

Aid cutbacks reduce black enrollment

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Editor

MTSU has failed to meet its desegregation goals because of cuts in student aid to blacks in recent years, according to a statement filed with the state Desegregation Monitoring Committee.

That statement, along with similar explanations from other Tennessee universities, was approved by the committee Friday to be submitted to federal court.

"It IS interesting to note that the largest numbers of black students were enrolled during those years when the largest increases in student aid were made available," the report says. "Also, generally more students received assistance during those years."

For example, during the four-year period between the 1978-79 and 1982-83 academic years, student costs rose by 72.1 percent, while the average dollars per student assisted by only 44.5 per-

cent, according to the report.

The effect of the economy on black student enrollment has been observed on an individual basis by Phyllis Hickerson, director of minority affairs at MTSU.

HICKERSON gives examples of such students in a memorandum included in the Desegregation Monitoring Committee report. She concludes with the following summation:

"In summary, families not willing to support the student's financial needs, Social Security and other financial aid which [were] cut unexpectedly, and students' reluctance to ask parents to support them because of family financial responsibilities and not wanting to be a burden are the basic reasons that many Black students did not return for the 1982 Fall semester."

While financial aid declines have been a factor, the reports says a drop in the number of black students from Davidson County has also influenced their desegregation efforts.

THE NUMBER of undergraduate blacks dropped from 201 in 1978 to 134 in 1982, the figures show.

This is a "most disquieting disclosure," the report says, because "it is extremely unlikely that MTSU can compete with Tennessee State University for Davidson County black matriculants on any kind of reasonably equal footing."

In spite of these difficulties, the report denies that increased retention standards have affected the attendance of black students.

"Since the adoption of higher minimums, the number of black students academically suspended has slightly declined," the statement says. "From an historical level of 22 percent of all academic suspensions being black, recent percentages of all suspensions have been comprised of black students approximating 14 percent."

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news at a glance

By United Press International

NASHVILLE — In a ruling that carries implications for Tennessee's drunken driving law, the state Supreme Court yesterday ruled that judges may impose fines higher than \$50 when defendants waive a jury trial.

Judges and attorneys have raised concerns about the sentencing portion of the state's DUI law, passed during the last meeting of the General Assembly. The law calls for judges to impose fines ranging up to \$5,000.

The problem was that the state Constitution says fines higher than \$50 may only be imposed by a jury.

★★★
WASHINGTON — The nuclear reactor of a shattered Soviet spy satellite vaporized yesterday as it re-entered the Earth's atmosphere over the South Atlantic, 1,100 miles east of Brazil.

The Pentagon says U.S. weather reconnaissance planes will check the atmosphere in the area for any signs of increased radioactivity.

★★★
PEKING — China says the visit by Secretary of State George Shultz failed to remove "obstacles" blocking better ties with Washington.

Just hours after Shultz left Peking, the official Xinhua News Agency stressed that no date was set for a U.S. trip by China's premier.

★★★
BEIRUT, Lebanon — Two Soviet-made Katyusha rockets were fired from inside Beirut toward the site of the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal talks in Khalde yesterday. Police said they fell just off the coast from where the negotiators met.

★★★
TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said yesterday its forces recaptured 100 square miles of southwestern territory in a dawn attack against Iraqi positions. Iraq said its troops crushed the advance, but no independent confirmation of either claim was available.

★★★
NEW YORK — The stock market pushed toward all-time high levels yesterday. Trading was active and there were indications investors were encouraged by signs the economy has begun to recover from the lengthy recession.

★★★
VANCOUVER, Wash. — Scientists have put a close watch on the Mt. St. Helens Volcano in expectation of a new eruption. No major bursts have yet occurred, but geologists warn that some significant events could come within a week.

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

Unemployment is "by far" the most serious domestic problem today, Sen. William Proxmire said here last night.

Proxmire, D-Wis., spoke to over 200 students, faculty and guests in the Multi-Media Room in the Learning Resources Center. He addressed the issues of unemployment, the recession, government spending and possible solutions to domestic problems.

AFTER QUOTING statistics on unemployment, Proxmire said "you can find them [statistics] to prove anything." For example, the unemployment rate dropped from 10.7 percent to 10.2 percent

last month, "a substantial decrease for one month," according to Proxmire.

Despite these rates, unemployment actually rose by 900,000 in January, Proxmire said. He said that there were more bankruptcies and business failures last year in this country than ever before.

"THOUSANDS of very highly skilled, competent people are out of jobs," he said.

"Sky high interest rates" are to blame for the enormous federal deficit, which results in high unemployment rates,

Proxmire said.

"It's a lack of discipline, an unfortunate mistake in Washington," he said. "High deficits are wrecking credit markets."

PROXMIRE explained that the federal government borrows against its deficit, a deficit which makes up 95 percent of the total credit market.

"The government's demands crowd out the demands of the private sector," he said. "And the government gets every penny it wants."

"We consumers back off when the interest rates are 15 to 20 percent," he said. But the government borrows at those rates, thus increasing the

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Proxmire: unemployment worst problem

Debaters capture state crown; MTSU teams dominate tourney

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

MTSU's debate team became Tennessee state champions this weekend, returning victorious from the state tournament in Gatlinburg.

MTSU had three teams finishing the tournament in the top five.

"MTSU actually had three teams in the competition," said Jim Brooks, debate coach, "and those three teams dominated the tournament, finishing first, third and fifth."

The University of Tennessee

finished in second place, and David Lipscomb College finished fourth.

