million from this fiscal year's expenditures—and counts on \$11 million in extra sales taxes from visitors to Knoxville's World's Fair.

With one in every 10 Tennesseans out of work, Alexander also asked for \$77.5 million for child welfare payments, down by \$4 million. Budget cuts by Congress removed 10,000 Tennessee families from welfare



Gov. Lamar Alexander
announcing \$4.25 billion budget

and Medicaid rolls.

THE GOVERNOR nonetheless requested \$517 million for Medicaid, the largest increase over last year. The new Medicaid request is up from \$478 million—with \$24 million earmarked for 18,000 nursing home elderly.

Alexander asked \$2.5 million to increase prenatal care for rural pregnant women and to care for high-risk newborn babies. The new budget contains

a total of \$10 million for maternal and child health, expanding prenatal care to 67 rural counties and adding funds for newborn centers in Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga.

ONE TAX increase is planned—a boost in corporate excise tax rates to avoid a \$20 million loss to the state as a result of congressional cuts in the federal excise tax. The state excise tax has been a percentage of the federal tax.

The governor also asked:

• \$1 MILLION MORE, or a total of \$8.1 million, to help replace public school textbooks and an equal amount to expand emphasis on reading, writing and arithmetic in elementary schools.

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5 of 10 come from MTSU

TISL chooses new legislation

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON
Education Editor

Five out of 10 pieces of student legislation chosen by the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature for further action in this session of the Tennessee General Assembly were written by MTSU students.

The legislation was chosen last week by the TISL Executive Council.

"I DON'T think it's ever been done that one school has had five out of 10 as long as TISL has been going," said TISL Governor Tony Yates, who is also the speaker of the ASB House of Representatives.

Yates will be responsible, along with other members of the executive council, for giving copies of the legislation to Gov. Lamar Alexander and finding sponsors for the bills in the legislature.

Mark Ross, assistant attorney general of the ASB, authored three of the bills, including one requiring General Sessions judges to pass the bar examination before they can serve.

Another one putting a student on the board of directors of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. is to be given further consideration.

Ross' final bill requires that when state funds are impounded they be impounded equally in all state departments, except when in contradiction to a court order.

JUNIOR Julie Carson authored a bill providing for a youth diversion program to keep juvenile offenders out of the regular prison system.

Tony Castleman wrote a bill that would change the possible verdicts in cases of manslaughter and homicide from not guilty, guilty or insane to not guilty, or guilty and insane.

Murphy Center houses evacuees for second time in three months

MTSU's Murphy Center was used as an evacuation center for the second time in three months following the wreck of a propane tanker truck in Murfreesboro early Friday morning.

A truck, carrying 9,400 gallons of volatile liquid propane, collided with a car and overturned at the intersection of Samsonite Boulevard and South Church Street. A 3,000-foot area around the accident scene was evacuated, including four streets, a motel, and five industrial plants.

ATTEMPTS to upright the tanker using three tow trucks failed in the early stages of the salvage operation. The truck was finally upended after portions of the fuel were transferred to awaiting trucks.

Although the tanker suffered no structural damage, authorities feared that a spark would set off an explosion.

Approximately 82 people from the residential section were allowed to stay in Murphy Center. Six American Red Cross officials assisted the evacuees by



Two evacuees and a rescue worker relax in Murphy Center early Friday morning after some Murfreesboro residents were evacuated from their homes.

offering sandwiches, coffee and soft drinks.

ALTHOUGH five were hurt in the accident, none of the displaced persons suffered any injuries.

In October, approximately 2,500 people were evacuated after a railroad tanker con-

taining liquid propane was discovered to be leaking. During that period, around 400 people used the facilities at Murphy Center, according to Nancy McGill, chairman of the board of the Rutherford County Red Cross.

Murfreesboro police Lt. Bart Smith stated that this accident was potentially more dangerous than the October accident.

"THIS TANKER here isn't built as good as a railroad car," he said, "and we are in an area where United Cities Gas tankers are right across the street about 1,200 yards away."

Red Cross workers, police officers and civil defense worker passed the time by reminiscing about the previous incident.

"It's becoming a regular event for us," one Civil Defense worker remarked.

Seven-year-old Donny Floyd was concerned about where he would sleep.

"Are we going to sleep in the middle of the floor?" Donny asked his father, Don Floyd.

Later in the morning the child was seen lying on one of several cots provided by the Red Cross.

Senate files bill requiring campus voter registration

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON
Education Editor

A bill requiring local election commissions to conduct voter registration at degree-granting institutions has been filed in the State Senate.

Bill Trent, president of the Associated Student Body/Student Government Association Presidents Council and student body president at Tennessee Technological Institution, authored the original bill which won the Governor's Award at the 1981 Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature.

IF THE bill becomes law, local election commissions in college communities will be

required to conduct voter registration on campus two days each term. At present, campus voter registration is an option.

Registration would last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and would have to be conducted in a conspicuous place.

Local commissions would be responsible for choosing both the location and date of the registration.

THE SCHOOL president or chancellor would have to be notified at least 10 days prior to the day.

There is also a provision in the bill to allow the election commission to designate a school official to conduct the

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Lights! Cameras! Action!

MTSU students produce the first segment of the entertainment-information show to be aired on Murfreesboro Cable Television.

Photo by Lesley Collins

Financial aid requests should be made soon

By ANNE DENTON
Staff Writer

Financial aid applications should be completed and turned in as soon as possible, Ed Kilgour, associate director of financial aid, said yesterday.

The priority date for applications is May 15, Kilgour stated. Applications received after that date will be considered according to the availability of funds.

MOST types of financial aid that can be applied for by filling out the ACT financial statement

The Guaranteed Student Loan has a new regulation this year stating that if a student's family makes more than \$30,000 a year, the student must complete an analysis form. Partial need may then be granted to the student.

"Get with the bank early and

get the worry out of the way," Kilgour suggested. "The amount of students applying for the loans almost doubled this year."

"APPROXIMATELY 60 percent of the student body is on financial aid," he said. "No student was fully funded this year—everyone had to come up with some of the money themselves."

Following the directions on the application closely and turning the form in as soon as possible are Kilgour's main suggestions for applying.

