

Cut in speech faculty questioned

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

The termination of two instructors in the speech and hearing therapy department has resulted in much concern about the quality of education for the students and the future of the program itself.

Pearl Gordon and Linda Meyer were informed, via a memorandum from Larry Lowe, chairman of the speech and theatre department, that their appointments will end "at the end of academic 1979-80."

"I was aware that my contract could be terminated when I was hired three years ago," Gordon said. "Last spring I was informed that if anything could be done to retain me it would be. In late September I inquired about my position and was told I would be informed as soon as anything was known. On Nov. 8 I got the memo."

The two instructors were on non-tenure faculty positions. Their terms could possibly be renewed for a fourth year, according to Robert Corlew, dean of liberal arts, but that "would have to go before the state Board of Regents."

Gordon said she had heard of appointments on campus continuing after three years but that this was "not documented; only what I've been told."

Both Gordon and Meyer have teaching appointments with the rank of instructors. Each is responsible for two classes a semester and devotes about 25 hours a week to supervising students in the university speech and hearing therapy clinic that provides the community its services.

"I am not angry," Gordon said. "I'm just very concerned about the continued growth of the depart-

ment and the continued quality of supervision for students in training and the quality of service to clients in the community."

It has been said that Lowe wants to replace the two instructors with one with a Ph.D.

"Between the two of us we have a big job and I'm not sure that one person can handle it," Meyer said. "Students need a lot of supervision to go out and work and one person providing all of it is questionable."

Meyer and Gordon aren't the only ones questioning the change. Approximately 20 students, most speech and hearing therapy majors, are upset, according to junior Celest Patton.

"We're very upset," she repeated. "We held an emergency meeting the other day and talked to a department faculty member who wanted feedback from us."

"We students are greatly con-

cerned for our education. We feel that Meyer and Gordon are great assets to the department and to lose them would be very detrimental," Patton said. "Sure, there are personal feelings involved in this, but we're concerned for speech and hearing too. We don't want the quality of the department to go down."

Patton said that the students have scheduled a meeting with Lowe through his secretary for Wednesday afternoon. Lowe is out of town at the present and was unavailable for comment.

Some people have ascribed "personality conflicts" as the reason for the dismissal of Gordon and Meyer.

"There has never been a major conflict," Gordon said. "I may be described by some people as somewhat aggressive and outspoken"

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photo by Bill Ray

Tennessee Tech's ASB President Kim Williams frantically asks for help after being "kidnaped" by four MTSU student leaders. Williams and Linda Anderson, managing editor of the student newspaper at the Cookeville technical school, were returned safely after ransom demands were met.

Tech students taken; Wreck Tech kickoff

Kim Williams, ASB president of Tennessee Tech, and Linda Anderson, managing editor of the *Oracle*, the Tech newspaper, were kidnaped last night from the Cookeville campus by four MTSU students at approximately 6:30 p.m. (CST).

The abductors, ASB President Kent Syler, *Sidelines* Editor in Chief Jeff Ellis, Speaker of the House Randy James and House Representative Bill Ray were reportedly leading the two women to a supposed meeting with a state political figure when they stopped their car to ask for directions. When Williams and Anderson stopped, the MTSU students pulled the women out of Williams' car and into Syler's waiting vehicle.

"They were suspicious when we walked into their office," Ellis said, explaining that they met the two in the Tech ASB office. "Quite frankly, we needed more preparation."

"It wasn't easy. They made a ploy of going to the restroom in Lebanon and tried to escape," James said.

The women were driven to the MTSU campus where ransom was demanded by Syler over the telephone. "We have something to exchange with you," Syler said. "We've got Kim Williams and Linda Anderson."

Ransom was to be delivered to the 50-yard line of Horace Jones Field at 11:30 p.m. in exchange for the women. Demanded from officials at Tenn. Tech was: One case Miller beer to be purchased from the Riviera Lounge; one box full of *Oracles*; and one football helmet, game jersey, football pants and purple and gold athletic socks.

Kidnapping charges were leveled at the four MTSU students but were dropped by Cookeville authorities when they discovered that Williams and Anderson were safe. Reportedly, roadblocks were set up by the Tennessee Highway Patrol between Cookeville and Murfreesboro.

The kidnapping served as a kickoff to Wreck Tech Week. The Blue Raiders will clash with the Tech squad in Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium Saturday.

Ingram describes change in formula improvement

By DEBI HOLLINGSWORTH
Sidelines Staff Writer

In a meeting of the faculty senate last night, MTSU President Sam Ingram called the changes made in the funding formula by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission "generally an improvement."

Among the major advantages cited by Ingram were that the new formula uses regional averages, fewer items fall outside of the formula and it leaves less things to judgement. Also listed as advantages were that an honest effort was made to include something pertaining to quality and replacement of equipment was included.

Among the adverse effects mentioned by Ingram were that

MTSU had been doing well under the public service sector, which was lost as a separate item, and that the radio station and horse science areas lose out.

According to Ingram, "Overall, we came out very well. We gained more than almost any school in the system."

The floor was then opened to questions directed to Ingram by the senate. When asked his reaction to the elevation of the requirements for entrance into teacher education from a 9th grade testing level to a 12th grade level, Ingram voiced concerns that "this is going to cause us some problems," adding that the new level would eliminate about 50 percent of the candidates. Another of the concerns Ingram mentioned

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Reported incidents against Iranian students prompt meeting to discuss concerns

A meeting of Iranian students was held last night in the UC as a result of recent incidents on and off campus concerning the reported harassment of foreign students by Americans.

Elizabeth Perez-Reilly, MTSU foreign student advisor, called the meeting in response to questions by foreign students about what they should do as a result of the incidents.

"I want to assure you that the university is concerned with your safety and welfare at this time," Perez-Reilly began.

She stressed that due to recent events between the U.S. and Iran, foreign students would encounter

much hostility in this country, just as an American would meet with prejudice in Iran.

"I think the best thing to do at this time is have a low profile," she directed.

"If you get involved in a political discussion, this is a bad thing to do. If you get involved in a demonstration, this is a bad time to do it," she said. She also explained that Iranian students have a high academic average and that she expected to see no trouble.

A suggestion made by one student pointed out that the school has to invite the university and the people of Murfreesboro to "Be

cool." Students also said that they had encountered a warm atmosphere from the MTSU community.

She also reported that the U.S. Immigration Bureau would soon begin conducting interviews of Iranian students. She said students should be enrolled full time, be able to finance their education and they should not have been in trouble with the law or be involved in anything they should not be.

"I think it's important that Iranian and American students not try to solve problems themselves but leave it to people who decide foreign policy," MTSU President

Sam Ingram said when questioned about the university's position.

"The major thing is we don't start accusing each other of misconduct when there has been no misconduct. I think we're all better off engaging in education and act responsibly," he continued.

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Survey shows expensive prices in liquor stores

By JEFF ELLIS

Sidelines Editor in Chief

(Part two of a series)

Tennessee enjoys a rather dubious distinction by having the third highest liquor prices in the nation. Thanks to federal and state taxes, coupled with license and permit fees, state liquor retailers command a high price for their goods.

For the consumer who is accustomed to searching out the lowest price for a given product, the hunt for liquor bargains is not a simple task. Retail liquor prices in the Murfreesboro area generally fall within pennies of each other from store to store.

A survey of prices charged by five area liquor stores indicates that a consumer could, on the average, save only a few cents by searching out the lowest price. Further, the survey shows that Murfreesboro prices are somewhat lower than those charged in Memphis, the state's most densely populated city.

The average price charged by the five Murfreesboro retailers for a quart of Jack Daniels is \$9.62. The lowest price among the five is \$9.40, which is 31 cents below the highest cost of \$9.71. In Memphis, according to a price survey conducted in August by the Tennessee Division of Consumer Affairs, the average price is \$11.75. In Kentucky, the fair trade price is \$11.05.

Scotch drinkers who prefer Chivas Regal will pay an average price of \$14.24 per quart. The Murfreesboro prices range from a low of \$13.90 to a high of \$14.57. Chivas Regal was not included in the Consumer Affairs Division survey of Memphis liquor stores.

Seagram's 7, another popular brand among MTSU students, has an average cost of \$6.72 in the Murfreesboro market. Only 16 cents separates the low price of \$6.61 and the high of \$6.77. The most frequently charged price in the Memphis market is \$7.80. In Kentucky, the price is \$6.85.

Smirnoff vodka, 80 proof, fetches an average price of \$6.40 in this area. The price ranges from a low of \$6.23 to a high of \$6.50. In Memphis, consumers pay an average of \$7.99, while in Kentucky the price is set at \$6.71.

