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Cynthia Kear (left) and Carolyn Hatcliff serve sophomore Darin Coe a preview sample of ARA Food Service's entry in Monday's Chili Cook-off, the kick-off of Homecoming Week.

ICN 'legitimate' business: president

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

A long-distance telephone service being offered at MTSU by the Independent Communications Network is a legitimate business and should be considered a supplemental service only, the company president said.

In its Sept. 26 issue, *Sidelines* reported that ICN is being investigated for possible violations of state laws in North Dakota and Wisconsin. *Sidelines* also reported allegations by former customers that ICN was not providing adequate service to them.

The company has not been and will not be found in violation of any state laws, John Heeg, ICN president, said. Heeg also said the company does not guarantee that a user of ICN's system of WATS lines will get through to a desired number.

"ICN absolutely does not guarantee that a call will go through," Heeg said.

"You may have to redial several times to obtain access, particularly during peak calling periods [normally from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on bus-

iness days]," ICN's information sheet for prospective customers states. "If the available lines are in use, you will get a busy signal when you dial the 800 number."

A Wisconsin Better Business Bureau report on ICN states "we have reports from several subscribers that it is impossible to get through using the given access code anytime day or night."

The number of WATS lines ICN has depends on the number of customers, Heeg said.

"Our computer has a formula which determines the number of customers," Heeg said.

"ICN has access to a limited number of lines and will access more lines as volume increases," the information sheet states. "The number of lines will always be a percentage of the number of customers."

Heeg said that ICN is not a primary long-distance company and should be used as a supplement to another service.

"We should be used as a supplemental and not as an alternative," Heeg said. "We are not in compet-

ition with anyone."

"Most of the other long distance companies are asking you to choose them or AT&T," their information sheet states. "ICN is saying keep your present long distance carrier and also have ICN; now you have two long distance choices. ICN is a supplement, not an alternative."

According to Heeg, ICN is trying a "revolutionary" marketing strategy for phone companies.

"We use a 'word of mouth' marketing strategy," Heeg said. "If a user wants to be a part of the marketing system, we pay them a commission to convince friends and other people to use ICN," Heeg said.

ICN's marketing system is set up on a multi-level basis.

The monthly charge for ICN service is \$100.

According to the information sheet, if you sell Harry ICN, you will receive \$25. If Harry sells ICN to Mary, you will get the \$25 for Harry plus \$5 for Mary, for a total of \$30. If Mary sells ICN to John, you will get \$25 for Harry, \$5 for

Frosh senators chosen

MTSU mock election: students endorse Dunn

From Staff Reports

Former Gov. Winfield Dunn won the mock gubernatorial election, five freshman senators were chosen and the 1986 Homecoming court was selected in two days of voting at MTSU.

Dunn, the Republican candidate, got 547 votes in the campus mock gubernatorial election sponsored by the Associated Student Body yesterday and Wednesday, Nanette Karusbe, election commissioner, said. Democrat Ned Ray McWherter received 286 votes, she said. This gave Dunn 64.46 percent and McWherter 34.54 percent of the total vote of 828.

Christy West, Marcy Griggs, William Newberry, J.B. Cox and Clint Lewis won the freshman senator seats, Karusbe said. The election tally is as follows: West 153,

Mary and \$5 for John, for a total of \$35.

"The \$5.00 bonus plan pays down through five levels," the information sheet states. "Where payment through more than a specified number of levels is prohibited by state law, payments will be made only to the levels permitted by such law."

"You may offer this program to as many people as you chose," the information brochure states.

Whether or not ICN violates Tennessee's multi-level marketing or "pyramid" laws has not yet been determined.

"Tennessee pyramid law prohibits a person from organizing in such a way that members would pay a fee and recruit other people to join where other members would receive money from the new members," Gerald Melton, assistant district attorney general for Rutherford County, told *Sidelines* last week.

Heeg said that ICN does not require a person to be a system user in order to market ICN.

"We do not charge to market our system," Heeg said. "No investment is required, and you do not have to join ICN to market ICN."

ICN has recently moved its offices from Wisconsin to Cody, Wyo.

The Wisconsin BBB report on ICN stated that the company moved to Wyoming because of an investigation that Wisconsin had against ICN.

"That is not true," Heeg said.

Heeg said that the company moved because it could acquire better facilities in Wyoming.

