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Tax increase lobbying urged by Ingram



MTSU President Sam Ingram, speaking at a faculty meeting yesterday, said the university faces hard economic times.

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

President Sam Ingram yesterday predicted no raises for MTSU faculty next year and urged them to lobby their legislators for a tax increase.

In a special meeting called to discuss next year's budget, Ingram warned faculty about the "dire consequences" to education if the General Assembly does not increase appropriations next year.

ALTHOUGH Ingram said he understood some legislators' concerns about raising taxes in hard economic times, he said education needs more money to maintain quality.

"Education is an investment we cannot afford to ignore, and it's going to fall back and continue to lose ground if some action is not taken," Ingram said in the meeting attended by more than 200 people.

No new money is expected to go toward education because Alexander has said in recent months that he would veto any

tax increase that did not include his Master Teacher program, which last week was deferred until next year by the Senate Education Committee.

IN FACT, a House finance subcommittee yesterday voted to tax retail merchants, video games and coliseum events "just enough to bring the budget into balance."

Specifically, Ingram said MTSU could be forced to operate on about \$750,000 less than this year as a result of the delay of the Master Teacher Plan.

Ingram said the \$750,000 shortfall includes the loss of a \$600,000 to \$700,000 tuition increase contained in Alexander's original budget for MTSU, which already was \$124,000 less than this fiscal

year.

UNDER present state policy, tuition can only increase by the same percentage as state appropriations to education.

"What this means is there will probably be cutbacks where it will be the easiest," Ingram said at a faculty meeting attended by over 200 people.

Ingram listed the following as areas which will probably be affected:

- reduced funds for supplies, equipment and travel;
- no salary increases; and
- no funds for additional faculty where they are badly needed.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission is insistent that 30 percent of tuition costs for MTSU be paid by student fees and 70 percent be funded by the state, Ingram said.

HOWEVER, if the legislature does not increase taxes, Ingram said he hoped that the State Board of Regents

would at least increase fees to defray rising costs.

Ingram admitted this goes against his traditional stance on funding.

"I have consistently said that the state should contribute a higher percentage of the cost of tuition," Ingram said.

ONLY A few years ago, student fees paid 24 percent of the calculated cost of education, and that percentage has risen to 30, Ingram added.

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UT's faculty set to fight for more funding

KNOXVILLE (UPI) — Professors at the University of Tennessee vowed yesterday to lobby the state Legislature for increased funding, saying they are not "going to wait to be the baby thrown out with the bathwater."

"We've got faculty members paying for gas for UT field trips out of their own pockets right now," said Faculty Senate president Ken Walker. "When we need something copied, there's no money for the copy machine. That's how far down we've come."

WALKER'S remarks came on the day university Chancellor Jack Reese was quoted in a full-page advertisement in *The Daily Beacon*, the school's student newspaper, as saying he and president Ed Boling had done everything possible to obtain funding for the college.

Reese said in the ad that it was not fair to blame the school's woes on Boling, who has been president of the 27,000-student college for 13 years. In a recent survey of 596 professors, Boling was ranked the worst administrator among the university's top brass.

Professors have complained repeatedly in the last several months that their salaries are the lowest among large universities in the Southeast.

WALKER said the management of the Faculty Senate would call on professors and others connected to the university to lobby the

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Judge to hear couple's case against school

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

NASHVILLE — Federal Judge John T. Nixon is expected to hear further motions Thursday at 4 p.m. in a couple's sex-discrimination case against MTSU.

In June 1982, Nixon ruled that MTSU in 1972 sexually discriminated against Lani Ford, a youth education instructor, and violated the free speech rights of her husband, William C. Ford, when he was fired from the business department after protesting her dismissal.

NIXON ordered the State Board of Regents to "reinstate each of the plaintiffs as a member of the MTSU faculty, with full salary and the appropriate benefits, seniority and tenure status."

Among the motions to be considered Thursday is a request by state attorneys

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No recovery seen in job offers

From College Press Service

Despite signs that the nation's economy may be pulling out of the recession, the recovery has yet to show up on campus, college placement officers say.

In fact, campus recruiting and the number of job offers to graduating seniors are down again this spring, while experts say starting salaries are lagging behind even the declining inflation rate.

EVEN engineers and computer science majors, who generally have had their pick of jobs in recent years, are having more trouble getting work this spring, the officers add.

"Last year was a tough year, and this year's going to be even worse," warns Victor Lindquist, placement chief at Northwestern University and director of the *Endicott Report*, an annual survey of job prospects for college grads nationwide.

"Companies keep waiting for this recovery that the president's trying to jawbone the Class of '83, it'll be the toughest year since World War II," adds Jack Shingleton, Michigan State's placement

director and coordinator of that schools annual national student job survey.

OTHER campus placement directors report spring recruitment is off as much as 50 percent from last year's depressed levels.

Consequently, the summer job market will be more crowded than ever, with fewer jobs available as companies continue to delay hiring new

employees.

"There'll be 1,300,000 students graduating this spring," Shingleton points out. "There'll be a million jobs open."

OVERALL, Michigan State thinks students with bachelor's degrees will get 17 percent fewer job offers than a year ago.

Liberal arts majors will have the hardest time finding work,

Six arrested at Journey concerts

By GAIL HURT

Staff Writer

Six people were arrested and about 15 treated by paramedics during the two Journey concerts at Murphy Center Thursday and Friday, John Bass, director of university security, said.