Winning the tournament for MTSU was the team of Ed Anderson, a senior history major from Murfreesboro, and Scott Greer, a junior speech and theater major from Nashville.

FINISHING third after losing to UT was the team of Mike Eaves, a freshman finance major from Tullahoma, and Laura Dugdale, a sophomore pre-law major from Cookeville.

Although losing only one debate, the team of Cecilia West, a junior pre-law major from Lewisburg, and Eric Morrison, a junior pre-law major from Nashville finished fifth in the tournament.

The combined record for all three MTSU teams in the tournament was 17 wins and three losses, according to Brooks.

"THIS WAS really extraordinary, especially when you consider that this was the first tournament ever for Dugdale and Morrison," Brooks said. "They were up against teams with debaters who had been in the activity for several years."

MTSU's top varsity team of Tom Bickers and Greg Simerly, the team that won national tournaments in Utah last week, did not compete in the state tournament. However, they did "a great deal of coaching" of the three other teams, according to Brooks.

Brooks said he credits much of the teams' success this weekend to the coaching of Bickers and Simerly.

By LINDA TEWELL

Staff Writer

Bobby Taylor, Canyon and Dux Deluxe will headline a rock'n'roll benefit at Main Street Music Emporium tomorrow at 8 p.m. for MTSU music industry major Mike Rasicki.

Rasicki, pianist for the popular band Whitewater, and his wife Tracey, are the parents of Vincent Michael Rasicki, born Jan. 1.

VINCENT, the first Williamson County baby born this year, has the second most



Photo by Brent Evans

U.S. Sen. William Proxmire addresses an audience last night at the Learning Resources Center. Proxmire, presenter of the "Golden Fleece Award," discussed a variety of national issues.

Teenage boy charged with assaulting child

By GAIL HURT

Staff Writer

A 16-year-old Murfreesboro boy was arrested and charged with sexual assault and battery in an incident that allegedly took place at Family Student Housing.

The names of the parties involved were not disclosed.

THE BOY was baby-sitting with a 7-year-old girl when he allegedly fondled her, Mur-

freesboro City Police Captain Walter Gooch said.

The alleged incident occurred on January 27, but was not reported to the mother by the child until January 30, he said.

Gooch said that when the child was told that the boy might baby-sit, she told her mother she didn't want to stay with him again, and that he attempted to have sexual intercourse with her in a bedroom.

Bragg set to speak

Rep. John Bragg will be on campus Wednesday to discuss the state budget and higher education.

His speech is open to the public and will be in the Faculty Senate Lounge in the James Union Building at 2 p.m.

IT WAS then that the mother reported the alleged incident to City Police, Gooch said.

The child was examined and apparently was not injured.

A juvenile petition was obtained resulting in the boy's arrest. He was released to his parents on the same day, Gooch said.

Rock'n'roll benefit set for tonight

common birth defect in the nation—spina bifida.

Spina bifida is an opening in the spine in which the nerve ending are exposed. It effects the lower part of a victim's body in any area from the bowels to the feet. The true

cause of spina bifida is unknown; however, physicians believe that it is due partially to environment and heredity.

At Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Vincent underwent two operations where skin was

pulled over his exposed spine.

MIKE Rasicki commented that the physical defect was due to a "combination of a genetic weakness and a physical immunity that happened in the fourth week of pregnancy."

The benefit, in association with the RIM establishment and its club ARMS, will establish a \$3 cover charge with all proceeds going toward Vincent's medical expenses.

Main Street is located at 527 West Main.



In the shade

Junior Terry Finney plays football on the lawn between Peck Hall and Cope Administration.

State worker's insurance rates up

NASHVILLE (UPI) — Premiums for state employees' health and life insurance increased 40 percent this year and are expected to jump another 40 percent this year, officials said Friday.

The boost was blamed on inflation and the dramatic increase in claims.

"It is regrettable, but the costs are escalating," said State Treasurer Harlan Mathews. "I think we are looking at an increase at least as big as last

year's."

Mathews said the state insurance committee is struggling with the "unbelievable" increase in the number of claims filed by state employees.

State employees now pay 40 percent of the cost of their hospital and life insurance premiums while the state picks up the remainder.

CURRENTLY the premium for medical and life is \$117.20 per month for family coverage

for an employee making \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year.

Under the formula, a state employee in that category pays about \$46.88 a month. If rates increase 40 percent, the monthly cost to an employee with family coverage would increase from \$16 to \$18 a month.

State Finance Commissioner Bill Sansom said he is not inclined to recommend that the state pick up a larger share of the cost of premiums.

"THERE ARE a lot of games you can play, but medical costs are going out of sight. I know that Harlan wants to go to a 70-30 split, but I am not inclined to do that.

"This is the way employees know it is a costly program. None of us are satisfied with these high medical costs. I think it is a sin," Sansom said.

The commissioner said this year the total cost for insurance was about \$63 million, up from \$46 million. He said next year's cost is expected to rise by about \$21 million.

Open house activities approved for weekend

An open house weekend in types B, C, D and E housing has been approved for Feb. 11-13, according to Ivan E. Shewmake, director of university housing.

The open house is in conjunction with Saturday's MTSU vs. Tennessee Tech basketball game.

DUE TO THE game, Shewmake is eliminating the hours of open house from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday to allow staff to attend the game.

Proxmire

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deficit even more. PROXMIRE said that the only way to reduce the deficit, thus lowering interest rates, is to hold government spending—something that is "extraordinarily difficult during a recession."

Some feel, according to Proxmire, that a solution reducing the unemployment rate and improving the recessionary times would be to cut taxes, increase spending and put people back to work.