"When Marathon Oil and Husky Oil merged, it left the building we are in open," Heeg said. "The new facility was better because it offered us a better room for our computer network. You need the right temperature and humidity for the computers."

ICN has been charged with violating Wisconsin state laws on fraudulent advertising and state lottery fraud. The company has been sued by the North Dakota consumer fraud department for violation of state pyramid and consumer fraud laws.

"When all of the smoke clears [in the Wisconsin investigation], they will find we are a legitimate business."

The North Dakota Attorney General told *Sidelines* last week that his office was having a hard time getting ICN to cooperate in the North Dakota investigation. ICN has been charged with violating state consumer fraud laws, and state marketing laws.

Heeg said "heavens, no" when asked by *Sidelines* if allegations that the company did not cooperate with authorities were true.

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Briggs 112, Newberry 102, Cox 100 and Lewis 95. A total of 262 ballots were cast with students voting for five of the eight candidates.

"I'm thoroughly impressed by the turnout in the ASB freshman senate race, even though there are no freshman speakouts at this time," ASB President Troy Baxter said.

"A freshman speakout is something we need to look at in the future," Baxter said. "Hopefully we can get a bill passed before Christmas that will lock the ASB into that [a speakout for freshman senate nominees] for next year."

West is a resident of Hendersonville and an Alpha Delta Pi sorority pledge. Her major is marketing education.

"I hope to be a voice for students," she said.

Newberry, a Chattanooga aerospace major and Gore Hall president, expressed excitement about his victory.

"I want to get in and learn as much as possible," Newberry said. "I'll do the best I can," Griggs said.

J.B. Cox and Clint Lewis could not be reached for comment.

The 1986 Homecoming queen and her three attendants were also selected, with 1,066 students voting

in that election.

The names of the Homecoming court will be announced at a reception for the 30 nominees to be held in the MTSU president's house this Sunday at 2 p.m. The 1986 Homecoming queen will be announced at the Oct. 11 game against Akron University.

Homecoming festivities will start Monday with the annual Chili Cook-off at The Boro. All proceeds from the cook-off will go to muscular dystrophy.

The Fight Song Competition will be held in the KUC courtyard at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday is Activities Day. Registered organizations will compete in various athletic events on Copeland Lawn.

On Thursday banners made by campus organizations will be judged.

A bonfire and pep rally will be held Friday night at 7 p.m. behind Cummings Dorm.

The Homecoming day parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will start at Greenland Drive, move along Tennessee Boulevard and down East Main to the Public Square.

Kick-off time is 1:30 p.m., when the Blue Raiders will take on the Akron Zips.



Howard Ross/Staff

John Schmidt (standing), a graduate student studying computer science, directs HERO 1 to serve Amy Johnson, 3, a soft drink, while Paul Hutcheson of the computer science department programs the robot to say "hello."

HERO 1 to help teach new robotics classes

By NANCY FLETCHER
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's computer science department recently purchased a Heath-Zenith robot named HERO 1 to be used next semester for instructional purposes in a class on robotics.

The \$2,000 plus robot came unassembled in eight major components and was put together by Dr. Paul Hutcheson of the computer science department.

"Hero 1 is about two-feet-four-inches tall, mostly gray with some red and blue," Hutcheson said. "The top of his head is roughly 18 inches by 18 inches, and he has an arm in back of his head."

"HERO 1 can walk and use its arm to pick up objects," Dr. Hutcheson said. "It does all these functions slowly."