At Thursday night's show, five people were arrested and about 10 were treated by paramedics. Friday night, only one person was arrested and about five people were treated by paramedics, Bass said.

TWO of the arrests were in connection with a fighting incident that occurred in a

parking lot, while the rest were apparently alcohol-related, he said.

"Paramedics responded mainly to people who had passed out. Most of those had the odor of an alcoholic beverage on them," Bass said. "The paramedics really worked hard."

University Security officers were responsible for crowd control, while the people who travel with Journey and the promoters of the show were responsible for backstage

security, Bass said.

"A LOT of people are involved," Bass said. "We just happen to be the ones who have to respond to the acts of violence, should they occur."

While others are mainly responsible for backstage security, Bass said a few university security officers are kept backstage.

Anytime there is a large crowd, there is the potential of a number of things that could occur—from fights to medical

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Enrollment of foreign students rising with MTSU's popularity

By MARSHA ROBERSON

Staff Writer

Foreign student enrollment is increasing as MTSU becomes more well-known in foreign countries, Elizabeth Perez-Reilly, foreign student adviser, said last week.

"We have a limit of 350 foreign students allowed at one time here; at the beginning of the fall semester we had 295," she said.

DEVELOPING countries are putting a great effort into educating their people, she said, adding that most of those countries now have more money and a greater need for education.

The countries can't build universities fast enough to keep up with the educational needs, she said.

MTSU has students from 49 foreign countries. Thailand has



Elizabeth Perez-Reilly, foreign enrollment increasing

the largest number of students attending the university; there were 46 at the beginning of the year. Nigeria follows closely behind with 44 students currently attending, Perez-Reilly said.

"WE TRY to keep our foreign student population well-balanced by allowing not more than 10 percent of our

limit to attend from any one country. Right now, Thailand and Nigeria are both over the limit," she said.

Perez-Reilly said she feels Nigerian enrollment is up because of a sudden effort a couple of years ago into developing the country and technically educating its people.

"Because of oil, suddenly families and the government had money to send students to other countries to go to school," she said.

BECAUSE of Nigeria's present economic status, which has lowered drastically, she feels Nigerian enrollment may be decreased next year. The student may have money at home, but it's sometimes very hard to get it transferred into American currency, she said.

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Photo by Keith Tippitt

Catching the sun

Trees, windows and even pavement seemed to get into the action, soaking up and reflecting the sun when it finally appeared yesterday afternoon.

Campus Capsule

TODAY

MTSU'S BASEBALL TEAM entertains Belmont at 3 p.m. at Smith Field.

"INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS" continues in the University Center Theatre. Show times are at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated PG.

LOW BRASS ENSEMBLES will be presented in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building at 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

THE ASSOCIATION OF RECORDING MANAGEMENT students will hold elections for next year's officers at 7:30 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center.

THE UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE will meet in the President's Conference Room of the Cope Administration Building at 3:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOVIE: "GOODBYE EMMANUELLE" begins in the University Center Theatre. Rated R.

A BLOOD DRIVE will be at the North Tennessee Blvd. Church of Christ from 1:30 until 6:30 p.m.

THE NOON CHOIR CONCERT will be in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building at 12:05 p.m.

A JOINT SESSION of the House and Senate will meet at 3:30 in Room 324 of the Keathley University Center.

THE MR. MTSU CONCERT, sponsored by Chi Omega, will be in Murphy Center at 7:30 p.m.

THE MTSU THEATRE DEPARTMENT presents a high school night only production of "Private Lives" at 7:30 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

THURSDAY

THE MTSU BASEBALL SQUAD plays rival Tennessee Tech in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m. at Smith Field.

MOVIE: "GOODBYE EMMANUELLE" continues in the University Center Theatre.

NOEL COWARD'S "PRIVATE LIVES" will be presented by the MTSU Theatre at 8 p.m. each evening through

Saturday in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Auditorium. For ticket information call 898-2640 or 898-2716.

PAM BATSON WILL APPEAR in concert at noon in the University Center Theatre. This event is free and open to the public.

THE ASB BANQUET will be in the James Union Building at 6:30 p.m.

"SHOT IN THE ARM II," a fundraising concert presented by the Association of Recording Management students, will be at The Club On Main Street at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS a percussion ensemble in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building at 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

SUNDAY

THE MTSU RUGBY CLUB takes on Knoxville at 12:30 p.m. at the Greenland Drive field.

MONDAY

"THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES AGAIN" begins in the University Center Theatre. Rated PG.

NOTICE

SPRING TRYOUTS for next year's intercollegiate mens and womens bowling teams will be held each Wednesday and Thursday through April at anytime from 2 until 4 p.m. at Murfreesboro Bowling Lanes. For more information call 896-0945.

APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT AMBASSADOR are available in Room 205 of the Cope Administration Building. They must be turned in by April 19 at 3 p.m. Interviews will be April 26-27.

GRADUATE STUDENTS enrolled for less than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors that plan to attend graduate school here the following semester must notify the post office at least 10 days prior to registration in order to retain their present post office box.

PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS must be submitted no later than May 1 for consideration in this academic year. Nine copies of proposals signed by department chairpersons and deans are to be submitted to Glenn Himebaugh at Box 299.