"This would be OK without

the huge deficit," he said. However, following a plan such as this with the deficit so high would be "insane."

ALTHOUGH some "won't like it," Proxmire said that "we've got to take action and get the interest rates and deficit under control."

In other discussion, Proxmire addressed the emergence and growth of political action committees.

PACs are organized by a particular group—such as lawyers, doctors or other professionals—who finance the

campaigns of the candidates of their choice.

PROXMIRE recalled an interview that one PAC member had in the Wall Street Journal recently, saying "when I make a contribution, I buy legislation."

"You couldn't have a clearer form of corruption," Proxmire said.

PACs have "paralyzed" members of Congress, who depend on their financial support, according to Proxmire.

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GAMMA BETA PHI will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room in the Learning Resources Center.

THE UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE will meet in the Faculty Senate Lounge in the James Union Building at 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

"TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN" begins at the University Center Theatre. Rated PG.

SIGMA DELTA CHI'S FIRST PROGRAM of the year will be at Professor Glenn Himebaugh's home. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. and the program, "Sports Coverage in Nashville," will begin at 6:15 p.m.

THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE will meet in the President's Conference Room in the Cope Administration Building at 3 p.m.

THE TENNESSEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION will meet in the Faculty Senate Lounge in the James Union Building at 2 p.m. State Rep. John Bragg will be the speaker.

THURSDAY

DANNY TATE AND THE EDGE will be in concert at noon in the University Center Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.

PSYCHIC CAROL KENNEDY will present a lecture entitled "The Psychic Detective" at 8 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center's Multi-Media Room. The event is free and open to the public.

"TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN" continues in the

University Center Theatre.

FRIDAY

MARY ANTHONY'S DANCE THEATRE will be in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

SATURDAY

THE BLUE RAIDER TRACK TEAM will entertain South Carolina, Murray State, Memphis State and Austin Peay in a meet in Murphy Center at noon.

THE LADY RAIDERS take on Tennessee Tech in an Ohio Valley Conference basketball game in Murphy Center at 5 p.m.

THE BLUE RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM will face league-rival Tennessee Tech at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

MONDAY

"FROM NIGHT" BEGINS at the University Center Theatre. Rated R.

FILM: "DR. STRANGELOVE" will be presented by United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War, MTSU chapter, at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room in the Learning Resources Center.

NOTICE

THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST for admission to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, in the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building.

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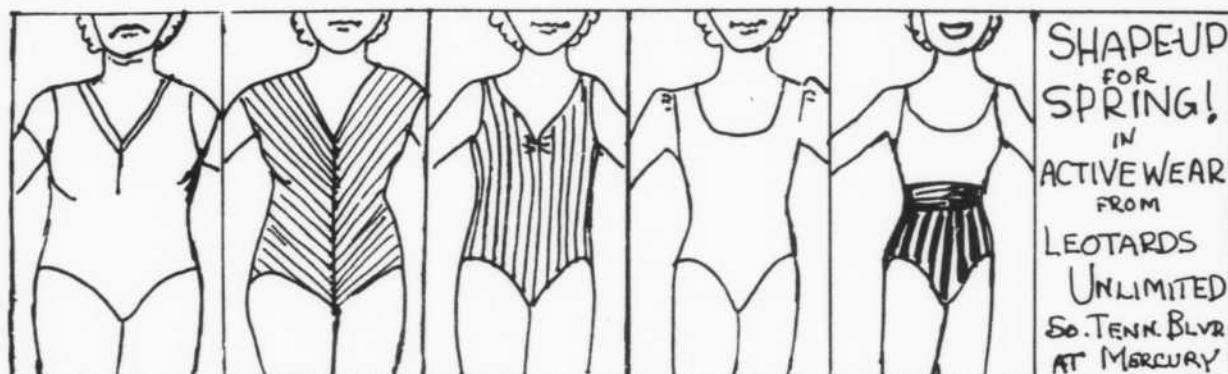
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Features

Minority Affairs aids black students

By ANTHONY PILLOW
Staff Writer

As February is Black History Month, it is only fitting that students become familiar with offices that cater to black students.

One such office is the Minority Affairs office, located in Keathley University Center, Room 122. The office is run by Phyllis Hickerson, director of minority affairs.

HICKERSON received her bachelor's and master's degrees in English from MTSU, additionally acquiring certification in guidance and counseling. Altogether, Hickerson has taught and counseled for more than 10 years.

"One of my most rewarding jobs was being an upward-bound counselor and instructor," she said. "Un-

derprivileged high-school juniors and seniors would visit MTSU during the summer and familiarize themselves with campus life."

Hickerson's other duties include meeting with the executive council, which is comprised of the presidents of all black organizations at MTSU.

SHE IS also an adviser for the Black Student Association.

The BSA was started here in the late '60s but became inactive in the late '70s.

"Students began to join other organizations and fractionalism occurred," she said. "The BSA seemed not to fulfill its purpose."

Hickerson said that when a student came to her and asked where students who don't belong to an organization turn to; that's when she suggested

the reactivation of the BSA.

BEFORE Hickerson became minority director in February of 1981, there was a committee formed called the Black Liaison Committee. When the BSA was reborn the Liaison Committee became a committee within the BSA.

Hickerson said the majority of the students that come to her suffer from financial problems

or academic difficulties.

"Our office has several financial-aid booklets, and we try to assist in finding tutors," she said.

HICKERSON said the office subscribes to the *Black Collegian* magazine and the *National Minority Campus Chronicle* which she urges students to come in and read.