"Don't read things into the application," he said. "An incorrect form delays processing."

"WE WILL be glad to look over a student's form if he or she is having problems," he said.

Applications are available in the Financial Aid Department at the Cope Administration Building.



Photo by Greg Campbell

Me and my shadow

MTSU's own groundhog is shown coming out this morning to determine if winter is over. Unfortunately, no one around spoke groundhog. We may never know!

Voter registration

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registration without compensation from the local commission.

Rep. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, disagreed that the local commissions should be responsible for registration on campus.

"I HAVE a feeling that county commissions, as tight as money is, are not going to want to pay the salaries of people to go and stay on campuses such a long time," Bragg said Friday.

Instead, he suggested that student governments should conduct voter registration as one of their projects.

Bragg also raised the spectre of wheel taxes now in force in Rutherford County.

"IF STUDENTS do register in Rutherford County, they become citizens of the county and will have to pay the wheel tax," he said.

Bragg predicted that if the bill is passed other counties might enact similar taxes.

Rep. Bill Owen, D-Knoxville, who will sponsor the bill in the House of Representatives, agreed that this is a possibility.

BUT THAT is a small price to pay for the right to vote," Owen pointed out.

"The reason I am supporting this bill is because I was refused permission to register when I was a student at the University of Tennessee," he said.

The wheel tax is an example of how some college communities are still making it difficult for students to register, he added.

"REGISTERING to vote has its assets and liabilities," he said.

"The assets are the right to vote and a voice in government."

"The liability is having to pay for that right."

However, maybe students could vote these taxes out if

enough of them vote, he added.

OWEN predicted the bill will pass.

Trent agreed. He and other student body presidents have been able to get 26 sponsors in the House and nine in the Senate, Trent said.

"Our chances of getting the bill passed are pretty good with the leadership of both parties in both chambers supporting it," he said.

AMONG those signing the bill are House Speaker Ned Ray McWherter, D-Dresden, House Majority Leader S. Thomas Burnett, D-Jamestown, and House Minority Leader James M. Henry, R-Kingston.

Trent was enthusiastic about the prospect of student voter registration.

"If they do register and vote, I can see that problems that students have will be listened to more," Trent said.

Alexander

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•\$1 million to finance 10 proposed family circuit courts and establish a new system of juvenile courts.

THE BUDGET includes \$29 million more in federal funds than the state has available for the present year. But \$26 million of that amount is in bloc grants for small cities which had been paid directly by the federal government and now will be administered by the state.

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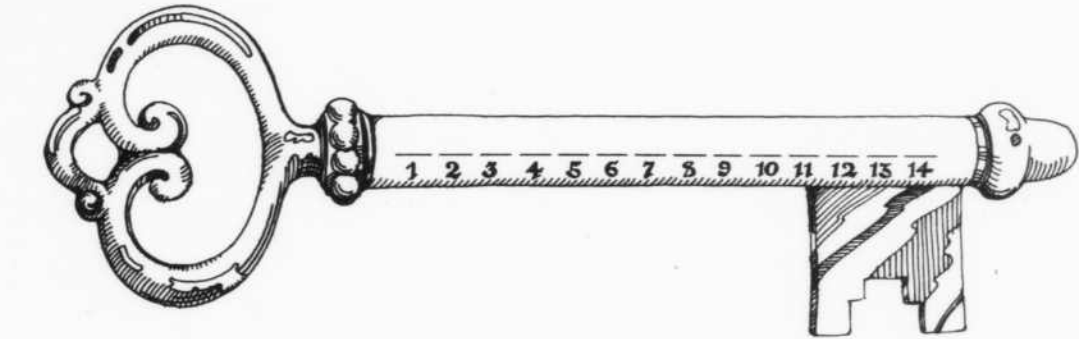
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News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan agreed yesterday to consider changing his "new federalism" proposal to meet criticisms raised by state and local leaders, including trying to find a way to aid states too poor to take over programs the federal government now pays for.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A teen-age Armenian immigrant pleaded innocent yesterday to a charge of murdering Turkey's consul general in Los Angeles, and the district attorney's office said it was seeking the death penalty.

VICENZA, Italy (AP) — Police said yesterday they smashed three more hideouts of Red Brigades terrorists, and newspapers reported that suspects seized when police freed kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier were "singing like canaries."

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan on yesterday asked Congress to provide another \$2.3 billion this year to cope with the rising flood of unemployed workers and insure that the jobless will continue to get unemployment benefits.

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features

Prof scrutinizes instant media

By JENNIFER WELLS

Feature Editor

Professor Edward Kimbrell, speaker at last Wednesday's Honors Lecture Series, could have begun his allotted hour with, as he put it, "glittering, rah-rah" statements about the new media technology.

But he did not. HIS TOPIC, "The Television Revolution of the 1980s," encompassed views from the past, ruminations on the present and fears for the future.

"I don't think that any communications system operates in a vacuum," Kimbrell said. "And I don't think that it operates either without an impact on society or without some philosophy that goes along with it."

To emphasize his words, the MTSU mass communications instructor quoted German psychoanalyst and author Erich Fromm, who in 1941 saw the emerging media as a destructive force.

"ANOTHER way of paralyzing the ability to think critically is the destruction of any kind of structuralized picture of the world," Fromm wrote.

Fromm felt that the methods used to bring information to the doorstep developed attitudes that heightened man's bewilderment by life around him.

"We cease to be genuinely related to what we hear," Fromm said. "We cease to be excited, our emotions and our critical judgment become

hampered, and eventually our attitude to what is going on in the world assumes a quality of flatness and indifference.

"IN THE name of freedom, life loses all structure."