"If we got a full-fledged, fully commercial robot with all of the

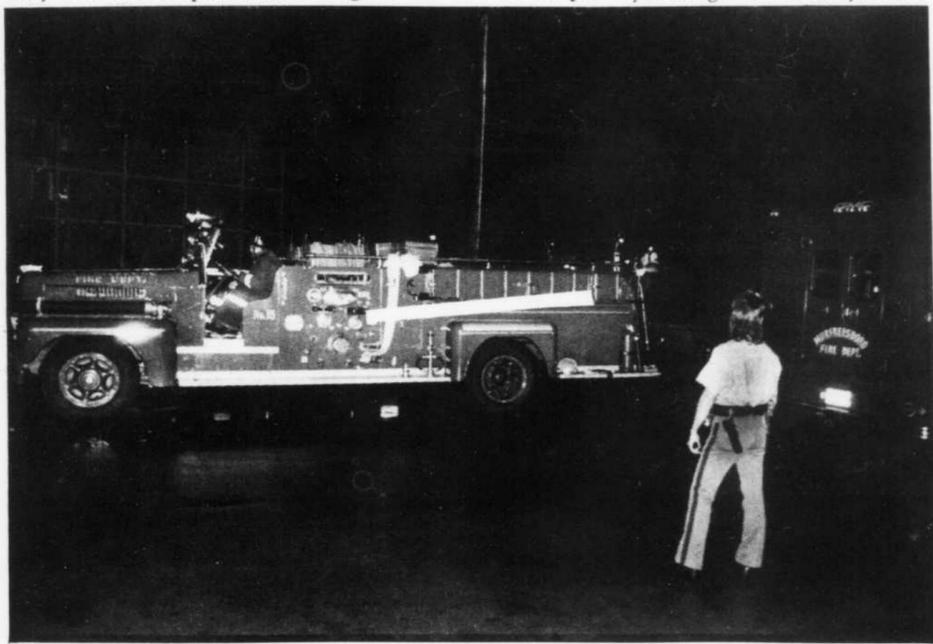
features at human speed, it would cost \$50,000," Hutcheson said. "HERO 1 is educationally good enough."

A computer operator can program HERO 1 to follow any course on a flat floor. The programmer can encode verbal messages in Hero 1's memory.

"The robot can also do simple functions such as recognize light intensity in a room," Hutcheson said.

"Next semester's class will try and give computer science students a basic understanding of robots," Hutcheson said. "They should learn about micro-computer functions, as well as closed loop and feedback processes."

HERO 1's native language is Motorola 6800, but it can be programmed by a number of translators. Students who take the class will learn how to operate the robot.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Gore Hall students were evacuated Wednesday night when a student allegedly mistook steam escaping from a fire as smoke and pulled the fire alarm. Murfreesboro fire companies responded to the call but found no fire to extinguish.

Counseling for widows to be offered

From Staff Reports

A new program for recently widowed women, to assist them in coping with the experience of being a widow, will be offered beginning in mid-October through MTSU's psychology department.

"We're interested in those women who have been widowed between six months and four years," said Jeff Wright, a faculty member in the psychology department who will conduct the program. "We believe that by meeting other widows and sharing their ex-

periences, these women can help not only themselves but other widows as well."

Wright said that of the estimated 12 million widowed persons in the U.S. today, around 10 million are women. He says the program will cover a wide range of problems that widows face — the feelings of loss, the unexplained doubts and insecurities that sometimes arise and coping with everyday problems without their spouses.

"We hope to show them that a

certain period of grief is not only normal, but actually healthy," Wright said, "and, especially in those cases where the grief becomes prolonged or debilitating, that interaction with others who have been through a similar experience can be very valuable."

The sessions will be held once a week for six weeks, with sessions lasting approximately an hour. Groups will consist of between five and 10 women each. The weekly sessions will be scheduled from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Campus Capsule

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: All submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 4:30 p.m. Friday for Tuesday publication or 4:30 p.m. Teuesday for Friday publication. All submissions are printed on a space available basis, and may be edited by *Sidelines* for clarity and brevity. *Sidelines* can not guarantee submissions will be published.

The Catholic Student Center offers fellowship for all students regardless of faith. A search weekend will be held Oct. 17, 18 and 19. For an application or any other information call 896-6074.

Alpha Eta Rho, MTSU's aviation fraternity, will be sponsoring a bird's eye view of the Symrna Airport, Sunday, Oct. 5, 1986 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals interested in getting a bird's eye view of the ground come out early and enjoy the ride. The fee is small but the thrill of the ride is enormous.

"Beyond Words: Native Languages" is the topic of WMOT's "Horizons" on Tuesday, Oct. 7. The program will examine the problems Alaskans endure as they struggle to retain their traditional languages. The program will air at 8:30 a.m.

What Can Be Done About Crime? is the topic of discussion for WMOT's "Cambridge Forum" on Monday, Oct. 6, at 8:30 a.m.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to come to St. Rose Church (Main Lot) at 1603 North Tennessee Blvd. in Murfreesboro on Monday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship has free supper every Wed. night for all interested. Join us for supper, fellowship and singing in a home-like atmosphere.