Danny Tate, The Edge to rock at Noon Show

By AURORA DANIELS
Staff Writer

Tried and professional talents are the ingredients to creating a Noon Show to appeal to the masses.

On Thursday, the Special Events Committee presents Danny Tate and The Edge. The concert will be held in the Keathley University Center Theatre and is free and open to the public.

WHEN The Edge recently opened for Leon Russell in Bristol, Doug Headrick of the *Bristol Herald Courier* said the show had only one fault, "it was too short."

The review was equally as favorable when the group played at Spanky's in Nashville. Mary Ann Hea, column writer of "Night Life" in the *Nashville Banner*, described the group as "polished, but

with plenty of nerve showing."

The Edge is composed of world-renowned fusion-guitarist Stan Lassiter, keyboard technician Costo Davis, studio session bassist Mike Joyce and New York drummer Pete Davis.

TATE, raised in a musical environment, received a bachelor's in music theory and composition from Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

He studied under the well-known symphonic wind composer W. Francis McBeth. After graduating in 1978, he spent the next two years juggling a heavy schedule on the road, moving to Nashville, and writing and producing projects in the studio.

Guitarist Lassiter earned his master's in classical guitar, and has gone on to be recognized as one of the finest fusion guitarists in the world.

Keyboard technician Davis, brought to recognition through the former Stan Lassiter Groupe, has since played with Mac Gayden and The Boy's Band, among others.

FROM Cleveland, Ohio, bassist Joyce has not only played the road with greats like Gene Cotton and Rachel Sweet, but also contributed to their albums. His credits also include working with Jimmy Hall and Gail Davies.

Drummer Dennis recently moved to Nashville from New York, but has already established himself as a heavy studio session player.

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Psychic Kennedy to talk Thurs.

One of the South's most noted psychics, Carol Kennedy, will speak in the Multi-Media Room of the Learning Resources Center Thursday at 8 p.m.

A practicing psychic, Kennedy consults with clients six days a week in her Mt. Juliet home. She also remains in constant contact with law

enforcement agencies throughout Tennessee and surrounding areas concerning cases of theft, homicide and drug enforcement.

THE JAN. 16 crash of a Turkish jet, in which 46 passengers were killed, is one of her most recent accurate predictions. Kennedy expects a

similar crash to occur somewhere in Ohio early this year.

Her lecture, "The Psychic Detective," explains why law enforcement agencies consult and work with psychics and their reluctance to inform the public of such psychic assistance.

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Alternatives available to curb drunken driving

Recently the nation's fight against drunk driving has reached a feverish pitch. The public's increased awareness of the problem has spurred politicians to scamper after proposals designed to decrease the amount of drunk driving on the roadways.

Unfortunately, many people want to penalize one segment of the population in order to reduce the menacing problem. The simplistic idea of raising the drinking age seems to many to be the ultimate answer to reducing drunk driving.

THE insurance industry claims that one out of every five alcohol-related traffic deaths involves teen-agers, and others point to the fact that alcohol-related traffic deaths increased in number after the drinking age was lowered in the early '70s.

Teen-agers account for only one-fifth of the problem. Using the rationale behind these arguments, why not attack the other four-fifths by complete prohibition (which also failed).

Raising the drinking age probably would result in a reduction in drunk driving, but so would a statute prohibiting 40- to 45-year-olds or any other age group from purchasing alcohol.

THE PROBLEM is not the alcohol itself; the problem is the abuse of alcohol. We should not prohibit adults of any age from purchasing alcohol. Instead, we should increase the penalties for the abuse of alcohol.

There has already been a concerted effort by Tennessee lawmakers to in-

crease the penalties for drunk driving, and this legislation is proving to be somewhat effective. Stiffer penalties might prove to be even more effective.

Many possibilities have been suggested by various people pertaining to the reduction of drunk driving. Some have proposed that the state severely increase the fees and fines for those convicted of driving while intoxicated and use the extra revenue to fund local driving programs. Others have argued that the mandatory prison sentence for drunk driving should be increased even more.

MANY other pragmatic ideas have been aired which would reduce the number of drunk driving incidents without penalizing anybody but the drunk drivers themselves.

Nineteen- and 20-year-olds are already expected to handle all other adult responsibilities; there is no just reason why they should be denied the privileges of other adults on this matter.

But this is not the only injustice. Many people expect 19- and 20-year-olds to register for the draft and go to war if they are called upon. At the same time, many of these same people want to prohibit these young people from drinking. The inconsistency is ignoble.

Drunk driving is a problem which must be countered by affirmative and effective action. The proposal for raising the drinking age is a commendable suggestion because it has the potential of making the roadways safer. However, if there are other alternatives which will prove to be as effective without infringing upon the rights of citizens, these should be given prime consideration.

Letters From Our Readers

Copying firm tells other side

To the editor:

The Jan. 14 article in your paper concerning the American Association of Publisher's recent suit against New York University, alleging copyright violations, presented only one side of this issue. [Editor's note: The article was provided by College Press Service.]

As an employee of a corporation with many copy stores located near campuses across the United States, including MTSU, I would like to correct any misconception about fair use of copyrighted materials which may have arisen because of this article.