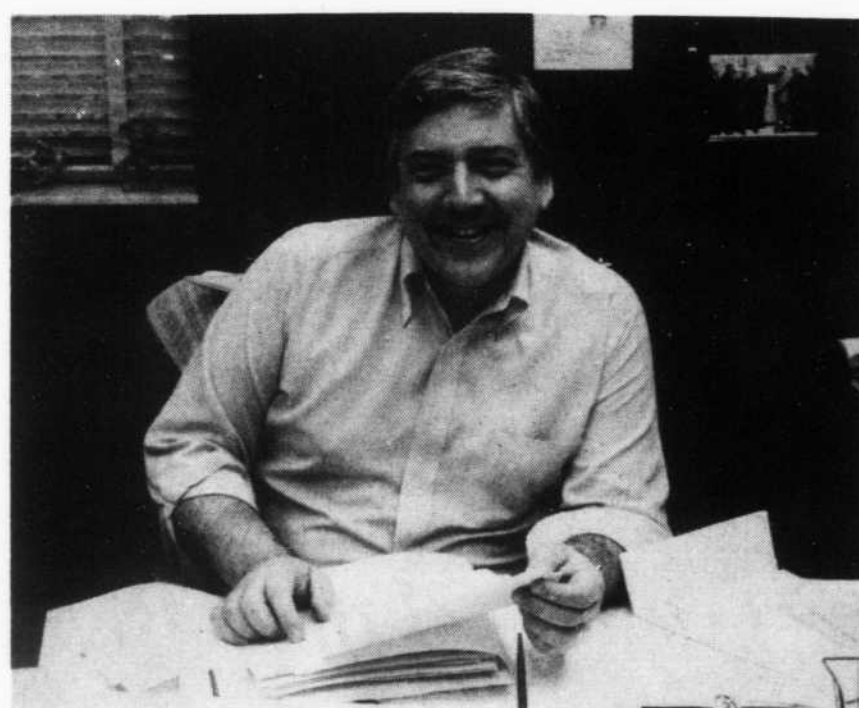
Kimbrell pointed out that Fromm's view of the media may have a "greater validity in 1990 than it did in 1941." He said that many media people are becoming aware of the philosophical pitfalls we face and are raising warnings along with their questions.

"If information falls on this society like a bullet—hits this society like a bullet—I really do fear decisions made in that kind of passion," Kimbrell said.

MANY of these new media wonders are capable of instantaneously processing information. Some are already past the drawing board and beginning to be marketed. Others, still being polished, were described by Kimbrell.

Educational television, not to be confused with the Public Broadcasting System, is an example.

"The University of Maryland is building a major instructional television facility at this hour and is planning to market it across the United States," Kimbrell said.



Edward Kimbrell

Photo by Dean Snook

Warns of the media's impact on society.

ALTHOUGH the finer details have yet to be worked out, he said, the implications are that we may one day be able to obtain a master's degree without leaving our television sets.

Another example is television on demand, a "new concept of library," Kimbrell said. With the aid of a printer, which will make hard copies of information to be reused, entire encyclopedias will be at our fingertips.

Tele-medicine promises advancements in the speed of diagnosis and treatment of illness, as expert advice can be

sought without the inconvenience of travel. In a matter of moments, physicians would even be able to transmit X-rays to other parts of the country.

THE FRIENDLY meter reader will no longer be a sitting duck for the German shepherd next door. Instead, sensors in the home will "read" the electric meter automatically. The electric bill will probably be sent by electronic mail.

Other sensors may automatically warn the police department of a burglary in progress. The fire department will be alerted when a heat sensor detects the threat of fire.

Although "we don't have a crystal-clear, pristine view of what's going on," Kimbrell said, "we do know it [the new technology] will change the nature of the storage of knowledge. We know it will forever change the world of work."

Fondas, Hepburn make 'Golden' film

By PHIL WILLIAMS

News Editor

In "On Golden Pond," an elderly couple returns to their New England summer home for what the husband believes will be his last time. What follows is an intensely warming examination of human relationships.

Yet, surprisingly, this aspect never weighs heavily on the movie. "On Golden Pond" is highly entertaining, very funny—indeed, often hilarious.

NORMAN THAYER (Henry Fonda) is an ailing 79-year-old obsessed with the thought of his mortality.

"There's nothing quite as interesting to think about," he tells his wife of 48 years, Ethel (Katharine Hepburn).

Ethel, a striking example of the supportive wife, is the one person allowed an insight into Norman's feelings of insecurity and helplessness. In one scene, Norman gets lost while hiking the road to his house to pick strawberries; he returns in fright—and in tears—to his wife.

"YOU'RE my knight in shining armor," Ethel tells him. "You're going to get back on that horse, holding tight, and away we'll go."

To mark Norman's 80th birthday, their daughter, Chelsea (Jane Fonda), agrees to return to the cottage—with some reluctance. Chelsea is a grown-up brat who refuses to forgive her father for not having been close to her as a child.

With her, Chelsea brings her dentist boyfriend, Bill Ray (Dabney Coleman), and his 13-year-old son, Billy (Doug McKean).

AFTER THE tense celebration, Chelsea and Bill depart for a month-long European vacation, leaving the street-wise Billy with Norman and Ethel. During his stay, the adolescent learns not only the fine art of fishing, but also the science of friendship.

As the cantankerous father, Henry Fonda gives a superlative performance—Fonda's finest of recent years. (It is unfortunate, however, that rumors abound speculating this will be the last film for this great actor, since he is ill in real life.)

Hepburn, too, is magnificent. If any individual could receive credit for the success of "On Golden Pond," the honor should go to Hepburn.

JANE FONDA, in her first screen role opposite her father, makes a near cameo appearance in this film. At the beginning, Fonda fails to bring her character to life; at the conclusion, however, she makes a strong comeback.

Praise must also go to the composer and cinematographer for adding polish to this already impressive piece. Billy Williams' camera work is exquisitely handled, especially the golden glow that bathes the outdoor scenes. A gorgeous musical score by Dave Grusin further enhances the film's romantic atmosphere and lush New Hampshire location shooting.

Ultimately, writer Ernest Thompson (whose screenplay is based on his stage play) and director Mark Rydell deserve tribute for their outstanding collaboration, bringing to the fore such themes as love and hate, life and death, within a truly remarkable production.

Mozart's 'Requiem' on program

By JANENE GUPTON

Copy Editor

Requiem, in Catholicism, refers to a mass for the dead.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart wrote one of the world's best known requiems. In tribute to its greatness, it was sung at both Haydn and Beethoven's funerals.

ON SUNDAY, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m., the University/Community Orchestra and the Concert Choir will combine forces for a performance of Mozart's "Requiem" and Tartini's Concerto in D minor.