Kappa Omicron Phi will be selling homecoming mums for \$6.75 and boutonnieres for \$1.75 in the Keathley University Center outside the bookstore from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 7-10.

ICN

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"We are working with the state attorney generals in all of the states we are under investigation in," Heeg said. "Usually, while they are researching for our business application for interstate business, they will let us practice in the state."

Heeg mentioned that ICN has had some unfavorable press coverage in the past.

"There has been a lot of ill-slanted press being rendered out," said Heeg. "The investigations are causing a stir."

"We are the first to offer a flat-rate long distance service and a 'word-of-mouth' marketing system," Heeg said. "We are the first national long distance party line."

Sidelines contacted officials at Vanderbilt University, Memphis State University, Tennessee Technological University, and Tennessee State University concerning ICN. In each case, school spokespersons said they have not seen any fliers similar to those that agents for ICN have distributed at MTSU.

Search... and you will find...

The Catholic Center at Middle Tennessee State University is sponsoring a "Search" on October 17, 18, and 19. "Search" will take place at St. Rose gym in Murfreesboro, starting at 7:00 on Friday night and continuing until around 5:30 Sunday evening.

"Search" is a time to meet new friends, share with old friends, and have lots of fun. It gives you a chance to learn about yourself, your relationships with family and friends, and to discover more about your relationship with your God. Any adult between the ages of 18 and 28 is invited to attend.

There is a small fee of \$15.00 which helps pay for the food and materials used during the weekend. Please return \$5.00 of this fee with the application as soon as possible as there is only limited space available. To return your application or receive more information please contact:

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Each submission should include the name, p.o. box, and telephone number of the artist. Submissions can be brought to the Collage office in the James Union Building, room 306.

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Editorials

Sanctions imposed against S. Africa

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Editorial Editor

South Africa's Foreign Minister R.F. "Pik" Botha has warned the United States that if the Senate overrode President Reagan's veto of sanctions against his country, then South Africa will no longer purchase grain from the United States.

To me this sounds like a ridiculous bribe made by a desperate nation.

Reagan vetoed a bill passed by Congress that would impose sanctions against minority-ruled South Africa. The

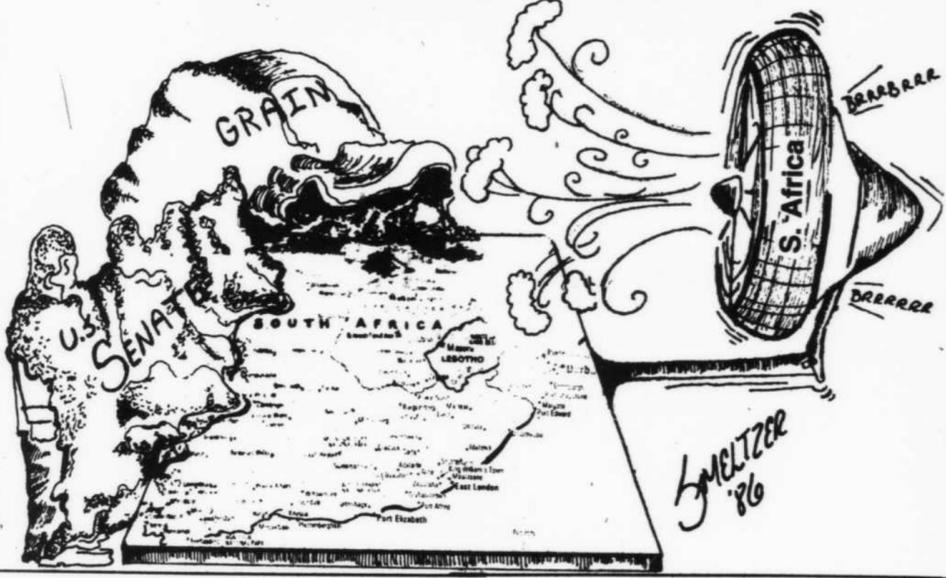
House overrode Reagan's veto earlier last week, and the Senate overrode the veto yesterday evening.

Reagan and other opponents of the bill say that sanctions against South Africa would only hurt the blacks in the country who are trying to abolish the system of apartheid. And if South Africa does cease grain purchases, it would have an adverse effect on farmers here in the United States, they say. That rationale is the inevitable tired argument of the conservative, business-oriented

men and women of our government who would ignore basic human rights and our own history.