UT professors

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legislators before more damage is done. The professors scheduled a meeting for 3 p.m. EST Tuesday in the University Center to discuss the matter.

"I'm not a great lover of Ed Boling, but he has a tremendous shortcoming as president of the university in not com-

municating what he is doing with the faculty," Walker said.

"But we're not going to wait to be the baby thrown out with the bathwater. We are going straight to the General Assembly," he said.

"JUST because the Tennessee Education Association

torpedoed the governor's Master Teacher program for this year does not mean UT can take any more in fund cuts," Walker said.

In Reese's ad, entitled "An Open Letter to the Campus Community," he said he was concerned about "the quality of debate within the university."

Ingram

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The 70/30 funding formula compares favorably with the average of other schools in the Southern region, Ingram said.

Discussing the lobbying of legislators, Ingram said critical decisions will be made in the legislature this week which will affect funding for next year.

FACULTY Senate President Charles Babb also urged faculty members to ask their students to write letters to their legislators, calling for a tax increase for education.

ASB President-elect Mark Ross told Ingram at the meeting that Rich Rhoda of the State Board of Regents said MTSU and TSU stood to lose the most under the funding formula.

Ingram replied that 13 institutions out of the 20 in the system will receive less next year, and MTSU is one of the those institutions.

THEC's 70/30 funding formula penalizes schools with

higher enrollments, and MTSU has the third highest enrollment in the system.

IN RESPONSE to the question of where cuts will be taken next year, Ingram replied that everyone will "suffer equally" because there would be no benefit from deleting entire programs.

"I don't think we are at the critical level yet of cutting out whole programs," Ingram said.

Another member of the audience asked what effect cutbacks would have on the enrollment ceiling.

"NEW applications are down about 11 percent," therefore, this doesn't appear to be a problem yet, Ingram said. If this trend of decreased enrollment continues, establishing of enrollment ceilings would not have to be considered, he added.

Ross added to Ingram's

Foreign enrollment

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Iran, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, India, Venezuela and Taiwan have at least 10 students attending MTSU. These countries are followed by Hong Kong, Korea, Laos, Canada, Australia and Iraq.

Nearly all of the foreign countries showed an increase for this year compared to the 1981-82 year, or at least remained the same. Iran, Hong Kong, Australia, Zimbabwe and Ecuador were the only countries which had a decrease in enrollment.

SEVERAL countries have students attending the university this year that did not have anyone attending last year; Indonesia, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, El

Salvador, Belgium and Brazil all added students this year.

"The students pretty well recruit themselves; we don't do a lot of foreign recruitment," Perez-Reilly said.

Students come here and have a good experience, then go home and tell their friends and families, she said.

THE foreign admissions office has a limit on the number of foreign students allowed at MTSU because these students require additional assistance and services than American students, Perez-Reilly said.

"The main problem foreign students seem to have is complying with all of the immigration rules," she said.

Foreign students have a

comments that "any shortfalls from the state will be made up by the students, and the students don't realize it yet."

Students should be concerned about increases in tuition and possible decreases in services and programs to the same extent that the faculty is working for salary increases, Ross said.

STATE legislators whom Ingram and Babb suggested contacting are as follows:

• Sen. John Rucker, Vice Chairman of the Education Committee, 8 Legislative Plaza, Nashville, TN 37219

• Rep. John Bragg, Chairman of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, 33 Legislative Plaza, Nashville, TN 37219

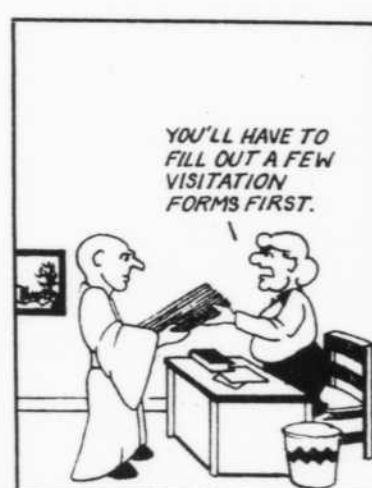
• Sen. Anna Belle C. O'Brien, Chairman of the Education Committee, 9 Legislative Plaza, Nashville, TN 37219.

limited period of time that they can be in the country. If they need an extension they have to apply with immigration; the same thing applies if they need to transfer to another school. Students also have to apply if they wish to work off-campus or bring their wives or children into the country to live, she said.

STUDENTS may work in the country for a while after graduation if they choose to do so, but once again, they have to apply with immigrations.

Another problem foreign students have is finances. It's often difficult to get foreign currency converted into American currency, she said.

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Journey

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emergencies, he said.

SOME of the seats were general admission, and this could potentially have caused a problem with peoplurush in to try to get a good seat, Bass said.

However, the people at the

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that the judge reconsider and modify his "excessive" award of tenure.

"A myriad of factors would obviously enter into a tenure decision and the court's decision has the effect of interfering with academic determinations, said Assistant Attorney

doors and the ushers handled the flow really well, he said.

University Security officers were not involved in helping to enforce the temporary injunction taken out to prevent illegal merchandise from being sold during the concert, according to Bass.

General Stephen Doughty in

a memorandum filed June 9.

ALSO under consideration will be the amount of the settlement.

Attorneys for the Fords have asked for \$136,342.36 in backpay to Mrs. Ford, \$86,432.76 in backpay for Mr. Ford and \$9,833.92 in attorneys' fees.