"We're fortunate here at MTSU because we have the

facilities that are needed to do a major work like the "Requiem," said Sandra Willetts, choral conductor and music professor at MTSU.

The music program, with the orchestra, gives them a "chance to perform major works with orchestral accompaniment," she said, adding that few universities have that privilege.

WILLETTS will be conducting both the choir and the orchestra for the concert. Normally, Professor Laurence Harvin leads the 70-piece orchestra. But for the Feb. 7 performance, he is relinquishing the baton to Willetts and picking

up the violin instead.

Harvin will be the featured violin soloist for the concert.

Guest vocalists will be performing with the joint ensemble.

CYNTHIA Perkins, wife of music professor Jerry Perkins, will be the featured soprano. Sharon Murphy, a music professor at Austin Peay State University, will be the mezzo soprano; Patrick Woliver, also on faculty at APSU, will be singing tenor. The fourth member of the quartet will be MTSU professor Randy Blooding, who will sing bass.

The performance will be in the Wright Music Building's Music Hall. Admission is free.

Orchestra, choir to join forces

Exhibit starts today

MTSU: from cornfield to campus

By ELIZABETH PORTER

Production Manager

In 1911, most of the MTSU campus was a corn field.

Starting today at noon, those interested can see how that corn

field evolved into what some consider the most beautiful state university in Tennessee.

A model of university grounds, exhibiting what is now and what once stood in its place,

will be displayed in the lobby of Cope Administration Building until Feb. 29.

CHUCK Bobbitt and Cindy White, both students of historical preservation here, researched the project almost entirely in Todd Library. The pair started scouring books and quizzing professors in November 1981 for information on MTSU's development.

Kirksey Old Main, Rutledge Hall and the Drawing Building (next to the heating plant) were the first three structures erected when Middle Tennessee State Normal School was established around 70 years ago.

SINCE then, MTSU has been known as Middle Tennessee State Teachers College, and Middle Tennessee State College before it was awarded university status in 1965. The campus has been graced by everything from an air field (including hangers) to a World War II "Veteran's Village."

Lectures on mathematics and computer science that resound through Kirksey Old Main today must be quite different from the thoughts turn-of-the-century Murfreesboro farmers toiling in their crops.

Essay contest offers \$100 prize; Toynbee to be subject of paper

Five \$100 prizes will be awarded in April to the best 2,000- to 2,500-word essays on the works of the late historian Arnold Toynbee.

The prize money has been donated to the Honors Program by J.W. Byrn of Dickson, Tenn., in order to promote the study of Toynbee's work.

SOUND LUCRATIVE] The deadline for entering the contest is Friday. Sign up in the Honors Office, Room 106, Peck Hall.

Contest Rules

- The theme for the essay should be inspired by the student's reading of two books by Arnold Toynbee: *America and the World Revolution* and *Civilization on Trial*. Copies of these are on reserve in the MTSU library reserve room.
- Length of the essay should

be from 2,000 to 2,500 words.

- The essay should be typewritten in triplicate (according to Turabian composition standards), and submitted to the Honors Office by April 16.

- Points will be awarded on the basis of 70 percent content (statement of theme and development of theme), and 30 percent for form (correct language, style, organization and mechanics).

- Decision of the judges will be final.

- Any student enrolled at MTSU is eligible.

- Essays written for a class assignment are permissible if they conform to the contest rules and if the student has the permission of the instructor to whom he submits the essay.

Campus Capsule

THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST will be given Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. Students taking the test must present their valid ID. There is no charge for the test and pre-registration is not required.

THE BOWLING CLUB still has a few openings for the spring session. Substitute bowlers are also welcome. Anyone interested in joining can contact the club downstairs at Murfreesboro Lanes at 8:45 tomorrow night or call 896-0945 and leave your name and number.

WESLEY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. The menu will include pancakes, sausage and a beverage. All you can eat is available for \$1.75 for students, \$1 for children under 13, and \$2 for adults.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE REQUESTS are being accepted by Dean of Students Paul Cantrell through Friday. Applications are available in Room 126 of the University Center.

A GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA CONCERT, sponsored by the Students United for Christ, will be held in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium Sunday at 3 p.m.

The Concert will include Fellowship Mass Community Choir of Nashville; Bright Temple Young Adult Choir of Shelbyville; Smithfork District Choir and the D & S Company of Murfreesboro. Admission is free.

THE KUNG FU CLUB invites interested persons to come by Murphy Center, Studio A, on Mondays and Wednesdays for a free lesson and information about joining the club.

Dusty roads trace ancient past

By JENNIFER WELLS

Feature Editor

If you've never ridden a camel, Professor John Ray of the geography department has a treat for you.

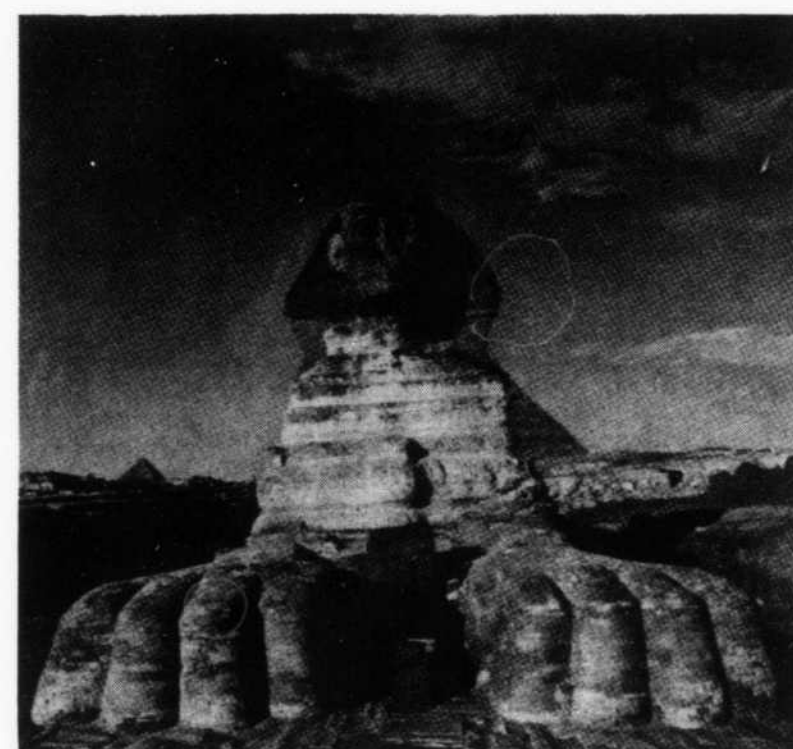
"Springtime in the Holy Land," a group tour scheduled for June 10-21, promises to be an intriguing way for students to earn three hours credit.