IN 1976, the principles of fair use for copying from copyrighted materials were made law. The fair use provisions of the copyright law permit copies to be made for "criticism, comment, news

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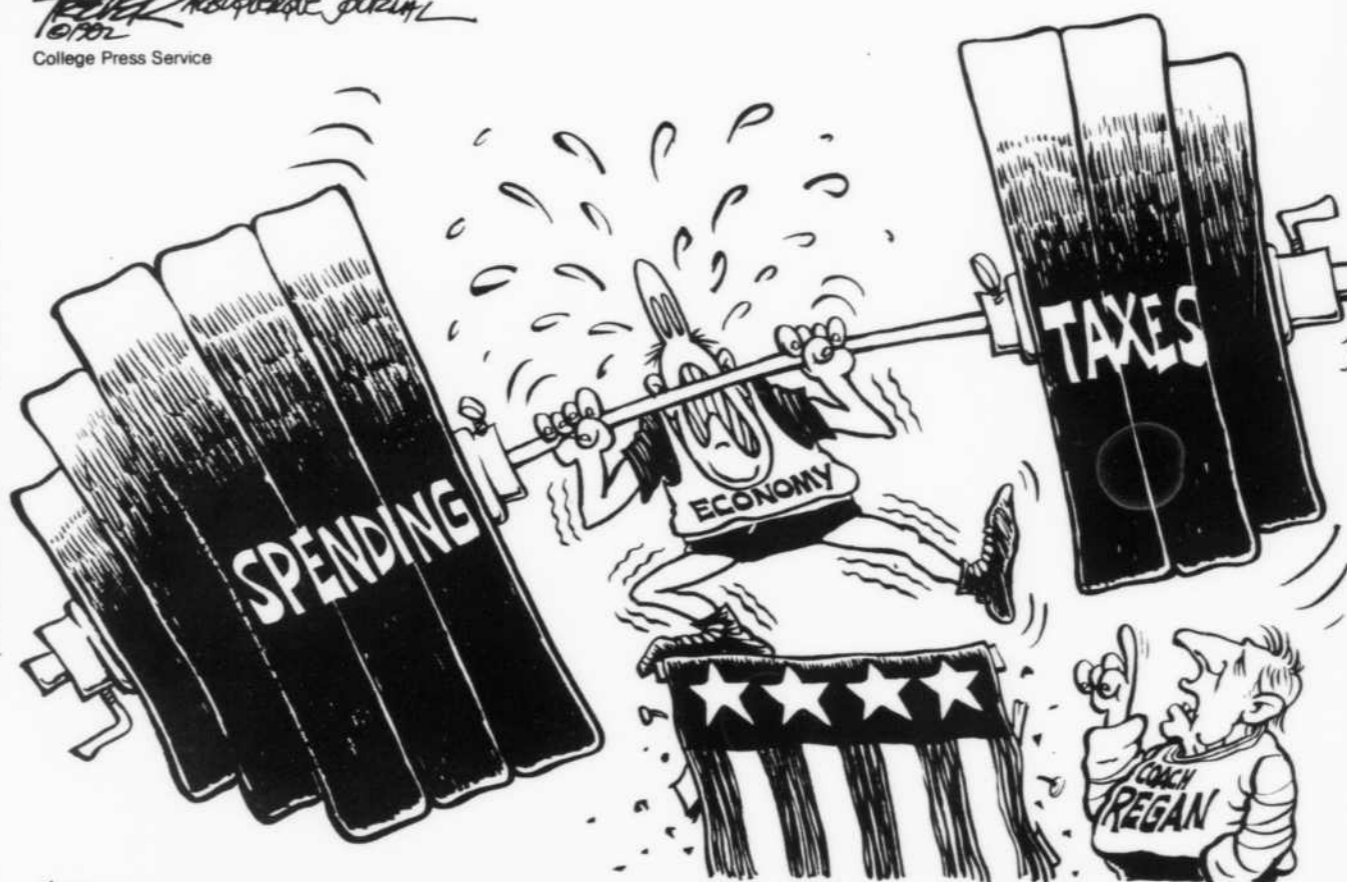
cumstances." The report then listed, not the law's criteria, but the AAP guidelines.

IN THEIR publicity campaign following this suit, the AAP seem to have purposely tried to confuse the public about the legality of their guidelines, which have not been voted on or adopted into law.

This is distressing because we believe the law as it now stands already achieves the proper balance between the interests of copyright holders and the needs of the public, including educators. Our view is shared by a large portion of the public, students and the academic community, including the American Association of University Professors, the Association of American Law Schools and Association of Research Libraries.

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"OK, I SEE YOUR PROBLEM—YOU NEED MORE WEIGHT ON THIS END!"

Reagan's speech lacks straight talk

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Marvelous are the uses of political rhetoric, and President Reagan demonstrated in his State of the Union address that he can make words jump through hoops as well as anyone of recent memory in Washington.

To quote: "First, in my budget message, I will recommend a federal spending freeze."

TO INTERPRET: Well, not quite a federal spending freeze. For openers, the Reagan budget would increase spending to reflect predicted inflation in the year starting next Oct. 1. Second, it doesn't include defense spending, which would increase about \$30 billion. And third, it would not freeze the remaining programs; some would get more money, some less and some not any money.

This boils down to what Reagan has been trying to do since he took office: build up the defense establishment, cut down some social programs and kill some others.

To quote: "I will adjust our program to restore America's defenses by proposing \$55 billion in defense savings over the next five years."

TO INTERPRET: Reagan and Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger several weeks ago

outlined what they said would be \$11 billion in defense budget cuts next year. In fact, the \$11 billion is spending commitments; the actual cash saving would be \$8 billion and it consists mostly of lower expected fuel costs and delaying a scheduled military

permit employers to pay workers 22 and under 85 cents an hour less than the \$3.35 an hour federal minimum-wage law for work during the months from May through September.