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Elsewhere

Neelley receives death penalty

FORT PAYNE, Ala. (UPI) — Judith Ann Neelley, mother of twins who gave birth to a third child while jailed for killing a teen-age Georgia girl, cried softly yesterday when a judge sentenced her to die.

Mrs. Neelley, 18, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., was convicted March 22 of capital murder in the slaying of Lisa Ann Millican, 13, of Lafayette, Ga. The jury quickly recommended life without

parole for the attractive, dark-haired young woman.

BUT DeKalb County Circuit Court Judge Randall Cole said he couldn't accept that decision. Alabama law gave him the option of imposing the life sentence or ordering Mrs. Neelley's electrocution.

After a three-hour hearing yesterday, most of that time being taken up by the defense, Cole somberly announced his decision.

"By any standards acceptable to a civilized society, this crime was heinous, atrocious and cruel," said the judge.

MRS. Neelley—dressed neatly in a red and navy knit polka dot dress and wearing no makeup—slumped in her seat and began quietly sobbing.

She shook visibly while tears rolled down her cheeks as she was led back to her cell after the sentencing.

During her trial, Mrs. Neelley admitted shooting the Millican girl in the back after failing to kill her with injections of liquid drain cleaner. The child's body was found last Sept. 29 in north Alabama's Little River Canyon.

MRS. Neelley also confessed to the slaying of Janis Chatman, 23, of Rome, Ga., who was found shot to death last Oct. 15 in rural Georgia. The defendant said she was forced

by her husband to commit both crimes.

Alvin Neelley, who Mrs. Neelley now says she wants to divorce, is being held in Chattooga County, Ga., where he is awaiting trial for Miss Chatman's slaying. His wife is also charged in that case.

The death sentence carries an automatic appeal to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. Cole did not set an execution date.

news at a glance

By United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A bomb blew apart the U.S. Embassy yesterday and collapsed concrete floors on employees. At least 28 people, including six U.S. Marines, were killed, hospital officials said, while 100 people were injured.

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WARSAW, Poland — Former Solidarity leader Lech Walesa was detained by Polish police yesterday for the second time in six days. Police apparently wanted to prevent him from attending ceremonies commemorating the World War II Jewish ghetto uprising.

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WASHINGTON — Backers say President Reagan's proposed sub-minimum youth wage would give teenagers first-time jobs, but opponents fear employers would fire older workers if it becomes law. Reagan's proposal would lower from \$3.35 to \$2.50 the minimum hourly wage for people 22 years of age and under who are hired for work from May through September.

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WASHINGTON — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Friday he will try to arrange an East-West summit on nuclear arms reduction.

Jobs

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"WE'LL be hiring considerably less this year," says Phil DeLong, spokesman for American Telephone and Telegraph's college recruitment division. "Partly because of the economy, and partly because of our divestiture proceedings, we're taking a cautious, wait-and-see attitude."

Texas Instruments' hiring is down "about one-third from 1980," says George Berryman, manager of corporate college relations. "But we anticipate a pickup in the fall and spring of next year," he adds.

Hughes Aircraft's spring hiring is down nearly 30 percent, although "we still have a heavy demand for electrical engineers and computer scientists," says a company spokesman.

"OUR hiring managers are working slower and taking longer to make decisions, though, because the pace has slowed so much from last year," he adds.

"And with fewer recruiters and fewer offers being made, many placement directors have noted that students are accepting the first or second offer they receive," observes Linda Pengilly with the College Placement Council.

"And salary offers are not increasing like they were several years ago," she adds. "For the last few years we saw salaries increasing by 8 to 10 percent a year. This year they've gone up only 1 to 2 percent."

FEW experts, moreover, expect things to improve greatly in the near future.

"We're seeing a few sectors of the market beginning to improve—like the defense sector—for the most part the so-called recovery has yet to have an effect," says Northwestern's Lindquist.

"And for every company that may be hiring a few more people this year, there are 10 who are cutting back."

Even if the recovery begins to whittle away at the unemployment rate, adds Michigan State's Shingleton, "the blue-collar workers will be brought back first. Then there'll be a considerable lag before companies start hiring white collar people."

Supreme Court to test nativity scene's legality

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court agreed yesterday to test whether a city can own and display a nativity scene at Christmas without violating the Constitution's ban on mixing government and religion.

Tackling a question that crops up each yuletide, the justices will review this fall a ruling banning the city of Pawtucket, R.I., from displaying a town-owned crib scene with life-size figures of the Christ child, Mary, Joseph, kings and shepherds.

THE city displayed the crib along with numerous other decorations in privately owned Hodgson Park in the heart of the city. Other decorations included a giant "Seasons Greetings" sign, lighted tree, figures of carolers, snowmen, Santa Claus, reindeer and Disney characters and a stand for a live Santa.

Only the creche was attacked in a lawsuit filed by a group of taxpayers and the Rhode Island branch of the

American Civil Liberties Union, who argue the Christian nativity scene violates the First Amendment's ban on government "establishment of religion."

In other action yesterday, the justices:

- Agreed to decide if National Enquirer reporters based in Florida can be sued for libel by Hollywood actress Shirley Jones.