THE ITINERARY covers a variety of places and activities. A visit to the city of Jericho and the Dead Sea, a cruise on the Sea of Galilee, a day in Jerusalem and Bethlehem (including a visit to the Garden of Gethsemane), the Garden Tomb, the Upper Room, a tour of Tel Aviv and, finally, visits to Cairo and Luxor.

While in Cairo, the Middle East's largest city, the group will visit the Great Pyramids (via camel if you wish), the Granite Temple and the Sphinx.

The Egyptian Museum, which houses the treasures of King Tutankhamen, is also on the agenda.

An optional side trip includes a visit to Luxor to see the tombs of the kings. If you wish to remain in Cairo instead, plans have been made to drive to



MTSU students will visit the Sphinx outside Cairo in June.

Memphis to see the statue of Ramesses II.

THE COST of the trip is \$1,690 which includes round-trip transportation from New York, first-class hotels, three meals a day, guide and entrance fees to points of interest.

Those interested in obtaining three hours credit for the trip

should register for Field Course 340 or a 300-level elective. Tuition is not included in the above price. A research paper will be required.

Deposits of \$100 per person are required by March 10, with full payment due April 29. Contact Ray at 898-2730 for more information.

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On this date

On this date in 1882 author James Augustine Joyce was born in Dublin. "It is not my fault that the odor of ashpits and old weeds and offal hangs round my stories," he wrote in a letter to a publisher who abandoned plans to publish Dubliners. "I seriously believe that you will retard the course of civilization in Ireland by preventing the Irish people from having a good look at themselves in my nicely polished looking glass."

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The problem: Politicians seek popularity, not solutions

They be the blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Matthew 15:14

Such is the state of politics in America today. We are a nation blinded by our desire for quick solutions and instant gratification. Under such a public philosophy, it is inevitable that politicians will respond to our demands in ways that satisfy our immediate whims, but cripple our nation in the long run.

It is the policy of a restless American people to demand quick, painless solutions to the pressing issues of the day. The problem arises when our politicians abandon their moral principles in favor of policies that keep them out of controversy and in office. These heinous political deeds are not so much errors in logic as changes in direction.

EVERY TIME our leaders finally decide upon a course of action for our nation to follow, a new wave of misguided ideology sweeps over the people, causing the lawmakers to reassess their positions and implement alternate strategies. Then, the public, which is never content in an equilibrium situation, changes its mind again, and the vicious cycle begins once more.

The politicians do not seem to realize it is their job, not the public's, to decide governmental policy.

Still, typical politicians refuse to take the blame for the consequences of their actions. They try to place the burden of their mistakes on those of their peers who do not share their views. When all of these demagogues take this same position at once, the effects on the nation as a whole are catastrophic.

PERHAPS THE blame for our ills

should be put not on our politicians, but on the political system in which they operate—a system where risk-taking is rare and the status quo is a standard against which all things are judged.

Understandably, many people become incensed at the suggestion that the American political system is outdated and inefficient. These are the people who speak out of blind patriotism instead of sound rationale. The fact is the American law-making process is a bureaucratic nightmare, a lumbering giant that takes months, even years to settle disputes that demand instantaneous responses.

Two hundred years ago our founding fathers could scarcely have conceived of the complexity their creation would take on. It is this complexity that clouds the minds of not only the politicians, but also of the constituents they represent. Under such circumstances, the implementation of sound judgement becomes a near impossibility—both at the public and private level.

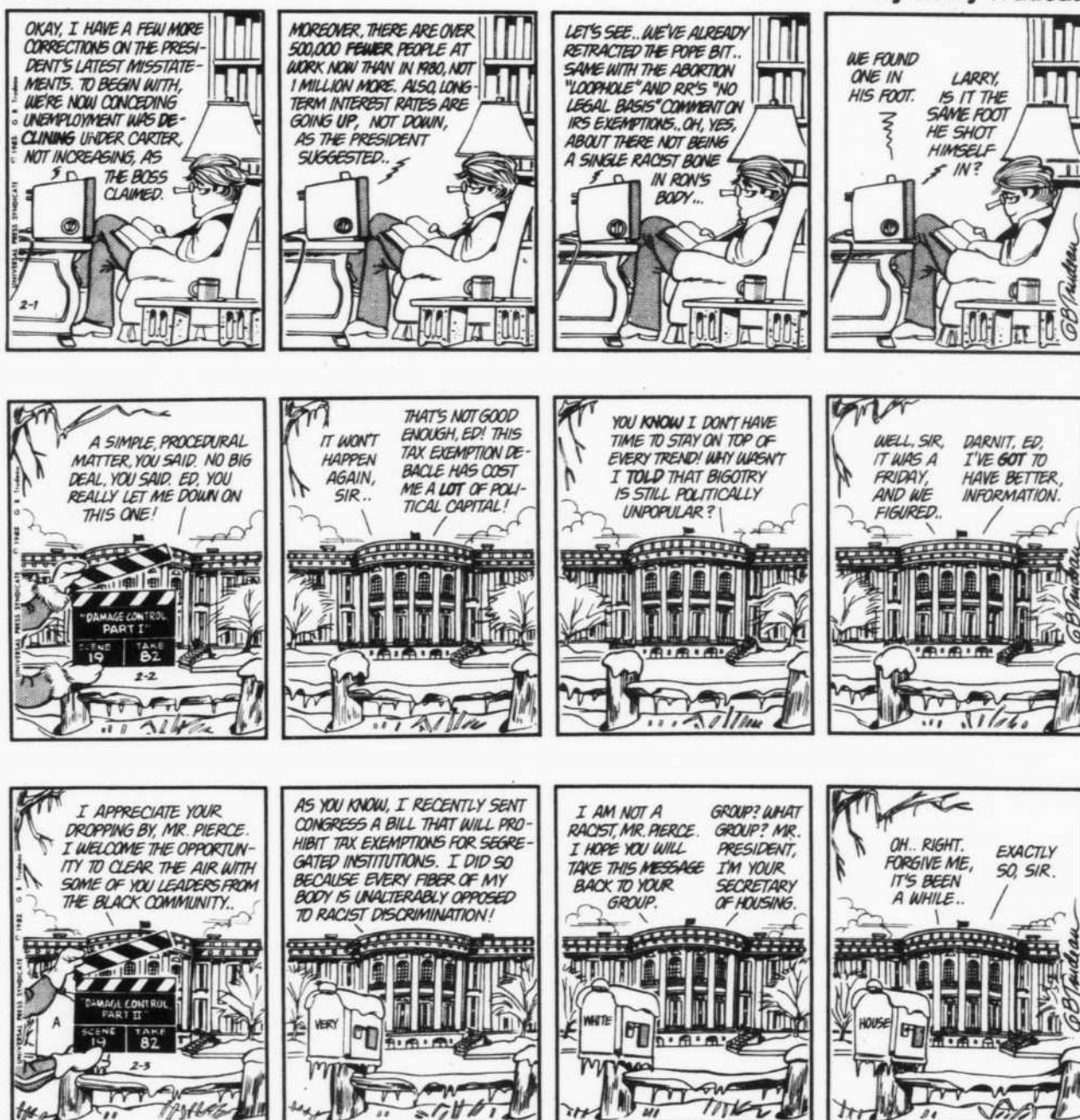
THE SOLUTION may lie in a reorganization of our current system so that the emphasis of political activities is on problem solving, rather than on the maintenance of popularity. While it is true that the responsibility of our political representatives is to listen to the wishes of the people, these wishes are often diverse and must be integrated into a practical civic plan.