Murfreesboro area consumers pay an average price of \$6.12 for Gordon's Gin. The difference between the highest price and the lowest price charged for the product is the greatest in the survey — \$1.52. The highest price is \$7.21 with the lowest at \$5.69. In



photo by Kathy Tray

Liquor prices in Murfreesboro, while higher than those charged in other states, fall below costs in larger Tennessee cities. Friday, our series continues with a look at alcohol use on campus.

Memphis, the most frequently charged price is \$7.45 and in Kentucky, the fair trade price is \$5.99.

Consumers will pay Murfreesboro liquor retailers an average of \$6.35 for Bacardi Rum. Prices range from a low of \$6.18 to a high of \$6.42, a price difference of some 24 cents. In Memphis, the average price is \$7.55 and Kentucky's price is \$6.50.

Inside Sidelines today

Today in *Sidelines*, we welcome new columnist Billy Edwards; preview "The Man Who Came to Dinner"; Congressman Al Gore visits Murfreesboro; and sports analyzes Saturday's loss to ETSU.

Gore speaks out on issues

By LISA HUMAN
Sidelines Features Editor

Americans should refrain from criticizing the President on his handling of the Iranian situation until hostages are freed and the episode is concluded, Congressman Albert Gore Jr. said in an open meeting Friday night in the Rutherford County Courthouse.

"We ought to support the President during this crisis," he said, referring to the situation in which 65 Americans were taken hostage by Iranian students who stormed the U.S. embassy in Tehran and demanded the Shah be returned to Iran for trial. The Shah is currently undergoing medical

treatment for cancer in a New York hospital.

"We should support the President and to some extent hold our tongues while he speaks for us," Gore said. He had participated in a number of briefings about the Iranian situation earlier Friday.

"Inflammatory statements on the floor of congress are not helpful," he said.

He also hoped the crises will not be judged in a political way and that other Presidential candidates will offer the President support.

Gore, who flew to Murfreesboro from Washington, said rage and concern are the two dominate themes describing the mood in

Washington toward the Iranian situation.

"I feel the sense of infuriation that this episode has engendered in all Americans," Gore said. He added the safety of the hostages is also a major concern in Washington.

When asked about the potential cut-off of Iranian oil, Gore remarked that a cut-off should hold no terrors for the U.S.

Gore claimed that Americans did not need Iranian oils. Iran produces 3.6 million barrels of oil a day, and of that amount we receive 700,000 barrels.

Iranian oil prices are wrecking our economy and if we use the money spent on imported oil in our

own country it would help curb inflation, he said.

"The only way we're going to stop inflation is to recognize that the main contributor is energy," Gore said. "Six to seven percent of the inflation rate is energy."

Gore said he felt adopting a "crash program" to develop substitutes for imported oils, such as synthetic fibers, solar energy and hydrogen fuel, will help fight inflation and inspire the confidence American people need for the future.

"I think the U.S. is awakening from its complacency about energy and is making the efforts required to develop substitutes for oil," he said.



Albert Gore, Jr. stresses the need to back Carter on any decisions on the situation in Iran during his open meeting last Friday night in the Rutherford County Courthouse.

Faculty Senate

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was that "the salary is so low now that the brighter students, the more ambitious students, are often not attracted to the profession."

In answer to the question of whether there have been any plans made to improve lighting on campus in answer to the recent rape scare on campus, Ingram

replied that the question is being investigated. Among those measures being taken are that the method of reporting lights out is being improved, more lighting has been scheduled and available security is being better utilized. A suggestion that the library close an hour early if few students are being served is also being considered.

When asked whether there is justification for the campus police to spend a great deal of time patrolling North Tennessee Boulevard for speeders, Ingram replied "No, definitely not. There is enough to do on this campus. If you see that next week, give me a call."

The question of shortening the period to add courses at the beginning of the semester was again discussed, most of the faculty being in agreement that the period to add courses should be shorter. When the suggestion was presented to Ingram earlier in the semester as a motion, he opposed it, suggesting further study and opening the door to review on the subject after one year.

"We need to do what we can at the departmental level to improve what we perceive to be problems," Frank Essex, a member of the faculty senate, suggested.

The issue of the flower fund will be decided today in a balloting of

the full faculty. Discussion of the matter was cut short on the suggestion that it had already been discussed "ad nauseum."

Also discussed by the senate was a proposal by Roy Clark for a less expensive substitution for the sabbatical leave, which MTSU faculty members have never been allowed. The "Gas-Up" plan proposes a means for members of the faculty to take one course for credit per academic year outside of their department in order to "intellectually stimulate and generally educate the faculty" and so that "the faculty would not forget the point of view of the student." Discussion of the matter was tabled until a later date.

Teachers cut

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when differing on opinions on any matter. We (Lowe and Gordon) have differed before but there has never been a major conflict."

Meyer said that it was "hard to say" what had prompted the

termination other than the fact that their contracts had ended. "There have been personality conflicts but don't know that that could have been a major fact," she said.

Gordon and Meyer will attend the American Speech and Hearing Association conference in Atlanta this week. Over 12,000 people are expected at the conference.

A placement center for those seeking employment and for those seeking employees is a main feature of the conference. Unfortunately, Gordon and Meyer learned of their termination too late to fill in applications for the placement center.

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Sickle Cell Anemia week begins

By CINDY CLINE
Sidelines Staff Writer

Sickle cell anemia, a fatalistic disease which affects the red blood cells, strikes people of all races, color or creed, according to John West, program director of Phi Beta Sigma.

This week, the Iota Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity is holding its annual Sickle Cell Anemia Week to raise money for the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation of McHarry Medical College.

A disco skating party is being sponsored at the Hot Wheels Skating Rink Tuesday from 7-10

p.m. Everyone is invited to participate.

Thursday, a Sickle Cell Screening Unit from McHarry Medical College will be set up in the UC basement from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Several students benefited from the screening examinations last year.

Closing the week's activities will be a gospel program featuring Bobby Jones and the New Life Singers. The program is free of charge and will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the DA.

Sickle cell anemia is a blood disease found mainly in black

people that affects the red blood cells by providing an abnormal form of hemoglobin. This causes the cells to become sickle-shaped by depriving them of oxygen. The disease is both painful and fatal.

Phi Beta Sigma would like to reach a goal of \$5,000 to donate to the Foundation at McHarry. Donations can be made by sending checks to the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, MTSU Box 649. Anyone willing to offer their services during the week should contact Michael Berry, president of Phi Beta Sigma, at 898-3212 or John West at 898-3223.



photo by Bill Ray

Captive Kim Williams appears to be forcing ASB President Kent Syler into his own automobile during last night's kidnaping in Cookeville. An apparently amused Linda Anderson prepares to enter the waiting vehicle as Sidelines editor Jeff Ellis offers assistance.

Human elected new 'Sidelines' editor

Lisa Human, a junior from Hermitage, was elected editor of Sidelines yesterday by the Board for Student Publications.

Human is presently Sidelines' feature editor and has been serving as a reporter for two years.

On Human's application she stated "As Editor of Sidelines, I will institute several changes that will strengthen news coverage, leadership and overall effectiveness of the paper.

"The first change will be to re-establish the beat system of reporting. On this system each reporter will be assigned a designated area of campus to cover. This will provide Sidelines with better news coverage and give

reporters a taste of what it is like to work on a beat system which most newspapers use.

Human applied for editor in chief "because I felt I had the experience and knowledge to run the paper." She also stated on her application that, "I have worked at Sidelines for nearly two years.

During that time I have become dedicated to the paper and proud of the role Sidelines plays at the University. Previous editors have encouraged me, helped me to improve my writing and have instilled in me a sense of news values, ethics and love for the profession. It is now my turn to apply what I have learned and possibly encourage reporters just

entering the field of journalism."

The second applicant for editor in chief was Jill Gregory, a Nashville junior. "I would like to work for Sidelines but my time may be limited because I will probably be working for The Tennessee Conservationist part time," Gregory said.

She has had such experience as working for the Defenders of Wildlife, a magazine published in Washington D.C., and working as an intern for The Tennessee Conservationist magazine.