"BLUE smoke and mirrors" have been used in State of the

political beat

pay increase. The \$55 billion is the \$11 billion projected over five years.

That sounds like a lot of money, and it is. But over just the next three years, when the aforementioned savings would be \$33 billion, Reagan's budget also shows total military spending commitments of \$974 billion. That means a cut of about 3 percent.

TO QUOTE: "I will submit to the Congress the Employment Act of 1983 designed to get at the special problems of the long-term unemployed as well as young people trying to enter the job market."

To interpret: The help for people who have been out of work over long periods was partially spelled out, but nothing was said about the teen-age unemployment plan until the budget was released.

It turned out to be another vintage idea called the "youth opportunity wage." It would

Union speeches long before Reagan came to Washington. Under Democrats as well as Republicans, the annual message often has been the vehicle of political fantasy liberally festooned with evasion, euphemism and hyperbole.

Back in the 1950s and 1960s, it used to be a favorite gimmick of presidents to announce that their next budget would be balanced, a trick accomplished by predicting there would be no postal deficit or need to support farm prices.

Reagan said several times in the State of the Union that the country "is on the mend," and indeed some of the recent economic indicators point to that happy conclusion. But from the evidence of the speech in which the president imparted that news, it appears that straight talk in politics is just as rare as ever.



Top-rate suspense novel set in Russia

By RANDALL WITT
Staff Writer

Gorky Park, Martin Cruz Smith's latest offering, is a top-rate suspense novel that ent-

officials by applying exactly what is feared in the Soviet Union, sagacity and individualism.

SMITH'S anti-socialist

government policy with socialist legality. . . . I know how to reconcile this seeming contradiction. . . . From the correct point of view there are no contradictions. That's what you'll never understand."

itself with superficial success until even the basic, tacit interests of the greater structure are undermined."

Smith's expertise allows readers to relate to even his Russian characters by capturing universal emotional reactions, as evidenced by Renko's feelings toward his estranged wife Zoya:

"ARKADY stared at the receiver. . . . He was talking to a void. Analyses of political, emotional and ironic natures all died in that void where one talked to one's soon-to-be former wife."

Complexity and descriptiveness are strong points as Smith totally envelops the setting and mood of every scene. He details with a certain

emptiness things that should be full of life, describing a flower bed "the size of a grave" and Russia's countryside as "old, graded by glaciers that left a landscape of low hills, lakes and rivers that wander like the trails of worms in soft wood."

Gorky Park's dust jacket says it is "impeccable in its portrayal of Moscow life." It may be—and probably is—considering Smith spent eight years writing it, but, since this reviewer has no personal experience or contacts with Moscow, I can only venture a guess that it is, indeed, quite faithful.

THE FORCED simplicity and pessimism is petrifying. If Americans are ever faced with this situation maybe they will

be fortunate enough to have the incurable disease Renko had—hope.

America itself is not unscathed by Smith's harshness. After arriving in New York, Renko is told by the villainous Osborne:

"It took me a year in Leningrad to discover what humans will do to survive. You are here only two days and you're already a different man. In two more days you'll be an American."

DESPITE this and other regrettable true Western slurs, *Gorky Park* comes across distinctively anti-Soviet. The clincher comes as Renko's slipper-lover Irina Asanova describes the "Siberian dilemma," where a Siberian fell into the water on a minus 40-degree day. His choice was to die within the minute or get out and freeze to death immediately.

He pulled himself out. "He was dead before he stood up," Irina said. "But he got out, that was the important thing. He didn't just wait to die."

We get the message.

Between The Covers

wines the Russian psyche with anti-socialism and anti-American statements amidst an intelligent tale of international crime.

The novel's central character, Chief Investigator Arkady Renko of the Moscow People's Militia, artfully outmaneuvers KGB and FBI

feelings become apparent as the rebellious-against-the-system-yet-loyal-to-justice Renko stalks the killer of three unidentified victims in Moscow's Gorky Park. His non-conformity is manifest as fellow investigator Ilya Nikitin rationalizes his own duties and offers a warning:

"Every day I reconcile

Anti-socialist thought continues as Renko is fed a dictum from the Soviet hierarchy concerning "Vronskyism," or individualism.

"THE TENDENCY among investigators [is] to place their interpretation of the law above the understood goals of justice.

"And self-centered intellectualism," the official continues, "the kind that feeds itself on careerism and flatters

Professor talks about trip to Soviet Union

By KAREN OTTWAY
Staff Writer

Russia. We read about this country in the newspapers. We hear reports on the radio. We see pictures of Moscow's impressive palaces and spiraling domes. But what do we really know about Russia?

MTSU political science professor Jack Turner recently received a first-hand look at the Soviet Union on a three-week tour.

TURNER said his first impression of Russia was one of its lack of progress in some areas.

"They're about 40 years behind us," Turner said. "It's almost like living in the 1940s. Of course, you can't see the greater part of the Soviet

Union. It's closed off. What you're seeing is what they want you to see."

Another aspect Turner said he noted was the shortages of food and goods in Russia.

"NO VEGETABLES, no fruit, almost no meat," Turner

shops were rare, Turner said. "Everyone has to repair his own automobile."

Among the cities Turner visited were Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev. He said the scenery impressed him.

"It looks quite different from

Although Russians are influenced by styles and ideas from the United States, Turner said, they still practice many Russian customs that might puzzle Americans.

For example, Turner ex-

plained, after a couple marries in the Soviet Union, it is not uncommon for the bride and groom to commemorate their marriage by placing flowers on a war memorial.