When the chief concern of the representatives becomes re-election, then responsible civic planning is endangered. If we lose this, then the very fabrics of our political, economic and moral structures are torn and our destiny sealed.

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misinformation cause of fears

Equal Rights Amendment overdue

Random Rumbler's

By MICHAEL TOMPKINS

Editorial Editor

"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-about 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, or the retention of the status quo.

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

As the June 30, 1982 deadline approaches, hopes for ratification look slim. Apparently a larger segment of the female populace in America will have to suffer from unfair treatment and wages and become incensed enough to fight for equal rights under the law before ERA is passed.

A LOT OF PEOPLE apparently agree with President Reagan's notion against ERA ratification (which begins this column). But let's get real, folks. That's like commenting on civil rights, that you are for civil treatment, but against the rights the law affords.

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



Tech Eagles whip Blue Raiders 75-61

By DON HARRIS

Sports Writer

COOKEVILLE — Lights! Camera! Aaarrrrgggh!

In the televised OVC game of the week, Tennessee Tech's Golden Eagles burned the nets and the Blue Raiders here Sunday as Middle Tennessee caught a case of stage fright and was humiliated 75-61.

The hot-shooting hosts sizzled the nets for a 73.6 shooting percentage in the second half (65.2 for the game) and took advantage of MTSU's cold hand to deal the Blue Raiders their fourth loss in six games and drop them one-half game behind Morehead in the OVC at 6-3.

"IT WAS GOOD to see that kind of effort," Tech head coach Tom Deaton said. "We've

started shooting the ball a lot better. We're almost expecting that kind of point production."

Middle Tennessee's two-man point production was no match for the Golden Eagles' five players who hit double figures.

Only Rick Campbell and Jerry Beck could muster more than four points for the Blue Raiders, scoring 26 and 20 points respectively. The

"dynamic duo" hit 59.4 percent of their shots but the remainder of the team (eight players) connected on only seven of 36 shots for 19.4 percent.

THE RAIDERS mentor stepped out of the locker room after the game and told the waiting reporters he only had one statement to make.

"I thought Rick Campbell and Jerry Beck played a tremendous ball game. I thought Tennessee Tech was well prepared. They, as a team, played great.

"I take full blame for the performance and I take full blame for the loss. I'll wear the burden on my shoulders—it's not on any of their [the players] shoulders."

So where does the team go from here? "Back to work with a positive head," he said.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE took a 2-0 lead on Jerry Beck's layup, but that was the only lead the Blue Raiders would have all day as Tech quickly rolled up nine unanswered points.

The Blue Raiders stayed within striking distance at the half down by nine points on Campbell's jumper at the buzzer.

Stage-struck MTSU had a chance to cut the lead to seven

points at the beginning of the second half when Beck passed downcourt to a wide-open Rick Campbell. But Campbell's bid for a two-handed stuff bounced off the back of the rim and the senior guard was then whistled for a technical foul—hanging on the rim.

INSTEAD of a seven-point Tech lead, the result ended as a 12-point lead.

The Golden Eagle's red-hot

Harper scores 32

Tech bests MTSU women

By GREG CAMPBELL

Photo Editor

COOKEVILLE — The MTSU Lady Raiders lost a crucial OVC contest here Saturday, as the Golden Eaglettes of Tennessee Tech rolled to a convincing 74-68 win before a boisterous crowd of over 2,400 at Tech's Hooper Eblen Center.

Middle Tennessee was behind the entire game, as much as 14 points at times, but pulled within 6 points late in the second half.

THE LADY RAIDERS came out slow, shooting only 36

percent in the first stanza.

Tennessee Tech All-American Jerilyn Harper made four of the Eaglettes first five buckets to pace Tech to an early 10-2 lead from which MTSU could never recover.

Coach Larry Inman felt his Lady Raider's defensive effort came a little too late.

"Our girls were intimidated at first, but played a fine defensive game in the second half," Inman said.

FRESHMEN Jennifer McFall canned 18 of her 20 points in the second half to spur the Lady Raiders' desperate comeback.

13 and Steve Taylor canned 11.

The only statistical department Middle won was the battle of the boards. MTSU pulled down 40 rebounds to Tech's 29.