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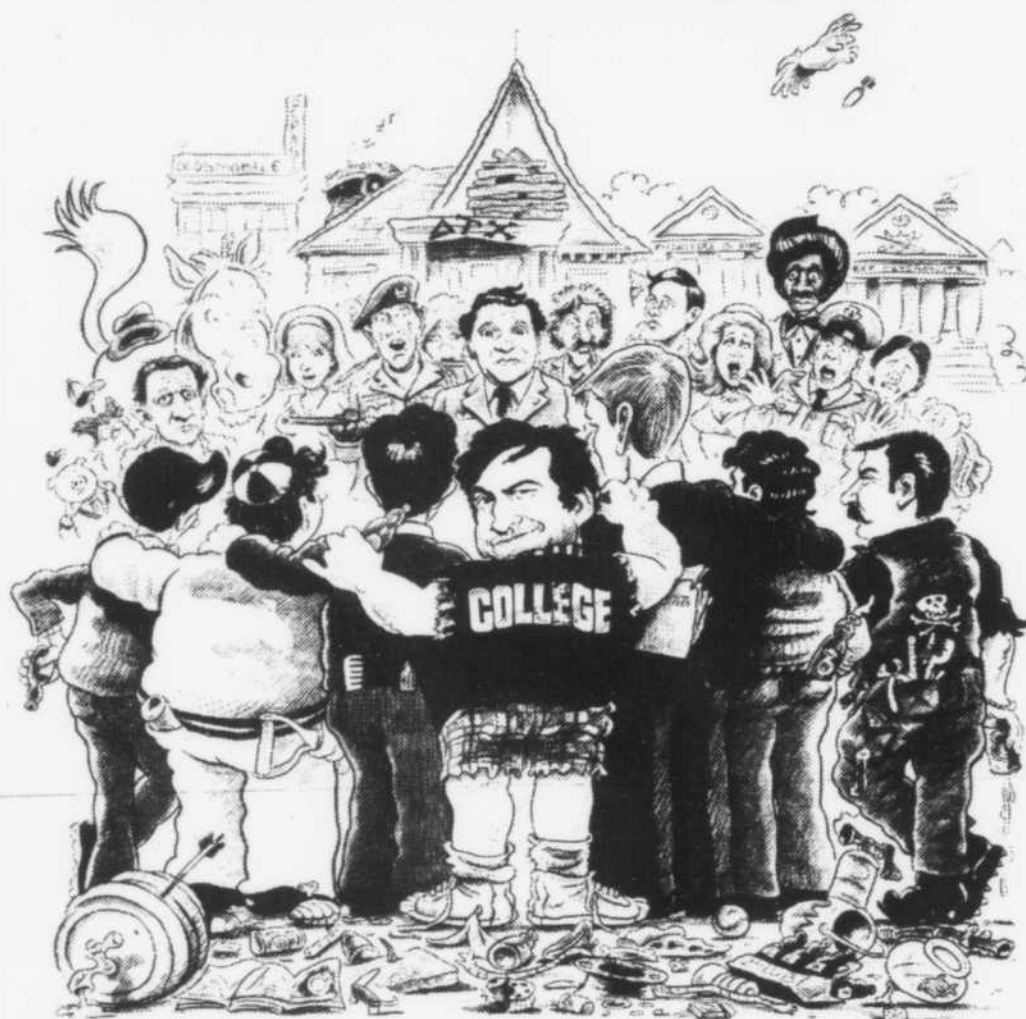
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from the editor

Student support could turn tide in Saturday's clash

Tennessee Tech — the arch nemesis of MTSU — will once again invade the Blue Raiders' domain when they arrive Saturday for one of the state's most heated football rivalries.

The annual MTSU-Tech game is possibly Tennessee's most interesting confrontations on the gridiron. With the possible exception of Tennessee-Vanderbilt, Saturday's game may be the state's biggest.

Entering the game with an 0-9 record, the Blue Raiders could certainly stand a win. A season which began with much promise has proved rocky along the way. However, a win over Tech could be a perfect impetus for next year's squad's winning ways.

If the Blue Raiders are to win, they need the support of MTSU students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni and friends. Less than that is unfair to them.

If we expect the Raiders to represent the school, then they need to feel that we are behind them — winning or losing. And crowd enthusiasm could be the deciding factor in Saturday's game.

It's been a long time since MTSU beat Tech and got custody of "Harvey," the famous totem pole that has become a symbol of the spirit of competitiveness between the two universities.

We've complained about apathy all semester, so any other arguments are fruitless. However, we believe an enthusiastic crowd could turn the tide in the Blue Raiders' favor.

It's time to wreck Tech!

Iranian students should not be held responsible for country

Dozens of U.S. citizens being held hostage in the American embassy in Iran has prompted violent acts against neutral Iranian students in this country. Reported incidents include death threats, hurled rocks and numerous heated demonstrations against Iranians in Washington, Springfield, Mass., and Hollywood.

These violent outbursts by Americans are directed toward Iranian nationals in this country who are innocent of the charges being leveled against them.

Anti-Iran feeling in the U.S. has been pushed to an all time high. U.S. officials are worried about the continued safety of Iranians on college campuses, going so far as to offer protective measures to save them from angry Americans.

Meanwhile, President Carter has said the U.S. will not exchange the Shah, who is undergoing medical treatment for cancer at a New York hospital, for the 60 American hostages being held in Tehran. This measure only fans the flames of irate Americans who would just as soon see one foreign Shah exchanged for 60 times that many Americans safely returned to this country.

Over 60,000 Iranians were sacrificed in the recent revolution which placed the Ayatullah in power. No Americans in Iran were harmed. They were asked to leave before facing the foreseen violence.

Americans in the past did not want to be held responsible for the atrocities of James Jones in Guyana, just as Iranian students in this country now cannot be held responsible for the actions of the violent factions in Iran.

Animosities against Iranian students in this country to further their education are unfounded if based upon some misguided belief that an "eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth..." The unjust reasoning is readily apparent.

If Americans prejudice and mistreat Iranian students they are being as unfeeling and as heartless as the Iranians they pretend to abhor. America has long been noted for its equal treatment of all people.

The time is now to remember that feeling.

'Largest ever' bonfire highlights week

When MTSU meets Tennessee Tech on the gridiron Saturday it will be the crowning moment of a week filled with activities.

Kicking off the week was the Monday night "kidnaping" of Tech's ASB President Kim Williams and managing editor of the *Oracle*, the Tech newspaper, Linda Anderson.

Tech officials met ransom demands after alerting the Tennessee Highway Patrol. The "captives" were released following a dinner given in their honor by pledges of Kappa Alpha fraternity. Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon sponsored a post-dinner reception at their house at 1913 East Main Street.

A poster contest in the Grill will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday with overall winners being announced at Saturday's gridiron clash.

"The largest bonfire ever planned in MTSU history," according to ASB Speaker of the House Randy James will get under way at 6:30 p.m. Thursday behind Cummings Hall.

"We're hoping to get all students there," ASB President Kent Syler said. "Our team definitely needs student support."

Lighting the bonfire will be *Sidelines* Editor in Chief Jeff Ellis, who will use a flaming *Oracle* to set the blaze.

Sponsors of the "Wreck Tech!" festivities include the ASB, *Sidelines*, and the Office of Alumni Affairs which will sponsor a day-long slate of events beginning Saturday morning.

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Viewpoints



pops' people

by Larry Popelka

Football fanatics hail Monday nights sacred

In the beginning God created the pigskin. Then He created the Green Bay Packers. And then Monday Night Football.

That's what my football fanatic uncle told me when I was a kid.

Watching football with him was always sort of a religious experience. We'd listen to Humble Howard and Dandy Don speak the gospel. Instead of taking wine and bread communion, we'd split some beer and popcorn. And throughout the game we'd frequently pause to pray for a win.

Honor thy Father and thy Mother and thy almighty Football Team, I was taught, and someday maybe you'll reach a state of higher consciousness — the playoffs.

I never fully believed this, of course, since there are many other things in life beside football. Like the Dallas Cowgirls. Or the Irresistible Eves. Or the Chicago Honey Bears.

But football has always seemed somewhat sacred to me. After all, why did they name a team the New Orleans Saints?

Yet through all these years football worshippers have never had an organized method of expressing their faith. Until this season.

Say hallelujah to the Church of Monday Night Football!

Last August Ricky Slade, 30, a Santa Barbara, Calif., marketing consultant, was stewing about the lack of respect some of his friends demonstrated toward the holy sport.

"I'm a divorcee, and very single," Slade says. "I'd get phone calls during the game and lost a lot of relationships because of Monday Night Football. I thought, if I were in church nobody would get upset."

So Slade, with the help of some football-worshipping pals, started his own church, which is now incorporated at P.O. Box 2127, Santa Barbara, Calif., 93102. It meets every Monday night during football season in a local bar to observe the weekly gridiron rites.