Turner said he thinks it's important for people in the United States and in the Soviet Union to become better

"What you're seeing is what they want you to see."

said, adding that their were "long lines at the stores."

Turner also said that automobiles seemed scarce.

"There were quite a few automobiles in Moscow, but not too many anywhere else."

MAINTENANCE and repair

the United States. No advertising—all the neon signs are of the Party and of Lenin."

TURNER said many of the young Russians he met seemed impressed with Americans—especially American clothes and bubble gum.



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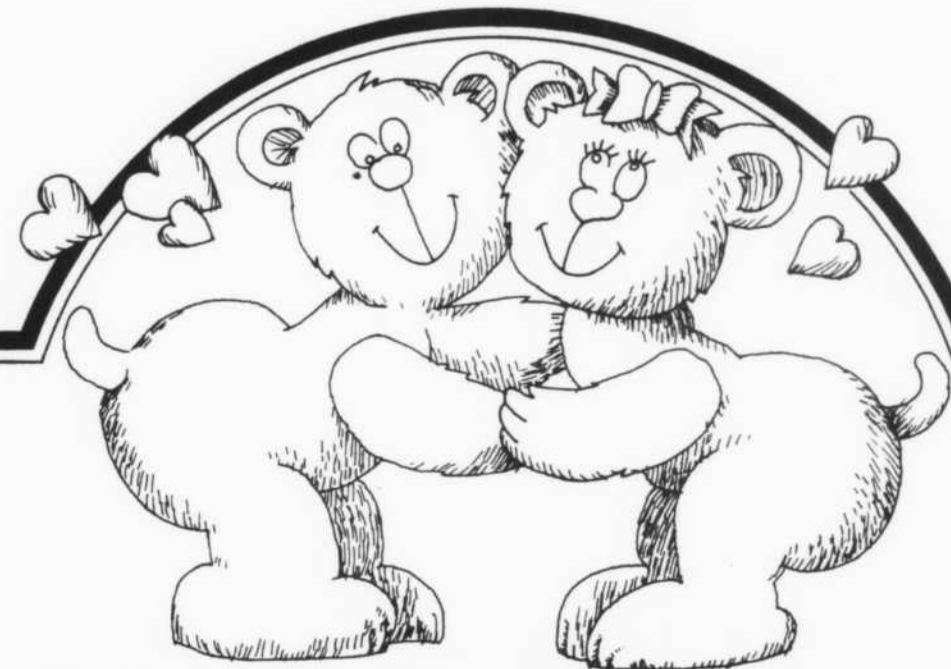


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Sports

Raiders drop two over weekend

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

Coach Stan Simpson and his young Blue Raiders have found little success anywhere this season.

Success didn't follow them on their two-game road trip last weekend, as MTSU lost both contests on an Ohio swing against Akron (89-76) and Youngstown State (73-72 in overtime).

EVEN THOUGH a loss is a loss, there were some fine performances from several individuals in the defeats.

Against Akron, Doug Lipscomb exploded for 34 points, which is the highest total of his almost-one-year career at MTSU and the highest single-game outing by a Blue Raider for the 1982-83 season.

"It was a shame that we didn't have anyone else give the effort like Doug Lipscomb gave us tonight," Simpson told a post-game radio audience.

THE AKRON game saw MTSU shoot 40.2 percent for the evening, which is right in stride with their seasonal average. Akron, behind a 34-point performance from Joe Jakubick, shot 57.5 percent for the game.

Jakubick's 34 marked the 17th game this season in which he has been the leading scorer and the ninth time he has gone over the 30-point barrier.

The Zips did not miss a three-point shot in the second half, and Rick Accord hit five of the bonus buckets during the course of the game. Accord had 20 for the winners.

"AKRON DID a great job on us," Simpson said. "They are a little quicker than I think most people think they are."

The following night in Youngstown, it was senior guard Mayfield who would forge a Raider comeback late in the first period as MTSU sliced a 19-point Penguin lead to four at the half-time buzzer.

A **NEW** lineup inserted by Simpson during the first half sparked the rally, which Mayfield captained.

MTSU went ahead for the first time with 16:20 remaining and went on to lead by as much as nine in a couple of stretches.

THE PENGUINS got back into the game and tied the score at 68 on a turnaround jumper by 7-footer Ricky Tunstall with 57 seconds left to play in regulation.

MTSU had the ball, but Doug Lipscomb stepped on the baseline under the Raider basket with 37 seconds left, giving the ball to Youngstown.

Youngstown held the ball until the final 15 seconds, then proceeded to miss two shots in that time to send the game into overtime.

IN THE overtime period, spunky guard Bruce Timko hit his first shot of the game to put the Penguins up 73-70. It proved to be the winning shot.

After Dorsey pulled the Raiders within one with just over 20 seconds left, Davis missed a shot at the buzzer to seal the win for Youngstown.

"After experiencing all we have this season, it's tough to come up here and lose one like that," Coach Simpson said.

SIMPSON praised Mayfield and Lipscomb, who both tallied 17 points.

CHOICE LED the Raiders in scoring with 20 points.

"One team carries a little bit of momentum going into an overtime," Simpson said. "Our guys were a little down going into the overtime, they thought they had played good enough to win in 40 [minutes]."

MTSU shot 39.3 percent from the field in the game, while the Penguins shot 40.5 percent. The Raiders went 1 for 5 in the overtime period.

CHANCES for the Raiders to make the OVC Tournament at the end of the season were almost eliminated with the two losses over the weekend. MTSU faces five more OVC opponents before the season is over—only one of those on the road.