The United States should not buckle under petty pressures from South Africa or any other nation. Our politicians have voted the way their constituents wanted them to, using their own consciences as their guide.

Canada and Australia have already imposed sanctions against South Africa. Are we not the leader of the free world? Or have we become a follower?



Letters to the Editor

Article appreciated

Dear Editor,
I'd like to express my appreciation of Lois Bragg's articulate article "Textbook bias a good learning experience" which appeared in the Sept. 30 issue of *Sidelines*. I also have children in the public school system and I am constantly having to monitor and reinterpret the information which they receive via

biased textbooks, teachers and peers.

Because "truth" is fluid, (i.e. a relative entity), "bias" is an inescapable element of existence. My view is as biased as the next fool's, and I have made my children explicitly aware of this particular reality. The ability to think is a process of balancing the biases with which one has been presented. Imbalance, such as occurs when parents at-

tempt to censor their children's access to other points of view, simply results in the formation of lopsided adults.

"Protection" is a myth; preparation is the only effective defense. Preparation consist of preparing a child to accept that the balancing of biases is an on-going and never-ending process. The inability to cope with textbook bias is an indication of the reluctance to admit that the volumes are essentially collections of opinions, not static repositories of "facts." Granny used to say that "you can't believe everything you read."

If children were taught to formulate questions after than answers, textbooks, and other forms of biased input, would cease to be the boogies which they are.

Kathy Brady
Box 5273

Midlander at fault?

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to voice my complaint towards the person(s) in charge of advertising the pictures for the annual.

I saw a sign in my dorm that said pictures would be taken from Sept. 22 - 26. The sign did not say where they were being taken, so I had to find out on my own. Once I found the room, I was asked if I had an appointment. Since I was not told that I needed an appointment, I had to wait an hour before they were able to fit me into their schedule.

I have talked to several people who had called and were told that no appointment was necessary.

It seemed to me that only the upper niche of the student body was actually given an appointment, and all others had to wait their turn in line.

In short, and in the future, put all necessary information on the

bulletins and don't show favoritism towards any certain group of people.

Thomas Hayes
Box 8426

YEARBOOK ADVISER'S NOTE:
Yearbook portraits for undergraduates were originally shot during registration in the Keathley University Center. No portraits of seniors were shot during that time. The period Sept. 22-26 was primarily for seniors, who were given the opportunity to make appointments. In addition to the posters, ads giving all information about portraits ran in Sidelines before and during the week of Sept. 22. Because undergraduates were shot on a first-come, first-served basis and because our portrait studio only sent us one photographer, few undergraduates got the chance to have portraits made. Therefore, another photographer will be available to shoot senior and undergraduate

photos next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the KUC Lounge. These will also be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are welcomed and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest, taste and space.

All letters must include the author's name, MTSU box number and telephone number. Telephone numbers will not be printed and are for verification purposes only. When warranted, requests to withhold names will be honored.

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Address all letters and inquiries to:
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Collegiate Concerns

Drinking law confuses police

ATLANTA (AP) — A one-day discrepancy in state and federal timetables for raising the drinking age to 21 left Georgia police, bar owners and package store managers befuddled Tuesday.

Attorney General Michael Bowers said the state law raising the legal drinking age from 20 to 21 took effect at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, 24 hours before the Oct. 1 deadline imposed by the federal government.

But underage drinkers got a one-day reprieve in Atlanta, where police were under the impression that the change was to occur on Wednesday. Police spokeswoman Marion Lee said she was told the new law was effective after midnight Tuesday.

Apparently some 20-year-olds knew the correct deadline, although bar and restaurant owners generally reported a quiet night Tuesday.

Mori Krantz, the doorman at P.J. Haley's in Atlanta, said business was slightly better than usual on the last night before the change.

Lisa Kaplan, a 20-year-old Emory University student, said she and some friends observed the new law by visiting Haley's about 20 minutes before midnight.

"If it had changed on a Friday night, it would have probably been a bigger deal," said another unidentified 20-year-old at Haley's. He said he had "stocked up" to prepare for the new law.

Athen's police Maj. Mark Wallace said officers in his town, which is home to the University of Georgia, knew the correct deadline but made no special effort to enforce the age limit at midnight.