Slade, who has dubbed himself reverend, has also handed down six commandments to the masses:

- I. Thou shalt keep Monday night holy... and tune in early.
- II. Honor thy holy point spread... for it is right on.
- III. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's beer.
- IV. Thou shalt not commit adultery during halftime highlights.
- V. Thou shalt stay tuned until the final gun... for the spread may change.
- VI. Forgive those who bet against their home team... for they know not what they do.

There is also a commandment after: Prepare for the day when the Super Bowl is played on Monday Night Football... for on that day there will be heaven on earth.

So far about 1,000 football fanatics around the country have seen the light and joined Slade's following under either the conversion plan (which includes a no-cut membership card, sacred scroll with the six commandments, a schedule and a decal for \$5) or the deacon plan (which includes a T-shirt for \$6 more).

"One guy who wrote us says he worships on his Colts rug," says Slade, bubbling over like a Moonie at an airport. "Another guy said he had been wandering aimlessly for years. One guy said he would have joined the Hare Krishnas if we hadn't come along."

A few weeks ago Slade and friends made a Monday night pilgrimage to the Miami-Oakland game and converted Oakland quarterback Ken Stabler — under the deacon plan.

Slade is also working on setting up temples (bars) in each of the 26 NFL cities, where members of his church can worship the game every Monday night.

"We try to keep a tongue-in-cheek attitude," says Slade. "There should be room to laugh. We're not doing anything really sacrilegious. Especially for California."

"Here you've got drive-in churches, churches what worship the devil. And in New Guinea people worship U.S. cargo. If people can do that, I don't think we're that far off the line."

"People have all day Sunday to go to normal church. Ours is just for Monday night. We've only gotten two or three letters from people who thought we were in bad faith."

That hasn't stopped Slade from sending Football Church literature to Billy Graham to try to convert him to their way. Rev. Graham hasn't responded yet.

Nor has ABC-TV, which carries every Monday night game.

Slade says that's because ABC stands for Already Been Converted. Or maybe it's because many of the church members are trying to exorcise the Devil — Howard Cosell — from the broadcasts.

The church is also trying to exorcise ABC's Thursday and Sunday night games.

"We think it's very confusing to have Monday Night Football on Thursday and Sunday," Slade says. "We consider it a kind of sacrilege. Monday Football should only be on Monday night."

"Monday night is really the best day to celebrate a football game. It's the first day of the work week and great time for people to celebrate and fraternize with pro football."

Before each game Slade leads the "holy huddle," in which he reads some of the commandments and baptizes new members — which include several women — with imported beer. Then he issues the holy point spread.

"We all used to be Rams fans," Slade says. "But now we always root for the home team. We think it's important for the home team to win. It's good for America. The fans who sit out there freezing to death deserve to see a win."

The home teams have responded by winning practically every Monday night game this season. Maybe there really is something to this football religion.

The Church's main goal, though, is the commandment after — to get the Super Bowl played on a Monday night.

"Baseball should be played during the day," Slade says. "But I think football is better at night. Monday night is really the perfect time to watch a football game. We're going to picket the Rose Bowl this year for it."

And if that doesn't work Rev. Ricky and friends will pray to that great football in the sky.

Amen.

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Clooseclub

by David Arnold



Perspective

panorama

by William Fitzhugh

Students concerned for quality of education

I have this particular memory which is dated among the salient uncertainties of my developing adolescence.

I am sure that it is unfortunately subjective, as all memories must be, for they are frozen along the worn road of developing existence, and then molded by the limitations of individual perception and cognizance.

The experience that caused this memory occurred in seventh grade. There I am, swirling within the leisure of upper-middle class privileges and as in the case of most physically comfortable children, quite sure that tomorrow would be freer than today.

Of course, that was before I glimpsed something known as economic responsibility, and the implications of its inevitable dominance over me was a vague reality that manifest itself in the business activities of my father. I just knew little about money except for the fact that it came from the confines of my father's wallet, passed through his hands and ended up resting in my pockets.

Back to the memory. I always was sure that the limits of my intellect would hopefully be expanded by the pursuit of a college degree. The life laid out for me always contained this fact. I had always been told that a degree was "a foot in the door," or "a key to the lock" and I developed a strong allegiance to the possible power of receiving one.

One day when I was thirteen, I was getting dressed in my high school gym locker room. I don't know why I remember the casual conversation two elderly men were having about education and college. I remember their faces vividly and both were excellent examples of dignified old age. They had been jogging around the high school track and were getting dressed.

One spoke of the inadequacy of present day education with head shaking disappointment. The other silently nodded agreement. They conversed for some time about it and the core of what they meant can be summed up by what one of the men said. I can still hear the words clearly.

"The colleges in this country are turning out inadequacy accompanied by fools."

For some reason that shook me up. Who wanted to be an inadequate fool? If that's what college did for you, I did not want to go.

This condemnation of college by two elderly men when I was at a very impressionable age has stayed in the conscious level of my memory. Now, nine years later, the education system in America is almost worthless. High school seniors cannot pass eighth grade knowledge tests and business reports that college grads are distinctly inadequate. It looks like those who men were correct to a degree.

Why? How could this have happened? One could write a thesis on it but, in short, here is my opinion.

•Teachers have been paid depressingly low salaries for 50 years. This practice provides no incentive for the better student to teach. Therefore, you have had the academically lower students moving into teaching. In other words, you have a whole lot of teachers who don't have a whole lot of brains. There are exceptions of course.

•In a technological society where the best money is offered to those who are specifically trained to perform a special task, liberal educations are falling by the wayside. Students are becoming skilled in one particular field, while they are absolutely deficient in others. This causes a narrowing of knowledge and comprehensive education loses out.

•Mass education has a basic problem. To achieve it, the overall quality of education decreases and the population will be equal in inadequacy. This, however, can change with time. Hopefully, in America, we have enough time.

These are three problems which I consider to be at the center of the education system in America. There are many more.

spectrum

by Kelly Derryberry

'Reprehensible' tax adds burden to consumers and middle class

A new tax proposal, the 'Value Added' or 'VAT', is now under consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sponsors of this proposal claim it will dramatically alter America's present tax structure, while providing more income for the federal government and reducing consumer purchases in the economy. Actually the VAT is nothing more than a national sales tax, another example of Uncle Sam putting his hand deeper into America's pocketbook.

The Value Added Tax will be a federal tax on all the goods and services produced in America. At each level of production a 10 percent tax would be placed on the value of a product. Thus if a farmer sold \$2000 worth of wheat, he would pay tax of \$200. If a miller then sold the wheat in the form of flour for \$3000, he would pay a tax of \$300, but could reduce this amount by the \$200 the farmer paid in taxes, for a net tax of \$100. Supposedly this system would continue down through the consumer level and no one would lose in the process. The VAT proposal is also accompanied by a social Security and Income tax reduction for the first year.

The trouble with the VAT is that only the final consumer of the goods will pay the tax. If a 10 percent levy is imposed at each step of production the producer will simply raise his price enough to cover the tax. Thus the farmer would charge \$2200 for his wheat to cover his \$200 tax, thus price increases would continue until the final product, in this case say a loaf of bread, where the consumer would pay a higher price because of the VAT. The accompanying income tax and Social Security Tax reductions are not hoping to be permanent and the rates would undoubtedly increase after a year or two.

This proposal might be acceptable if it eliminated a tax, and then was adopted. The present proposal would hurt the middle class more than anyone as they have to pay income, Social Security and the VAT tax all at the same time. The poor would undoubtedly be given more welfare to cover any price increase the VAT might cause them. The resulting inflation in consumer prices, at least 10 percent would also wreak havoc with America's economy.

Tuesday, November 13, 1979

from our readers

To the editor:

I have never been prompted to write a letter to the editor of *Sidelines* before now. However, an occurrence on this campus has so angered and concerned me that I felt I must communicate it somehow to my fellow students as well as this campus' faculty and administration.

There is a program on this campus that benefits the community and enhances the prestige of this university. I am speaking of the Speech and Hearing Clinic and thus, also, the major of Speech and Hearing Therapy.

However, a tremendous blow has been dealt that program in the last week. Ms. Pearl A. Gordon and Ms. Linda A. Meyer have had their positions terminated as of the end of April, 1980. Such action is indeed acceptable since they were not in a tenure-track situation. However, the way their dismissal has been carried out has been atrocious and unforgivable.

First, they received their notices in the form of memoranda, not personal letters. The notices were received by these two faculty members while their department head, Dr. Larry Lowe, was away from the university preparing for an out-of-town trip. No reason was given for their dismissal although speculation tends to lead one to a reasonable assumption that teacher-administration conflicts lead to their dismissals.