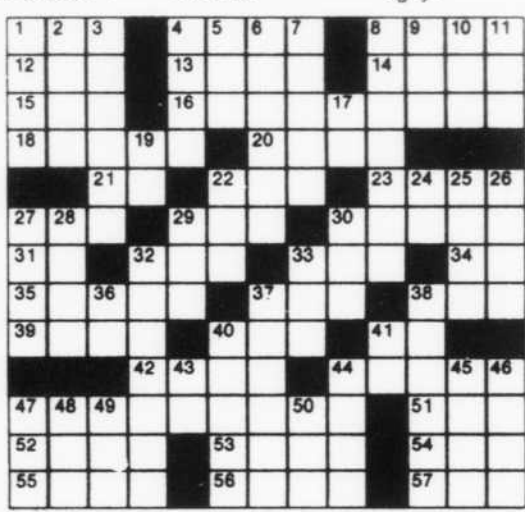
- Refused to revive Oscar winner Mickey Rooney's claim against major Hollywood studios for refusing to pay him for reruns of his pre-1960s films on cable television.

- Declined to upset a finding that yelling an obscenity at a police officer may be free speech protected by the First Amendment.

- Accepted for review New York's law allowing accused juvenile delinquents to be locked up before trial if there is a risk they will commit another crime.

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Immaturity of hecklers seen on speaking tours

Heckling of speakers on college campuses is on the rise, and many college administrators are worried that the rude action of hecklers is infringing upon the rights of invited lecturers. Among lecturers interrupted by hecklers in March were United Nations Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani and former Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver.

One of the basic tenets of a democratic society is freedom of speech. Everyone, no matter how fanatical, detestable or arrogant, has the right to be given a chance to voice their views. Unfortunately, some people abuse their right to speak out by rudely interrupting the speech of another person, thus violating that person's basic right to free speech.

THERE ARE better ways to show disapproval of a speaker than interrupting his speech. For instance, demonstrations held before or after a speech would be much more effective because when a protest group heckles they are usually thought of as rude and obnoxious grapplers for attention.

Several educational organizations, including the American Council on Education, the U.S. Student Association, and the American Association of University Professors, have issued a joint statement labeling the action of hecklers as inappropriate and calling for a stop to such disturbances.

Even though many hecklers disrupt speeches to call attention to what they feel are injustices supported by the speaker, they do nothing to further their cause by trying to silence the opposition. Only by using common courtesy and arguing reasonably can we hope to settle our many differences.

UNDER A dictatorial regime, few people are given a chance to voice their opinions. Hecklers are merely following the example of dictators when they refuse to give their opponents a chance to speak.

College campuses are supposed to be places where issues and ideas are

discussed in a rational and constructive manner. If issues are to be discussed objectively, then all opinions must be respected and heard.

If a person or group is opposed to the appearance of a certain speaker, then they should voice their complaint to the person who invited the speaker instead of waiting until the speaker delivers his lecture. After all, the people who are not against the speaker's appearance have the right to hear his speech. There is no reason for one group's discontent to spoil the affair for everyone.

FREEDOM of speech is an essential right which must be maintained in a democratic society. Many hecklers will claim that they are exercising their freedom of speech by publicly voicing their opposition to a certain speaker.

However, freedom of speech does not entail giving a person or group the right to interrupt the speech of someone else. According to their actions, hecklers do not believe in the basic right of free speech because they deny it to those they oppose.

Very few people would agree with the objectives of fanatical and racist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan or American Nazi Party, but under a free and democratic government, it is the people's responsibility to see that such groups are given an opportunity to speak. There is a difference between granting an opportunity to speak and accepting or agreeing with the views of those wishing to speak.

THE educational community is correct in voicing concern over the recent escalation of heckling incidents during campus lectures. In the United States, freedom of speech is guaranteed; universities should set an example for the rest of the nation when it comes to protecting that right.

Hecklers are being irresponsible and immature when they react to those with which they disagree by trying to silence them. All people deserve a chance to speak, no matter who they are or for what they stand.



'Liberation to incur resentment'

By D. CLIFTON WRIGHT
Columnist

All of the dewy-eyed, bleeding-heart, knee-jerk liberals in America find almost as many things to gripe about as I do. (The obvious difference is that my complaints are based on logic, whereas their complaints are so much nonsense.)

When they are not moaning about the nuclear arms freeze—which, by the way, is a huge mistake—one of their favorite whipping boys is United States military aid to various and sundry Central and South American nations. Much as it pains me to admit it, for once I agree with them.

FACE it: there is little

reason to prefer one warring faction over another. Furthermore, war and revolution are a way of life in the lower portions of this hemisphere: even if one side or the other wins a clear victory, guerrilla warfare persists almost constantly; sooner or later—usually much sooner—another "popular liberation front" arises and topples the standing regime. Obviously, this is no way to run a continent.

Likewise, the solution to this problem is just as obvious: rather than backing one faction or another, the United States should invade, conquer the entire place, parcel it up, and run it right, right? Of course we should. Really, who

better? We have had quite a bit of experience in taking over territory for the greater good of the populace thereof; why not do the same for our brothers to the South?

For just a moment, consider the many benefits United States rule would bring to the people of Central and South America. Number one on the list is peace. All competing groups will be so thrilled that the Yankees have arrived they will give up their arms, no one will study war anymore and peace will reign. Since there will be no more threat of violent death, things can at long last move along the road to democracy. Ah, the benefits of civilization!