"It's not a drastic measure for us," he said Tuesday. "No one's naive enough to think underage people

are not drinking. If we encounter someone who looks underage, we'll ask for an I.D. But we did nothing special last night, and we have planned nothing out of the ordinary."

The statewide drinking age, lowered to 18 in 1972, was raised to 19 nine years later amid concern about drunk driving. In 1985, with the Reagan administration threatening to cut off highway funds for states that let teen-agers drink, the General Assembly voted to raise the age again to 20 in September 1985 and 21 this year.

It will be some time before the effectiveness of the new law in preventing traffic deaths is known. In 1982, a year after Georgia's drinking age went to 19, 42 percent of the state's traffic fatalities were deemed alcohol-related by the State Patrol, 7 percent less than the previous year. But the number of alcohol-re-

lated traffic deaths rose to 47 percent in 1983 and 48 percent in 1984.

The new law has wrought changes on college campuses. Students at Georgia's public colleges and universities are now under strict rules regarding alcohol at campus functions, including requirements that non-alcoholic beverages be served.

"That's beneficial in several ways," said David Shafer, a Georgia senior who serves as president of the Interfraternity Council. "Under the old system, many fraternity members and their rushees made their decisions under the influence of alcohol, and many of the frats relied on alcohol to get members."

But the new law still irritates some students who are legally empowered to sign contracts, take out loans and get married. "If I could drink today, I should be able to drink tomorrow," complained Emory senior Evan Cohan.

Schools fight minority teacher shortages

ATLANTA (AP) — School systems across the South, particularly in rural areas, are trying some unconventional recruiting approaches in an attempt to lure black teachers — including military personnel taking early retirement from Uncle Sam.

Many black teachers are forgoing the classroom for the higher-paying corporate world, but school officials also try to lure black executives who take early retirement, Robert Kronley, a consultant to the Atlanta-based Southern Education Foundation, said.

But despite aggressive and often expensive recruiting campaigns, school administrators say they are scrambling to hire minority teachers. Ironically, much of the shortage stems from affirmative action hiring orders and civil rights

gains that pushed industries to recruit black college graduates who otherwise might have entered teaching.

And the shortage will not ease soon, warned Alphonse Buccino, dean of the school of education at the University of Georgia.

"The deck is stacked," he said. "And it is a critical issue in education."

In South Carolina, the number of minority teachers has dropped by 25 percent in 10 years. Educators say the reduction is not unusual for the Southeast.

In Georgia's Lamar County, a shortage of black teachers triggered a boycott of the district's three schools by black students in August. Twenty-eight percent of the county's teachers are black, compared to 50 percent of the teachers

10 years ago. Half the student body is black.

Local NAACP leaders claimed the county has tried to run off black teachers and hire only white ones.

"We look for black teachers with all our hearts," countered Raymond Ackridge, district superintendent. "All I'm saying is that we're not coming up with an adequate supply of replacements."

Many Georgia counties have a worse ratio than Lamar, he said.

"In 1985, the historically black colleges in Georgia graduated 171 black teacher candidates. In Georgia alone there are 187 school districts trying to recruit black teachers," he said. "The shortage of the black teacher pool is a well-documented fact."

Not so, said Theodore Bush, a re-

tired Lamar County teacher and a member of the local NAACP, which called the boycott in August.

"The bleak picture being painted about the shortages is not totally true," he said, charging that many blacks who apply for teaching jobs are never interviewed.

The school superintendent in Timmonsville, S.C., Ernest Nicholson, said his district recruits heavily from the surrounding area, but does not paint a falsely bright picture for prospective teachers.

He does however temporarily bend the rules for minority teachers who do not have proper certification.

Some of the teachers who have become the best in the system were not given interviews in other districts because of problems with the certified teaching test, he said.

Medical school graduates' debt rises

Graduates of U.S. medical schools are getting deeper and deeper in debt, with the average \$30,000 burden nearly double what it was in 1980, an American Medical Association survey stated.

"That's a worrisome trend that tells us several things," said Anne Crowley, director of the AMA's Office of Medical Education Information Analysis.

"It tells us society may be a little less disposed to pay for education in general" through grants and other means, she said, and may be particularly less inclined to help educate doctors.

"Beyond that, it could have a serious impact on the number of minority applicants or those from economically disadvantaged groups who are able to get a medical education."

As reported in *The Tennessean*

Secondary figures see enrollment jump

Advanced registration for Fall Quarter at the University of Tennessee was about the same as last year, but secondary registration figures had increased through Sept. 23.