I certainly would think that such conflicts should not reflect upon the quality of education these majors are getting and indeed it shall!

The second item that bothers me is the way in which these two will be replaced. Only one person, supposedly a PhD, will replace them. I believe that the task of supervising the clinicians is much too monstrous for one person.

Incidentally, I don't think this university can entice a good PhD in Speech Pathology to come here. The job Gordon and Meyer were told they would be alerted as soon as it was determined whether on or both of them would have to go. However, a "Notice of Position Vacancy" was dated Nov. 1 by Dr. Lowe's office and the two weren't informed until a week later, Nov. 8 (interesting grounds for a possible legal suit).

I find it disheartening that we must sacrifice these two faculty members no matter what the reasons the administration might give. They are bright, competent and very professional. It will indeed be a loss to the university's prestige and even more importantly it will hamper the program's ability to serve the community.

I guess my opinion has been voiced but the words are hard to find which truly express my concern. I urge you to watch this department carefully. There may be another shock to our campus this spring. One of that department's brightest, warmest and most creative faculty members is up for tenure. I certainly would hate to see us lose him. Indeed, I hate seeing the loss of quality instruction we're experiencing whether it's due to enrollment, money or petty arguments. I would urge you to

watch the department of your own area of concern — I imagine this could happen anywhere.

Lastly, I don't want to hear another word on this campus about so-called Affirmative Action. We are losing a very qualified, congenial, special instructor in Pearl Gordon—she also happens to be a black woman. Sometimes the bureaucracy's reasoning astounds me!

John Whaley
Box 4787

To the editor:

I personally appreciate the concern expressed by the ASB and the programming provided by them in response to the attacks on women. I have heard a lot of students on campus express concern for their safety walking to night classes or to their cars.

But it seems like bad planning on the part of the ASB to schedule this programming on rape when the largest organization on campus had activities scheduled. I'm referring, of course, to the Apathy Club. You realize that the Apathy Club has not been officially recognized as a campus organization because nobody cared whether Dean McLean had copies of a club constitution and list of officers or not. In fact, nobody ever bothered to write a constitution and the people who were nominated for office didn't care whether they got elected or not. But then it didn't matter — because none of the students who met criteria for membership bothered to come to a meeting to vote.

Just think how much support there is on campus for the club's purpose. Women are being attacked on campus and on the streets; people say they are afraid. But do they care enough to show up for programming on the subject? Seventeen people cared enough to come Monday and eight came Tuesday. What an overwhelming show of concern!

If you don't care about the sanctity of a woman's body and the devastating effects of rape on the woman and every person her life touches, then what do you care about? Behind that superficial exterior must lie a truly shallow interior! What do people who are that shallow form interpersonal relationships on? Status? Power?

Sex? Cheap thrills? Are they intimate with anyone or do they merely circulate in an arena of cordial but distant acquaintances?

Well, if you don't care, I don't care! You don't deserve any rights or protection and you are making it harder for the ones of us who care and who are trying so desperately!

For a long time, I've had a bias against people who like to wallow in misery and self-pity and won't lift a finger to stand up for themselves. I guess I'll still go on working on things for people who don't want to be used. Or maybe I should stage a power-play and run for president of the Apathy Club, but I'd feel like a traitor to the 17 and the eight who cared enough to come and to try.

I would hate to think it takes a personal confrontation with a rapist to shake these people (male and female alike) out of their lethargy... but then at this point, who cares?

Name withheld by request

To the editor:

In the October 30 edition of *Sidelines* there was an article entitled "Campus carelessness main cause of theft." This is like saying women walking to their dorms at night is the cause of rape or that armed robbery is caused by merchants who don't take steps to prevent it. Although prevention can deter criminal acts, the lack of it is not the cause. The cause is found in the person that commits the theft. It is my opinion that most thefts are committed by people who are trying to get something for nothing and have little regard for the person that is their victim. This lack of regard for other people abounds in our society. The "take care of number one" philosophy is stressed so much that the thief doesn't think of the person he is hurting, only his personal gain.

But this letter is not directed to *Sidelines* or to the victim of theft. This letter is addressed to the person who has stolen something or considers stealing something. I ask them to think of the feelings of someone who has been unjustly deprived of their property and how they would feel in the same situation. There is no justification for stealing, only rationalization. A person may think he has a good reason for stealing, but they should

think twice. They should think first of themselves and what they have really gained and then think of the person who is the victim of their acts. In the long run theft not only hurts others but can be a deterrent to a productive life.

A single letter cannot effect a major change in the minds of others. But hopefully it will reach someone and next time they think of stealing something they will remember this simple philosophy — "Do whatever you want to do, be whatever you want to be, as long as you don't infringe on the rights of others."

Chas. C. Yarbrow
Box 5863

To the editor:

I would like to clarify a few misconceptions about the proposed four day school week. The plan is meant to cut down on university energy consumption. This is especially aimed at commuters who would have to make one less trip per week to school.

When we were discussing the proposal during a Senate meeting, someone noted that a study has shown that at least the same amount of gas would be used by students because of a longer weekend as would be saved by the plan. (The Senate voted unanimously against the plan).

Also, the problem of student flight from campus is not such an "absurd" argument. Many of the new proposals for this university could have a compromising effect on our quality of education. It is impossible to get the "full college experience" if you pack it up and leave every weekend. There is little doubt that the proposed plan would magnify the problem.

Not only that, but more classes would have to be crammed into less time and class size would need to be increased. This could only have a detrimental effect on the quality of our instruction.

We definitely need an energy conservation plan, but I would like to see the cuts come more in areas of waste. I believe that our education here at MTSU should have priority over fuel conservation plans that will not work.

Daniel Brown
Freshman Senator
Box 1578



by Billy Edwards

observations

God's love is greatly needed in society

I am Billy Edwards. I have been given the opportunity to write this column in *Sidelines* called Observations. To get to know me better, I thought I would tell you some things about myself.

I have lived in Murfreesboro for 18 years. I came to live at the Louisa School for the mentally retarded when I was four.

For the most part, I received most of my elementary education

being privately tutored in the home. The institution is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank McElroy who, through the years, I have come to consider as part of my family.

I was born in Henderson, Ky., where my parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Edwards, still reside. I am the middle of five children: Betty Bruce, Mary Janette, John David and Rebecca. Although I was apart from my family a good

bit of the time, we were a close knit family in the bonds of love.

With plans to major in print journalism, I use writing as a form of ministry. I feel the greatest need today is for us to be able to love one another to a greater extent.

We hear much today about love. Books are written about it. Plays dramatize it. The movies advertise it. Whatever the source, in real life love is missing. Just as electricity is a source of energy, so does true love

come from a source. That source is God. The Bible reminds us that God is love (I John, 4:8). As we become children of God through the New Birth, we inherit the true nature of God's love.

I hope this column is interesting and meaningful to you. You are invited to voice your feelings on various topics of interest.

If you have a question or an issue you would like answered, send it to MTSU Box 5572. I will be looking forward to hearing from you soon.