SECONDLY, the area can begin to experience the benefits of civilization other than democracy: fast food, punk rock, decaffeinated coffee, credit cards and eternal reruns of the educational shows of yesteryear.

They can experience the beauty of a sunset, viewed through clouds of assorted pollutants; enjoy the halcyon scene of a stream, filled with chemical waste and assorted debris; thrill to the majesty of sprawling interstate highways, with their accompanying cans, bottles and litter. We obviously have a moral imperative to bring civilization to our brothers to the South.

Thirdly, and on a more pragmatic level, the economy can stabilize. Peasants will no longer have to worry about having their crops burned by terrorists, or about their livestock being converted to deadstock, thus revitalizing the agricultural base. An industrial base can be established, using unemployed terrorists, guerrillas and freedom-fighters as a source of labor.

FURTHERMORE, the tourist industry will be enormously benefited by a massive influx of persons who will want to visit the native ruins, now that they no longer have to worry about being blown away in the process. Finally, the entire area will immediately become eligible for welfare and foodstamps. What more could anyone want?

Of course, it is always possible that our efforts will be unappreciated; it has happened before. The indigenous population may very well tell Uncle Sam to take the benefits of civilization and stuff them. In this case, there is but one solution: nuke 'em back to the Stone Age. What else can you do with people too hard-headed to appreciate the things you do for their own good?

Formation of committee reflects inept Congress

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK

United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) — An associate whose hawk eye never fails to spot a political absurdity points out that there is a movement afoot to appoint a blue ribbon bipartisan commission to find a solution to the Medicare financing crisis.

This idea, of course, arises from the success of the committee that worked out a short-range financing plan for Social Security, and on first glance it might appear to be a reasonable idea.

BUT it also reflects a situation that can only be described as borderline ridiculous at best and dangerous at worst.

As our colleague put it: "I've got an even better idea. Instead of appointing bipartisan groups to solve these problems one at a time, why don't we set up a system by which the various sections of the country can select a bipartisan group of men and women to solve all our national problems. We wouldn't need a large group; 500 or so ought to do it."

"Of course, we will want to safeguard the interests of the small states, so we can divide the group into two bodies. One could give each state an equal number of votes, say two; the other would give each state a proportional number of votes based on its population. and, of course, both bodies would have to agree by majority vote on any solution offered to solve national problems. I don't have a name for this committee, but just for the time being, we might call it the Congress."

THEREIN lies the ridiculous aspect of the situation. If we need to choose a special group

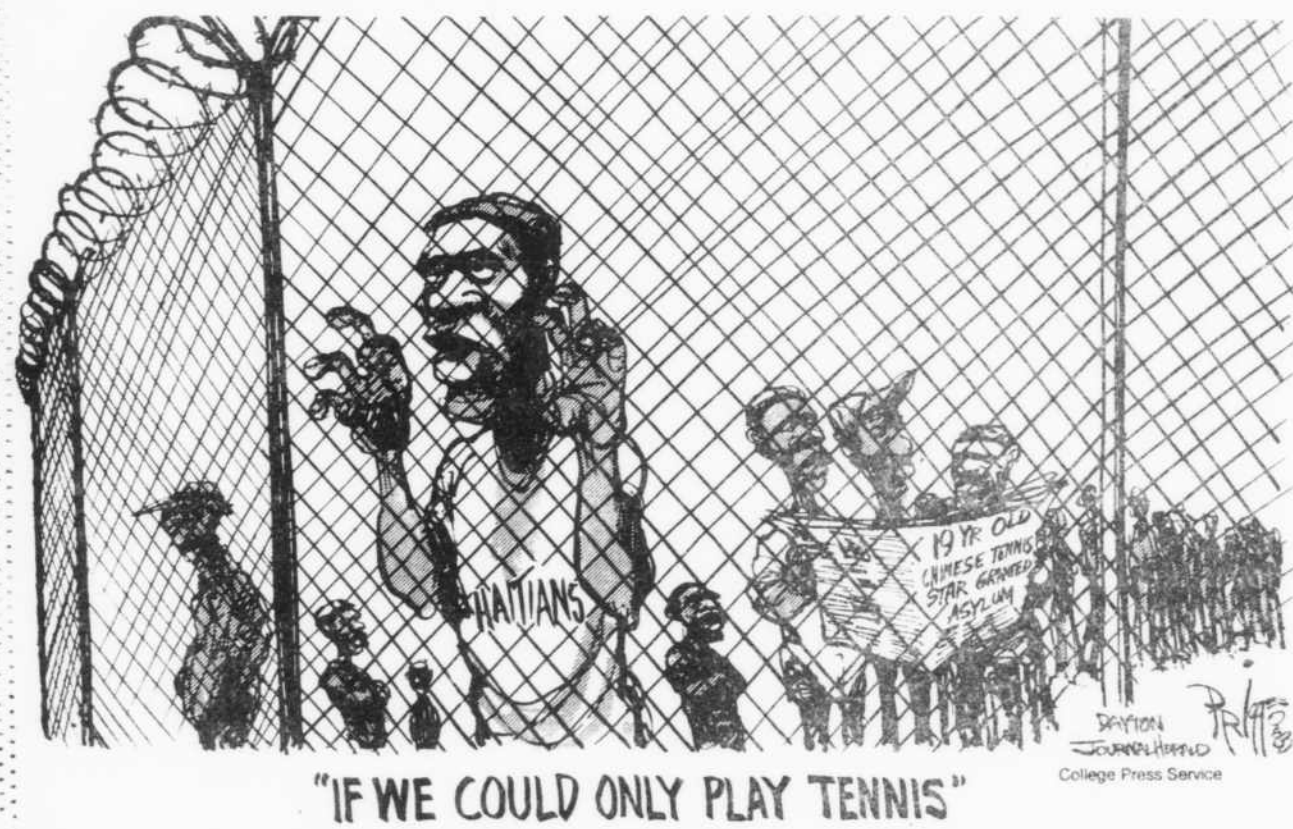
to work out the really difficult issues of public policy in this country, just what is the function of the group we've already got?