The 23,000 students that had enrolled through Sept. 23 represented an increase of 500 more than the total through the same time last year, said Becky Harper, director of Computer Assisted Registration. Students enrolled through advanced registration number 17,969, an increase of about 20 students.

Freshman enrollment, which was a concern to UT, increased as well. Although there is no breakdown of figures to show how much of an increase occurred, Harper said preliminary figures indicated that freshman enrollment had greatly increased.

"If all the first time students who registered come here, then it will definitely increase," she said.

As reported in *The Daily Beacon*

Tuition hike blamed for enrollment drop

Preliminary student enrollment figures show almost 2,000 fewer students are attending the University of Texas this fall, and one UT official said an increase in tuition is partly responsible for the drop.

The enrollment there is 46,015, down 3.8 percent from fall 1985, when 47,838 students registered for classes.

As reported in *The Daily Texan*

Sports

Bruised Blue Raiders trying to bounce back

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

A battered and bruised MTSU football team will attempt to snap a three-game losing streak Saturday when the Blue Raiders travel to Clarksville to face arch-rival Austin Peay at 7:30 p.m.

The Blue Raiders, 1-3 overall, need the win to keep alive any reasonable hope for repeating as Ohio Valley Conference champions. MTSU, the preseason favorite

to win the conference, dropped a 28-3 decision at Eastern Kentucky last week in its conference opener.

MTSU, in the throes of its worst start since 1980, played last week without the services of All-OVC offensive performers Gerald Anderson, Marvin Collier and Cecil Andrews. Those three have been joined on the injured list by fullback Tony Burse, who has a compound fracture of his middle finger. Anderson and Collier have both been

sidelined by shoulder separations while Andrews has a dislocated elbow.

The playing status of all four is in doubt, and, according to Blue Raider coach Boots Donnelly, the status of several others are also in question because of recent performances.

"I don't think so on a lot of them, whether they're injured or not," Donnelly answered in response to a question concerning playing his

injured regulars. "We're probably going to end up not playing a lot of people."

The eighth-year Blue Raider coach promised some tough practices for his troops this week after having taken it comparatively easy the last couple of years.

"In the last two years, to avoid injuries, we backed off," Donnelly said. "Sooner or later it catches you."

"I've done a very poor job of

motivating," Donnelly added. "I set the tempo and I've done it very poorly."

Freshman quarterback Van Dinger and freshman guard Bob Malia will replace Collier and Andrews, respectively, should either one of them not be able to play. Senior Dwight Stone has been filling in for Anderson.

Austin Peay comes into its OVC opener 2-1 with a much improved offense from previous years, spearheaded by tailback Mike Lewis, who averages 121 yards per game rushing to rank second in the conference, and quarterback Dale Edwards (34-of-63 passing for 374 yards and two touchdowns).

"They've probably improved more, unless you count Morehead, than anybody in the conference," Donnelly said, mentioning a Morehead team picked to finish last in the league but is currently undefeated at 4-0 and ranked fifth in NCAA Division I-AA.

The always tough Governor defense is at it again, ranked third in the league just ahead of the Raiders, giving up just over 283 yards

per game. MTSU's defense allows just over 323 yards per contest.

Austin Peay has had mediocre win-loss records in recent seasons, but has played tough against the Raiders, going 4-3 against MTSU since Donnelly came here from the Clarksville school in 1979. Last year, the Blue Raiders won 17-14 after recovering a late fumble on their one 1-yard line.

"We didn't have much to feel good about after the Eastern game," Donnelly said. "And knowing we've got to turn around and

go to Clarksville for the second straight year doesn't cheer us up any."

"They play at a different level when they play us," Donnelly added. "Unfortunately, we've never played at a very high level against them."

With the Raider offense banged up and with a history of not being able to move the ball against the Governors, more of a burden will be put on the special teams, which have been a bright spot for MTSU this season.



Beverly Keel
Time Out
Sports Editor

Some Raider fans are no help

Earlier this week I was putting the sports page together when the news editor struck up a conversation about the MTSU-Eastern Kentucky game and said it embarrassed him.

The next day, a friend who I greatly respect told me her husband wanted me to write a column and "get onto those guys."