Simpson will have to regroup his troops quickly because the Blue Raiders must travel North this week to the snow drifts of Ohio. MTSU meets Akron Thursday night and Youngstown Saturday.

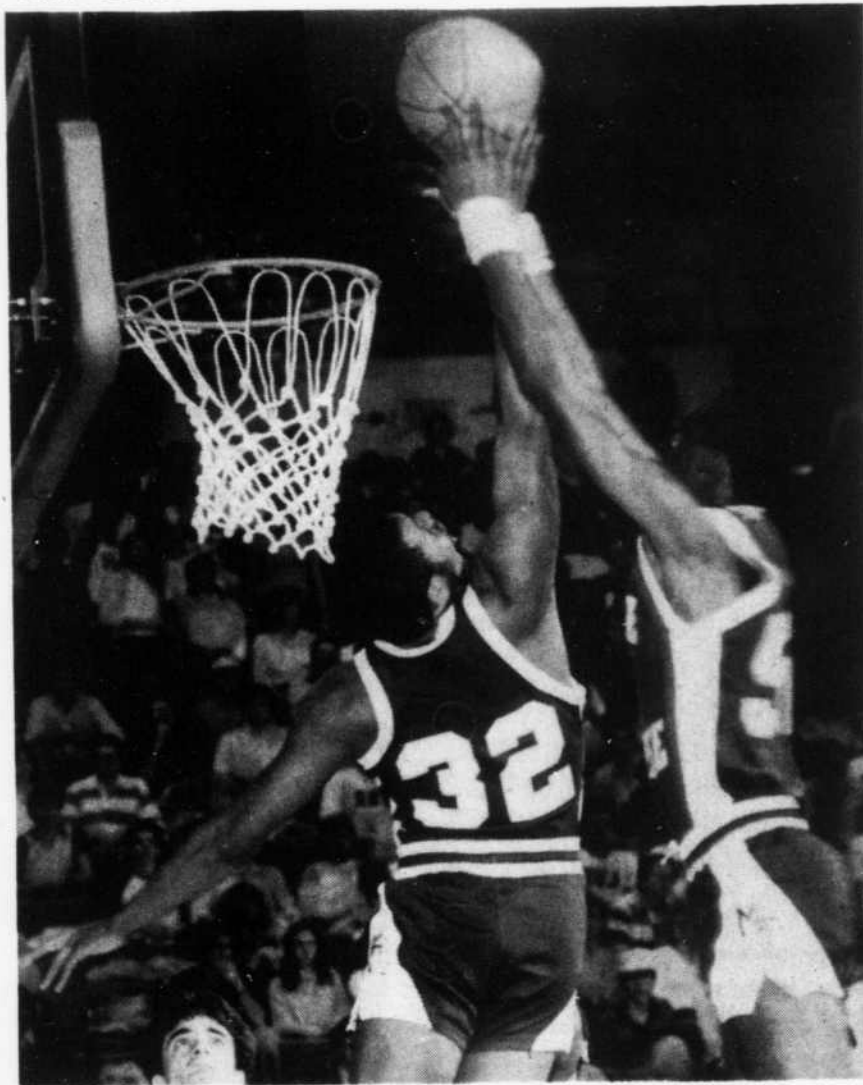


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Dwayne Dorsey (32) and Kenny Beck, both of Middle Tennessee, swap a rebound Sunday against Tennessee Tech. The Blue Raiders out rebounded the Golden Eagles substantially, but it was not enough as MTSU was upset 75-61.

Men's, women's tracksters show well in road meets

By BOB GARY

Sports Editor

Coaches Dean Hayes and Mike Rasper took their respective MTSU men's and women's track teams on the road this past weekend, and, in the opinions of both coaches, it was time well spent.

Hayes was disappointed that for the first time in years, the Illinois Invitational meet was not team-scored. If it had been, he said with a sly grin, none other than the Blue Raiders would have finished on top of a strong field.

"THIS HAS always been a scored meet, and taking that out did hurt our attitude we used here," Hayes said. "However, the Illini did know we were there."

MTSU got first-place performances from Andre Kirnes in the long jump, Herb Newton in the 600-yard run, and Eddie Lloyd in the triple jump. Eddie was obviously happy with these performances, but he pointed to another as the most satisfying to him.

"I was very happy with the



Photo by Greg Campbell

Middle Tennessee's Holly Hoover (44) is given a little unwelcome help toward the basket by Tennessee Tech's Valerie Streelman (50) in Saturday night's OVC clash in Cookeville. The Lady Raiders lost a squeaker, 74-68.

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Sports Stuff Tuesday

By Joe Fisher

What would sports in America be without controversy? It seems like we can't leave well enough alone; there always has to be just one more change that will make the game better, no matter what the game is.

EXAMPLE: COLLEGE BASKETBALL. Coaches, players and fans alike say the game of college basketball is possibly more evenly matched across the country and more exciting than it has ever been. But in one evening, after Mississippi State's slowdown tactics gave them a 33-31 upset win over Vanderbilt, the cries for a rule change resounded. The change: a shot clock in college basketball.

GRANTED. MOST OF those calling for the change are the hometown fans that sat through seven minute stretches in the game without a shot being taken. Of course, it's a natural reaction for the home fans to complain. But let's try to look at the situation logically.

When Mississippi State came to town, almost everyone agreed that they did not possess as much raw talent as the Commodores. The Bulldogs were expected to try to slow down the tempo of the game all along; the complaints surfaced only because their plan worked to perfection.

The Commodores didn't do much to aid their own cause, especially in the second half. After taking a 31-22 lead with 13:36 to play, Vandy didn't score again, not necessarily because of the MSU defense, but because of bad shots and floor mistakes. And those mistakes were forced in part by the Commodores hurrying to do something with the ball after having to wait several minutes to get their hands on it.

THAT FIT RIGHT into MSU's game plan; take the crowd out of the game with the delay, take only high percentage shots and frustrate the other team into mistakes. It was the only way the Bulldogs could beat Vandy, and it worked. With a shot clock involved, chances are the outcome would have been much different. But let's look at the situation from another angle.