This is not a new question. Both in 1933 and 1963, when presidents Roosevelt and Kennedy wanted to get action on new programs, they created new agencies to carry them out rather than turn them over to existing government departments, which were said to be too tied up in red tape to do the job. The problem is that many of these "temporary" agencies are still around, even when the problems they were created to deal with are not.

So, if special committees are going to supplant Congress, which costs us something in the neighborhood of \$1 billion a year, maybe we should abolish it, rent the Capitol to the private sector (maybe to the company that President Reagan wants to sell the weather bureau to) and use the money to reduce the budget deficit.

IN THIS, a small voice keeps saying, "It ain't funny, McGee." And it is right. It has become increasingly evident in recent years that Congress, which is supposed to deal with national problems, easy or difficult, has become so enmeshed in its own procedures and so tied up by special interests that it can't even confront, much less find a consensus, on many difficult issues.

And that is the potential danger. If Congress has become nothing more than a debating society and the basic decisions that affect our national life must be made by people with no responsibility to the electorate, a fundamental of our system of self-government has been changed without our consent.



Features

WMOT works toward total jazz format

By JANENE LEONHIRTH
Features Editor

This is the first of a two-part story on WMOT.

If one were to set his FM radio dial on 89.5, he could listen to Middle Tennessee's most jazz-oriented station, which broadcasts from the Learning Resources Center.

BUT while WMOT broadcasts from the LRC and employs an air staff comprised almost entirely of MTSU students, it is not a campus radio station.

"WMOT is a public outreach function of the university," said John High, WMOT general manager.

The station serves the Middle Tennessee area, and while MTSU owns it, WMOT takes the campus' listening needs

into consideration only as part of the larger region it serves, he said.

WMOT, which began operations in 1969, hasn't always had a jazz-oriented format.

Until 1978, when High came to the public radio station, WMOT offered block programming that consisted of a few hours of jazz, a few hours of soul and old radio shows, to name a few components.

"We surveyed the market for underserved niches," High said, "and found classical and jazz."

AFTER considering that "WPLN [in Nashville] had a strong track record in classical," he said, WMOT officials decided to go in the direction of jazz.

The station format has been evolving into a total jazz format since then.

Recently WMOT consolidated National Public Radio's "Best of Soul" show into a time slot of 4½ hours on one day, instead of spreading it over two days as it previously was, to allow more jazz air time. The station also subscribed to NPR's overnight jazz service, expanding their air time to 24 hours.

BOTH of these more recent changes have come since WMOT hired Rich Forest as programming director in January.

Forest, who came to WMOT from a "Top-40" station in Clarksville, said the station has received positive reactions to the latest changes.

And, within a six-month period during the past year, Arbitron figures showed an 85 percent increase in WMOT's audience, he said.

JAZZ appeals to a wide age range, Forest said, and "Nashville is growing back to jazz" by bringing in jazz acts to area clubs.

"We're giving that audience something to listen to."

In addition to its music programming, WMOT offers news and information programs, NPR Playhouse, and sports programming—including the Blue Raider Sports Network.

WHILE WMOT has a seven-person professional staff coordinating each of the departments at the station, MTSU students work on every

aspect of the station's operation.

This student participation in the station makes WMOT different from other public radio stations such as WPLN, but it also makes it different from campus stations such as Vanderbilt's WRVU, Forest said.

"We're a mixture of the two," he said.

"BY station to operate like we do, we make it better for the students," High added. "It's better for them to be associated with professionals."

Students come to WMOT for a variety of reasons. They may work there as part of their curriculum, or they may volunteer their help with no class credit.

But, student work has strict

supervision, High said.

"WMOT has strict guidelines."

STUDENTS who work there "have to have passed some combination of courses, exams and experience," he said. "Everybody here on the air has to go through auditions like a real job process."

Once a student is hired, he doesn't have a regular shift because of class schedule conflicts, Forest said. Class schedules also make it difficult for students to work before noon.

"Last year, students put in more than 4,000 hours," High said. "We couldn't survive without student help."

Part two will focus on student employees at WMOT.

New talent to appear at UC Thursday

By JANENE LEONHIRTH
Features Editor

Thursday will provide the perfect chance for MTSU students to catch some new talent performing at the Keathley University Center.

Beginning at 11 a.m. with an entrance that no one will forget (only part of which includes arriving by limousine from Nashville), MTSU student Ben Dobbins and his band will play their rock-a-billy music in the Grill in a free show sponsored by the ASB.

SINCE the band's formation about a year ago, it has participated in an Opryland talent contest and has performed at the Sigma Phi Epsilon "Heaven and Hell" party.