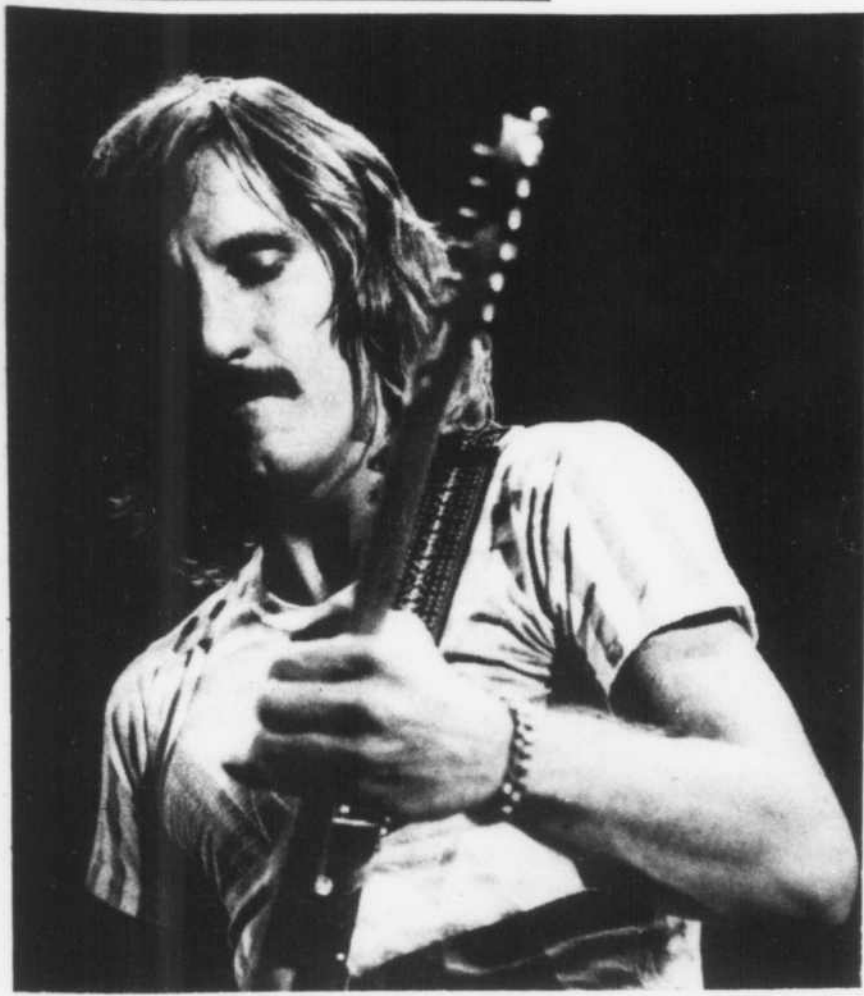


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One of the leading musicians of the Eagles, Joe Walsh, stretches a chord during his solo performance during the concert last Thursday night when they descended on Murphy Center.

MTSU rocks as Eagles land

By PAUL Mc CREE

Sidelines Entertainment Editor

I knew it would be crowded even before I reached the first of the t-shirt salesmen. He lunged, screaming "Eagles, front and back!" forcing an overpriced "Long Run" tour shirt around my neck. Luckily, his footing slipped and I escaped toward the ramp.

There stood the treacherous \$20.00 ticket scalpers.

"Hey, man, need a ticket. Ticket, man?"

"Get that out of my face, I'm with the group."

I like to think he spent much of the night trying to decide whether I was Joe Walsh or Glen Frey.

After a forty-five minute run around Murphy Center, frantically waving my unimpressive press pass at anyone in uniform, someone in the ticket office decided I'd had enough punishment to deserve free admittance.

I was just in time to hear the last song of "Blue Steel." The back of their heads looked real nice. Although Murphy Center sometimes adds a layer of mud to the sound, Steel surfaced for warm-

up, closing out with "Twist One Up and Burn It Down," an obvious ode to the days of hand rolled cigarettes.

The Eagles opened with "Hotel California," which seemed to drag a bit at beginning and stayed slow to the end. The drag quickly ended with "Already Gone," bringing everyone with standing room to their feet.

By now The Eagles and the crowd were on speaking terms. The group seemed surprisingly less distant than I'd anticipated, classing them with the hierarchy of Rock, such as The Moody Blues, whose Ray Thomas seemed to thumb his flute at the typically barbaric, sweaty American crowd.

Although I enjoy and respect most of The Eagles works, Joe Walsh is my soft spot. For those of you who missed the concert, I can assure you Mr. Walsh shows no signs of the common rock star syndrome, 'ten year burnout.' "In The City" went off smooth, with the other Eagles falling easily into the Walsh sound. Joe Vitale (who played drums and synthesizer on "Barnstorm" and "The Smoker You

Drink, The Player You Get") helped add even more true-blooded Walsh sound with some surprising flute and keyboard on "Turn To Stone." The constant Walsh sad-eyed concentration remained even when bassplayer Tim Schmidt screamed "Joe Walsh For President!" Considering the crowd's hysteric ovation for "Rocky Mountain Way" and "Life's Been Good," a Walsh/Zappa ticket might be good for the Democrats (and the country).

Unfortunately, that dreaded Murphy Center muddled the sound

on several of the more mellow songs, such as "Doolin Daltons" and "Desperado." One song that did not suffer was "I Can't Tell You Why" by ex-Poco member, Tim Schmidt. Schmidt's smooth vocals and melatron strings somehow broke through the acoustical blob.

After dedicating their third and final encore to Roy Orbison (somewhere in the audience), the group left behind a screaming, rocking, sweaty sell-out crowd of 12,000 who knew, without a doubt, The Eagles had landed in Murfreesboro.

University Theatre presents 'A Man Who Came to Dinner'

"The Man Who Came to Dinner," a three act comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, opens Nov. 15 at the University Theatre and will continue through Nov. 17.

Called by *The New York Times* "the funniest comedy of the season," "a fantastic piece of nonsense" and "a roaring evening of hilarity," the play centers around Sheridan Whiteside, a famous wit and lecturer who, while in Mesalia, Ohio, is invited to dinner at the home of the Stanley family.

Unfortunately for the Stanleys, Whiteside has an accident in their home and is forced to remain while recuperating. He returns his hosts' sympathy by threatening to sue

them, running up a huge phone bill and taking over their home so he can entertain a mad assortment of celebrities who stream in and out of the house. Among the celebrities are an authority of insect life, a notorious actress and a playwright, not to mention the penguins.

The cast includes Bob Forsythe, Carolyn Jones, Barney Crockarell Jr., Laura Leopard, Teresa Looney, David Johnson, Martin McGeachy, Joe Mason and a host of others.

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By DEBI HOLLINGSWORTH
Sidelines Staff Writer

This Thursday's Great American Smokeout has generated good natured competition among the four categories competing for the coveted "Golden Butt" awards, awarded to the groups with the highest percentage of successful non-smokers.

"The fraternities have really gotten behind the Smokeout," according to Don Taylor, Inter-Fraternity Council president. "The rewards, publicity and general competition among the Greeks have provided a real incentive to try this initial step in stopping smoking."

The sororities are also planning to participate in the event. "We have 100 percent participation by the Pan-Hellenic sororities," according to Suzanne Bradford, Pan-Hellenic president. "We feel it's a really good way to make the cause known. We're going to do our best to help everyone stop for the Smokeout."

Cadet Commander E.J. Smith has organized the ROTC campaign for the Smokeout, arranging competition between the classifications (e.g. freshman). "To be honest, we just don't have that many smokers. We have organized a competition to get those who do to participate, though," she said.

The competition among the general student body, organized by

the ASB, has not generated a lot of interest according to Pat Nelson, coordinator. "It just hasn't gotten a whole lot of participation from the student body. Only two groups have applied so far."

They have until 4 p.m. Wednesday to pick up their forms and until 4:30 p.m. Friday to turn them in. We're hoping for more involvement.

A number of helpful hints have been suggested for those planning to stop smoking for the day of the Smokeout. Among them are the following:

- Try cutting down the daily number during count down days prior to Nov. 15.
- Switch brands often.
- Buy a pack at a time, not by the carton.
- Invest in a filter kit.

On the actual day of the Smokeout, try the following:

- Put your tobacco in a most inaccessible location — like in the trunk of your car, on the roof of your dorm or in the freezer.
- Gift wrap your pack so that you must untie and retie each time you get a cigarette.
- Drink ample amounts of very cold water or milk.
- Eat very slowly.
- Avoid alcohol in all forms. The depressant factor in alcohol will kill your motivation and provoke a what-the-heck attitude.

Non-smokers who want to help their smoking friends stop for the day can arm themselves with a supply of low-calorie nibbles such as carrots and celery. They should be prepared to go for a walk, jog, ride a bicycle, knit or just be generous with their praises, in order to be helpful. Again, non-smokers are reminded not to "nag, preach, teach, intimidate, harrass or punish," but rather to encourage.

A.H. Solomon, chairman of the HPERs department, has issued a statement: "Our department is pleased to join the Rutherford County Unit of the American Cancer Society (ACS) by co-sponsoring on campus the national project entitled The Great American Smokeout . . . because adult smokers are aware of the health consequences of smoking, not only hazardous to themselves but to others, the American Cancer Society and the HPERs department urge participation in the spirit of fun and fellowship."

ASB President Kent Syler has also issued a proclamation pledging the support of the ASB organization for the Smokeout.

Successful participants are also reminded to "brag on themselves" by sending a postcard afterwards to "I QUIT," Box 1041, Uptown Station, Murfreesboro, Tn., 37130 or to MTSU Box 311.



Singing their songs before a sold out audience at Murphy Center, Eagles Tim Schmit, Glen Frey and Don Felder strike appealing chords for an appreciative audience who called them back with standing ovations for three encores.

photo by Charlie Hunt

MTSU unsuccessful at convention

By DAVE COOPER
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Tennessee Intercollegiate Student Legislature (TISL) met in Nashville this past weekend at the State Capitol Building.