"We just have to keep searching for the right combinations, get together and keep things going," Simpson said.

Lady Raiders take second in tourney

FROM STAFF
REPORTS

MTSU's Lady Raiders notched a second-place finish in the Lady Razorback Invitational Tournament last weekend, after losing a one-point decision in the championship finals to host Arkansas.

In the opening round of the tournament, the Lady Raiders downed Mississippi State 79-76 behind a 20-point performance from Jennifer McFall.

MTSU RALLIED from behind in the second half to take the victory.

Eva Lemeh and Cyndi Lindley hit for 18 points in the triumph, while Holly Hoover notched 17.

The host Lady Razorbacks blasted another Ohio Valley

Conference representative, Murray State, 100-69 to set up the championship.

IN THE championship, the Lady Raiders stayed with the hosts throughout the entire game, and led by as many as six in the second half.

The Lady Razorbacks nailed free throws in the waning minutes to insure the victory, 73-72.

McFall led the Lady Raiders with 23 points, while Hoover and Lemeh had 13 points each. MTSU shot 47 percent from the field in the loss.

The Lady Raiders, with the loss, went to 15-4 on the year. It snapped a nine-game winning streak.



Photo by Keith Tippitt

Leaping Lady

A member of the Lady Raider track team soars over the hurdles during Saturday's indoor track meet hosted by the women's track team. No team scores were tabulated in the event.

Indoor meet tunes Lady Raider track

By MAT "CHILI" WILLIAMS

Sports Writer

The MTSU women's track team competed in the Lady Raider Invitational this past weekend and, though team scores weren't officially tabulated, turned in a fine performance, according to Coach James Key.

"We had some really good improvement from almost everybody," Key said. "Overall, we were much improved."

THE LADY Raiders faced some stiff competition from Tennessee State, Alabama A [M, Jacksonville State, Vanderbilt and Fisk, but placed well in a number of events.

In the shot put, Terry Elders, a freshman from Chattanooga Red Bank, finished fourth with a toss of 35-2, which is almost two feet better than any of her previous throws.

Angela Harper, a junior from Wilson, N.C., took second place in the long jump with a leap of 17-6, while Millie Daniels and Sharon Johnson finished third and fourth in the 880-yard run with times of 2:28.2 and 2:29.3 respectively. Johnson also ran a 5:42.6 mile to finish second in that event.

IN THE 2-mile run, Vicky Wells placed second with an 11:47.5 mark and Robin Moses took fourth with a time of 12:14.6.

Cecelia Edwards, a freshman product from Oakland High School, continues to perform well as she won the 60-yard hurdles with a time of 8.6 seconds.

Edwards had earlier won her preliminary heat after stumbling near the finish line.

KEY SAID he was pleased with Edwards' performance. Even though in the finals she came out of the blocks last, she still outran the competition.

Edwards was fairly satisfied with her performance, but admitted she could have done better.

"I was shooting for a time of 8.2 or 8.3 seconds," she explained.

"EVERYBODY looked better," Key said. "The determination in each individual to do better than they had been doing was a big factor."

The Lady Raiders' next meet will be in Knoxville at the Lady Vol Invitational on Feb. 26.

Raider track successful at Indiana relays

By KEVIN WEST

Sports Writer

Coach Dean Hayes and the Blue Raider track team once again oiled up the parts to their finely tuned machine and took it to the competition at the Indiana Relays last weekend.

Eddie Loyd won the triple jump, leaping 52-9, while his nearest rival finished over two feet behind.

TIM JOHNSON raced to a third-place finish in the quarter-mile run, finishing in 48 minutes, 23 seconds.

"Tim ran four good races

within 20 hours, and that's all you can ask of someone," Hayes said.

In the 600-yard run, Herb Newton crossed the line in fifth place with a 1:12.78, while Miguel Williams placed sixth in the 60-yard high hurdles, gliding in with a 7.51.

THE BLUE Raiders failed to get anyone in the finals of the shot put or the 60-yard dash. However, Dwight Johnson sprung out of the long jump pit with a sixth-place finish, landing at 23-4.

MTSU's impressive mile-

relay team, consisting of Perald Ellis, Newton, Kenny Nesbitt and Tim Johnson, sailed across the finish line at 3:16.14 and placed third.

"I am very pleased with the way we have come along thus far in the season," Hayes said. "This weekend's home meet will be the last experimenting we will do before the OVC meet."

THE MEET at Murphy Center Feb. 11-12, will provide some good competition for Hayes' young men. Some of

the schools appearing will be Auburn, Murray State, Austin Peay, Memphis State and South Carolina.

Coach Hayes believes the 440-yard run and the mile relay will be the top two races to watch.

"I believe the meet will be between us and Auburn, with the SEC team having the advantage due to more depth," Hayes said.

This will be the last meet of any kind for the Raiders until Feb. 25 and 26 when the OVC championship will come to the "Big O" in Murphy Center.

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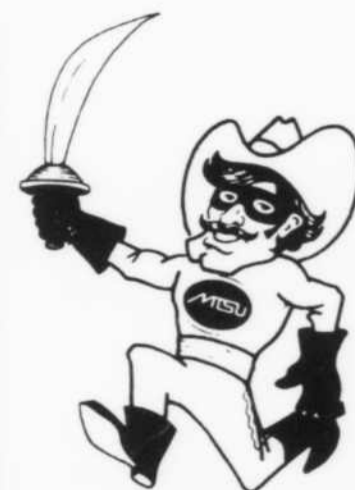
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