For years, the NCAA has worked to make college sports more competitive and more equal at all levels. With more good players around the country and the number of good coaches on the college level, the old adage that any team can beat any other team on a given night holds true now more than ever.

With the addition of a shot clock to college basketball, whether it be 45 seconds or one minute, one major aspect of strategy of the game is taken away. The strategy of offense becomes how to work for a score in less than 45 seconds instead of how to work for a good percentage shot.

SO NOW MANY of the so-called marginally talented teams that can compete with the great ones by using a ball-control offense would step right back into the shadows they've been fighting to get out of for all these years.

The game would lose its diversity. There would be only one real style of play, a hurry-up offense to score within the time restriction, and less of an accent on defense because you're going to get the ball back in 45 seconds anyway.

A couple of conferences, like the Sun Belt for example, are experimenting with a 45-second clock this season. At the end of the season, the coaches and league officials will meet with the NCAA and discuss their findings and results. The future of the shot clock in college basketball may rest on the findings and decisions of those people. Until then, I can use my editorial privilege and give you my opinion.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL is so appealing because it is so unpredictable. There is hardly a sure victory in the game anymore. The shot clock would eliminate one strategy that helps account for the parity in the game today. Why change a rule that will benefit only the top teams in a conference or in the country by disposing of one style of play they may have to face?

A great team is the one that can find a way to win even on the nights when it doesn't play well. It can find a way to win against all types of game plans. Seldom will you see a team make it to the NCAA finals that can play only one type of game. It has to be able to adapt to all types of situations, and the shot clock would eliminate one of those situations.

So leave the game like it is. It's good to see teams like Idaho, Fresno State, Wake Forest and the others in the Top 20. They may not be good for the egos and records of teams like Kentucky and North Carolina, but they're good for basketball.

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Track

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mile relay team. We finished second to Murray in that one, but I had heard that they had a super squad in that event, and I saw that our guys can run with them any day," Hayes said.

REPRESENTING MTSU in that race were Gary Mitchell, Newton, Floyd James, and Tim Johnson.

As far as the Lady Raiders were concerned, the short, flat

Lady Raiders

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firmed with three missed shots by MTSU in the last minute of play.

The loss dropped Middle Tennessee to third place in the league standings with a 4-3 slate behind first place Morehead and second place Tennessee Tech.

The Lady Raiders will travel to Vanderbilt tomorrow night, taking on the Lady Commodores in a game that will be broadcast on WMOT-FM. They will battle North Alabama at home Saturday night. Both games start at 7:30.

track at Knoxville that was used for the Tennessee Invitational suited them just fine.

"Especially considering the track conditions, we got some outstanding performances from the girls," women's track coach Rasper commented. "We couldn't really go in expecting to beat Tennessee, but we competed and competed well."

STANDOUTS for MTSU were Lisa Mitchell, who placed third in the mile run; Robin Moses, Vickie Wells, and Jenny Knapp, who finished fourth, fifth, and seventh, respectively in the two-mile run; and the mile relay team of Millie Daniels, Jackie Wilbert, Marcia Hill, and Donna Sims. They took second place honors behind Alabama A & M.

The 1982 indoor season continues for both teams this weekend, as both the men and women will be competing in the Mason-Dixon games in Louisville, Ky., Friday. The men will also run in the Indiana Relays in Bloomington.

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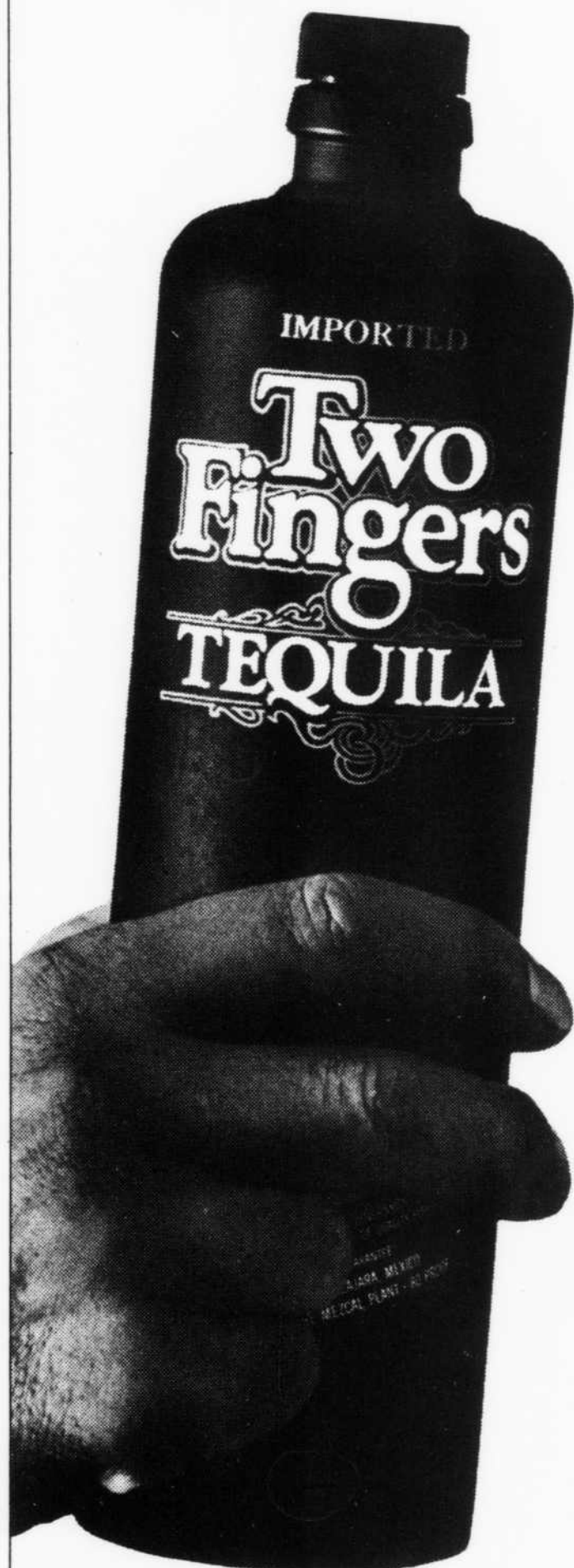
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