The convention was less than successful for MTSU. The delegation had traveled to Nashville with the hopes of electing J.R. Young as governor of TISL. Young was defeated in the final voting Saturday by Frank Anderson, student body president of Memphis State University.

Young's defeat occurred by the bloc voting of some of the state's larger schools, principally Memphis State and University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Doug Cole, who was elected chairman of the Middle School Caucus, talked about the convention and the delegates. "We came out better than we could have," Cole stated. "There were some rumours spread about J.R.

(Young) that possibly hurt his chances, but it was the overall bloc voting of the larger schools that cost us the governor's position."

Kent Syler, ASB president and a delegate at TISL, spoke about the legislature that was passed. "I formulated a bill against higher

tuition that was passed, and also a bill to make TISL a lobbying organization was approved," Syler said.

"The bill against tuition shows that in a country where prices on food and gas are rising, TISL takes a firm stand not to raise tuition cost.

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Big plays bite Raiders

Big plays and big mistakes figured heavily as MTSU dropped its ninth straight game of the season by a 52-12 count at East Tennessee State.

ET put the game away early by building a 28-7 first-half lead on the strength of three big offensive plays and a timely pass interception.

The Buccaneers scored first on a 52 yard pass play from quarterback Mark Hutsell to Thomas with just over five minutes left in the first quarter. The entire touchdown drive, which started from the ET 33 yard line, only took three plays.

The Bucs moved out to a 14-0 lead five minutes later only with a four play, 64 yard drive that took only 52 seconds. The big play of the drive was a 55 yard romp by tailback Reeves.

An ETSU interception of a Brown Sanford pass led to the Buc's third score early in the second quarter.

A Hutsell pass and a Reeves run accounted for the bulk of the fourth ETSU scoring drive. The final points of the first half came with just over two minutes left to play.

MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly pointed to the play of Hutsell and the inexperience of the Raider defense as the main reasons for the big plays.

"Their quarterback causes the big play," Donnelly commented. "He's talented, very smart and is a great thrower. He gets himself out of trouble a lot by finding receivers."

MTSU got on the scoreboard with an 80-yard, second quarter drive, that ended with Brown Sanford throwing three yards to Bruce Bryant.

The Raider's second score came

mid-way through the fourth quarter on a one yard touchdown pass from quarterback Gus Purvis to split end Toby Miller. Purvis got the quarter-backing nod after Sanford had been shaken up on the first series of downs in the fourth quarter.

Despite scoring only 14 points, the Raider offense had its most effective outing moving the ball. MTSU matched ETSU with 24 first each. The Raiders picked up 334 yards of total offense compared to ET's 499.

The bulk of the offense came through the air as Sanford hit on 17 of 34 attempts for 210 yards. The offense netted an additional 123 yards on the ground.

ETSU took the route of almost every other MTSU opponent this season by going to the run for much of the night. The Buc's worked the ground game for 330 yards. Hutsell balanced the offense with 187 yards passing while completing 15 of 26 pass attempts.

Reeves, a sophomore, took advantage of his first start of the season to set a school record by rushing for 226 yards on only 15 rushing attempts.

The Raider defense was led by senior linebacker Stan Wright. Wright, a two time All-OVC choice, had one of his better outings this season while picking up 13 individual tackles and two assists. Safety James Griffin followed with eight individual stops.

MTSU goes to 0-9 with the loss. The Raiders have only one Saturday left to break into the win column. No MTSU team has ever gone through a season without at least one win. The Raider close the '79 campaign at home this Saturday with up-state rival Tennessee Tech.



photo by Don Harris

Sophomore quarterback Gus Purvis looks over the ETSU defense in the Raiders 52-14 loss this past Saturday.

Volleyballers settle for fourth

By CAROL STUART
Sidelines Sports Writer

Just like a bouncing ball, the Lady Raider volleyballers ended their season with the not too unusual ups and downs at the Division-I Tennessee state tournament last weekend.

Placing fourth behind winning University of Tennessee, host Memphis State and last year's champion East Tennessee State, the MTSU team managed to win two out of five matches in the round-robin competition.

"Even though we lost more than we won, the scores do not really tell the whole story, because the girls were winners through the end and everybody here (at the tournament) knows that," first-year coach Melinda Borthick said.

In the opening match against powerful East Tennessee, Borthick's squad surged past the Lady Buccaneers 15-10, then fought hard against them only to lose 9-15, 12-15. The match was highlighted by the crowd, children from Memphis State's Campus School, cheering for the Big Blue.

After the initial loss, the Lady Raiders fell apart against the favorite Tennessee. In the same fashion that has plagued the team all season, MTSU just could not put it together against the Lady Vols, falling quickly 8-15, 3-15.

Tables turned for the young team, though, in a 15-9, 15-10 trouncing of UT-Chattanooga. The Lady Mocs were just no match for the comeback play of the Lady Raiders.

The 1-2 record from Friday gave the MTSU squad new life, and on Saturday morning, an upset victory over Memphis State was almost in the making.

Memphis State, who ended up with the best round-robin record, dominated the first game 15-8 and was ready to blast the Lady Raiders to win the match. The determined MTSU team did not give up, however, and came back for a 16-14 second game win. Sheila Ware, freshman from Chattanooga, paced the MTSU effort with her serving game.

With the home crowd advantage, though, Memphis State took the third game, 15-11, after shattering the Lady Raiders' confidence and a 9-3 lead.

Ending the season on a positive note, the once again up and down team beat Tennessee Tech 8-15, 15-7, 15-5. Team captain Lois Rainey, playing in her last collegiate game, had eight straight serves in the second game victory. Jill Carroll and Arlene Hale led the MTSU defense.

Freshman Asaji Komatsu, from Toyko, Japan, and sophomore Jackie McReynolds, from Chattanooga, landed spots on the eight-member All-Tournament team.

Tennessee, who pressed past Memphis State, 15-13, 11-15, 15-4, 15-9 in a championship match, placed three players on the team. The runner-up Lady Tigers had two players awarded and third place East Tennessee had one member named to the squad.

"They showed a lot of heart and, most importantly, everybody down here respects them now for the way they played, the way they hustled and kept coming back," Borthick said of her team.

"We need an extended program, we need better competition, we need money and we need a year-round program if we are going to compete in Division 1-A," she stated.

The Lady Raiders finished the season with a 28-13 record, best yet for an MTSU volleyball team. Recruiting begins Tuesday morning for Borthick, and the team begins training for next season in the spring.

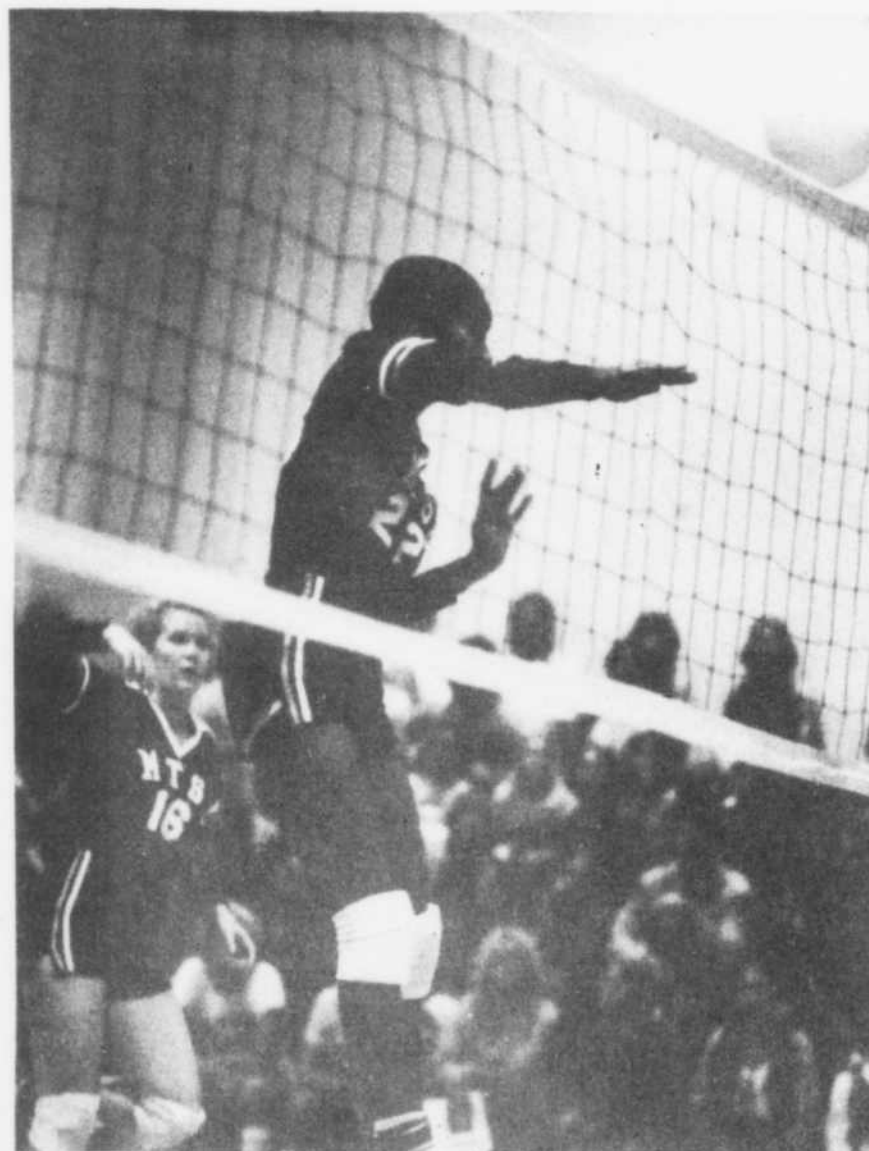


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Jackie McReynolds is right on target with this spike in this past weekend's state volleyball tournament.