To make matters worse, I just opened a letter from MTSU alumni Hunter Dickson. Dickson said the football team has been "kissing the OVC ring" too many times. He also said the 1986 Blue Raider football team is a sure win to bet against.

I have a sure reply for all three: If you can do any better, why aren't

you out there?

The Blue Raiders have had a tough three weeks. They were beaten by three perennial powerhouses. The first two losses were for a combined total of four points. This week the popular phrase around campus has been "an attitude problem."

That may have been true one or two weeks ago, but it is no longer the case. After losing 28-3, you can't get much lower. Right now, the Blue Raiders are facing a difficult challenge — and the "fans" at MTSU aren't helping much.

These are the same ones who don't go to the games but gripe about the team's play on Monday.

These are the ones who refer to the team as "we" when the Raiders win the conference, but "they" when the Raiders lose.

"We" are not actually out on the field every day for almost three hours giving it "our" all. "We" don't have a 10:30 p.m. curfew six nights a week. "We" don't have to try to study when "we" are so tired that we can hardly keep "our" eyes open. It's quite a feat when "we" win because "we" don't even go to the games.

Yet, "we" win and "they" lose.

As far as "letting them have it" goes, I'll leave that to coach Donnelly. From what I've heard, this week's practices have been

ture to chain saws," Peterson said.

"I know a lot of women came last year and did their Christmas shopping," he said.

Among the items auctioned will be autographed baseballs from Stan Musial and Gaylord Perry and an autographed bat from former MTSU baseball player Kenny Gerhart, who is now with the Baltimore Orioles. Anyone can register to bid during the auction, which will have silent bids and tables that sell merchandise for \$5 and \$10.

"We're giving away a Chevy truck or car at 9:30," Peterson said. "The tickets are \$100 a chance for this prize. Last year, we had students go in on the tickets together," he said.

Those that attend the fish fry will be eligible for door prize drawings throughout the night.

"It's just a lot of fun," Peterson said.

Baseball's fish fry adds a Cajun spice

By BEVERLY KEEL
Sidelines Sports Editor

Blue Raider fans will have a chance to support the Blue Raider baseball team and enjoy some authentic Cajun cooking Monday night, the baseball coaches said.

It's time for the annual baseball fund-raiser, the World Series Fish Fry and Cajun Gumbo and the Grand Slam Auction. The team is flying in two Cajun cooks from Louisiana who specialize in cooking for large groups, head baseball coach John Stanford said. The team has also hired the Jack Daniels Bluegrass Band to play Monday night.

"All of the money made goes to the baseball team," Steve Peterson, assistant baseball coach, said. "It goes into every phase of the team."

The assistant coach said it takes money to maintain Reese Smith Field, purchase uniforms and feed the players on the road. "To be able to compete with SEC (Southeastern Conference) teams, it takes

money," he said.

"We could sit back and say, 'OK, with the money we're funded, we can play this type of schedule (only OVC schools),' or we can raise more money," he said.

Peterson said he hopes to raise more than the \$13,000 earned at last year's benefit. More than 500 attended the 1985 fish fry, which has turned into a social event, Peterson said.

The third annual fund-raiser will begin with the fish fry and Cajun gumbo at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Livestock Pavilion on campus. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

The auction begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free. There will be about seven auctioneers working at once from Bob Parks Realty and Auction and Charlene Blackburn/ Clyde White Realty and Auction, Peterson said.

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Can anyone stop Can't Stop the Nuts?

By MAURICE PETWAY
Sidelines Sports writer

Flag football is well under way and several teams have indicated the ability to go all the way. The question looming around the

league is: Who can stop the nuts? The Can't Stop the Nuts team, that is.

In the open division, the Nuts' high-powered offense makes them

a strong contender for the title. However, strong defensive teams

such as the Zoids, Slobberdogs, Skid Marks, Breakers, Striders and the Vipers will all be looking to

crack the nuts, Campus Recreation Official Jill Bailey said.

In the Greek division, the Pikes and Sigma Chi hold the inside track along with KAI and Pike 2 who are in the blue division. The Kappa Sigma 1 team seems to be the strongest team in the fraternity division, Bailey added.



Beta Theta Pi's Mike Bivins attempts to complete a pass before Sigma Chi's Greg Reynolds tackles him during an intramural flag football game Sept. 24 on the intramural field behind Cummings Hall. *Sandy Campbell/Staff*

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