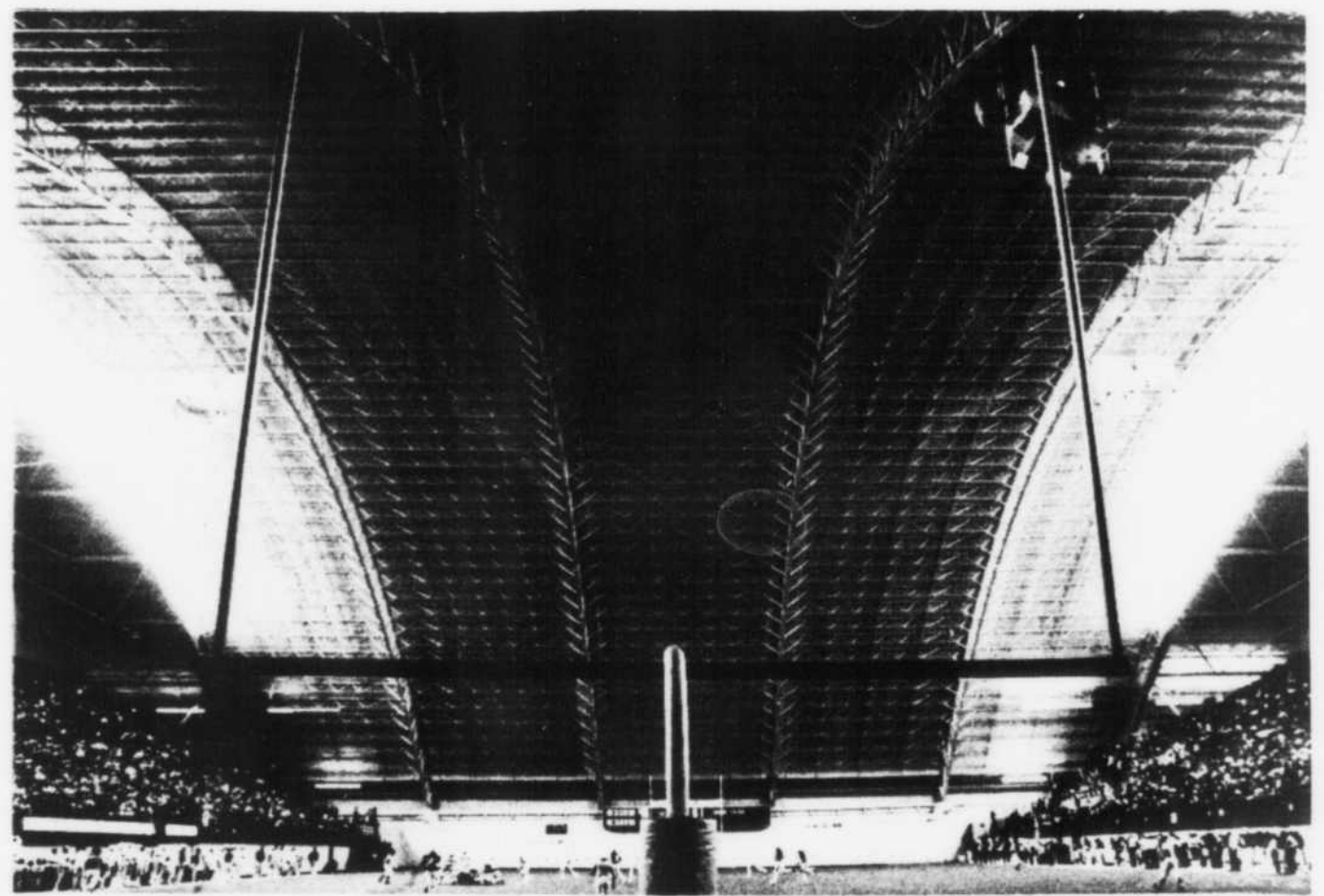


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The ETSU Mini-Dome offers a different look to college in this area. The Dome is one of only three fully enclosed football surfaces in the south.

Sports

Tuesday, November 13, 1979

Needed facility proposed

How many times have you tried to reserve a racquetball court and been told they were all filled or that the facility was closed for another event? Or how many times have you tried to find a place to shoot basketball, only to discover that all the courts were in use?

Well, the campus recreation department usually catches the brunt of most of the complaints. It therefore comes as little surprise that the department has come up with a proposal for a new recreational facility.

The facility, with an estimated cost of three million dollars, would be totally funded by the students and, according to Campus Recreation Director Joe Ruffner, would be used almost solely by the students.

"The facility would be used mainly for student recreation, but we would sell memberships to active alumnus for around \$75 to help supplement the

operational costs and also give them a way to get more out of their contributions to the university," Ruffner said.

The proposal has passed the beginning stages in that a building plan has already been drawn up and MTSU President Sam Ingram has given the campus recreation office the "go ahead" to check on student input.

As of now, the only way suggested to test student interest in the idea has been a student poll to be taken at spring registration. Ruffner estimated it would take around 60 to 70 percent of the people polled on the matter to say they were in favor of the proposal for the "thing to get off the ground."

Ruffner, who has run the campus recreation office since 1969, said he has seen a growing need for such a facility, especially in the past few years with school enrollment going up so drastically.

Next week *Sidelines* will look at the structure itself and the different aspects of the building.

Lady Raiders open season tonight

With all the pre-season conditioning and scrimmages now behind the MTSU women's basketball squad, head coach Larry Inman is now turning his attention to today's season opener at Belmont.

"We are going to be very, very young this year," Inman said of his second-year squad. "In all probability we will open with four

freshmen and a sophomore, and any time you do that it's going to be tough."

"I look for something similar to last year, where we had trouble in the early going but came on in the late part of the season. Hopefully, though, we'll jell a little earlier than we did last year."

Inman's first team won only two of its first 12 games but came on late in the season to win 11 of their

last 14 outings in finishing with a 14-13 record.

"This year we have a lot of freshmen who really want to play," Inman noted. "They have worked extremely hard all fall and have the finest attitude of any group I have ever worked with."

Inman will have little time to groom his youngsters for the rough going as their second contest is against an expected much improved Vanderbilt squad in Nashville on Nov. 24. The home opener finds nationally-ranked Tennessee coming into Murphy Center on Nov. 26 for the first major test.

Inman will open with a freshman in the middle. Lindi Dye will have the task of trying to replace the departed Sharon McClannahan as MTSU's scoring threat inside. The Kennesaw, Ga. native has been most impressive thus far.

Another freshman, Lisa Justice, will open as the strong forward. Justice has probably been the biggest surprise of the freshman crop as she has played especially well in scrimmages.

Ileana Portick will play the other forward position. The sharp-shooting sophomore is the only player with experience as she was named to the all-OVC freshman team last year while averaging 13 points per game.

Sherry Smith will run the team from the point. The former McNairy County standout is an excellent outside shooter and should provide the Lady Raiders with a dimension they sorely missed last year.

The other guard position will be manned by probably the finest player in the state as a high school senior at Humboldt. Ester Coleman has made her name known to many throughout the high school ranked in Tennessee and she is certain to become well known throughout the OVC before she is finished.



photo by Charlie Hunt

Freshman guard Ester Coleman works on defense with Cecelia Polk during yesterday's final pre-season practice. The Lady Raider open the 1979-80 season basketball tonight at Belmont.