Within the next month, the band will expand its horizons to West Tennessee when it plays a "gig" at a Memphis high school. But Dobbins said he hopes the show Thursday will provide the band with extra publicity.

If all goes the way Dobbins would like, the band will eventually turn professional.

ALREADY, he has had recording experience on the RIM II album singing the song "Breakin' My Heart," and sometime this month, Dobbins said he will be talking to the producer at MCA Records.

The free concert should last an hour and will feature music by Elvis, Stray Cats and Bill

Haley and the Comets.

Immediately afterwards, those who want more live musical entertainment can go to the UC Theatre and listen to Pam Batson in a free Noon Show.

BATSON, who was signed by Warner Brothers Records last year after participating in

a Nashville Music Association talent showcase, will sing "new wavy" type rock.

So far, Batson has cut no albums, but, she said, she hopes one is "close in the future."

"I just would like to make an album and be a success," she

said.

A singer since the age of three, Batson said she was influenced by Barbara Streisand, and that she likes making people happy with her music.

"I just like to make people happy and forget their troubles," she said, even if that

happens only for as long as the song does.

In the future, Batson said she would like to go to Hollywood and be an actress and model.

Now, however, she is concentrating on the experience she will get from her

pending summer tour and from performances such as the benefit scheduled Thursday at 8 p.m. for The Club on Main Street.

Money raised from the \$3 admission fee will go to help buy sound equipment for the university recording studio.

Play cast masters British dialect for 'Private Lives'

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Staff Writer

Mastering a British dialect and learning French are two major obstacles that have faced the cast of "Private Lives" during preparation for this week's show, Director Pat Farmer said.

But steps have been taken to rectify the problem. The cast repeats tongue twisters before each rehearsal so that they can "rattle off" the dialogue precisely and distinctly, Farmer said.

"AFTER a weekend, I can tell who didn't practice their tongue twisters because they can't talk," he added.

To make learning the accent easier, and to familiarize the cast with British pronunciation, Farmer said he got a tape about British dialect.

"We also standardized certain words," he said.

THE way vowels are pronounced and the way

syllables are stressed are two main differences between "American English" and "British English," Jack Flannery, who plays Elyot Chase, said.

However, he added that the accent "came easier than I thought it would."

Cathy Berresheim, who plays Elyot's wife, Sibyl, said that she has encountered difficulty with the dialogue's precision.

"IT'S so precise, if you miss a word, it throws off your whole concentration," she said. "Even if it's just a little word, like 'of' or 'the,' it just doesn't sound right."

"At least you know what you're saying," piped in Denise Schmidt, who plays the French maid, Louise, and whose lines are entirely in French. "I never feel like I'm even carrying on a conversation with anyone."

Schmidt said that she does not know any French and had

to learn her lines phonetically.

"A theater major who has had French made a tape for me," she said.

While Schmidt's part is smaller than the others, with only 10 or 15 lines in the play, Farmer said, it took her as long as the other cast members to learn her lines because of the language barrier.

"Denise was funny in auditions," Farmer said. "Her accent was sort of a cross between Charo and Eva Gabor."

LEARNING a new dialect has carried over into the cast's everyday speech, he said.

"I catch myself doing Noel Coward cadences away from rehearsals," he explained. "I'm saying things like 'utterly' and 'entirely' that I usually don't say."

"I do too," added Sharon Jones, who plays Amanda Prynne, "and I'm sure it's

terribly annoying to other people."

"That's just what I mean!" Farmer said. "Would you have said 'terribly annoying' before? No, you'd have said 'bothers

the hell out of them.'"

"Private Lives" will be presented by the MTSU theatre department Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. For more information call 898-2716.

Noon Choir slated to sing Wed.

The MTSU music department will present the Noon Choir Spring Concert Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

The choir will perform "Praise the Lord," with Lynn Farris accompanying on the organ; "O Domine Jesu Christe"; "O Mistress Mine"; and "Prayers of Steel."

A soprano solo by Sherri

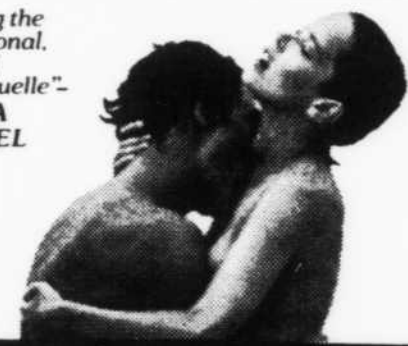
Edelen will be featured in "All My Trials" and "Little David, Play on Your Harp," will feature Janice Burysek on piano.

The concert will close with "The Creation," featuring Soprano Sandy Bryant, tenor Tim Underwood, tenor Danny Wulfer, John Kies on piano, James Reed on guitar, Scott Lane on bass and Jim Fraley on drums.

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Sports

Ladies to land Wilbanks

Lady Raider basketball coach Larry Inman is in Ringgold, Ga., today to sign another prospect.

Inman will sign Kay Wilbanks, a 6-4 center. Wilbanks is from Ringgold High School, the same high school which produced another 6-4 performer, MTSU's Holly Hoover.

WILBANKS averaged 23 points per game this year at Ringgold and hauled down 10 rebounds per contest. She shot 55 percent from the field this year.

She was player of the year in Georgia and will compete in the Georgia North/South game in July.

Wilbanks joins two other signees for the Lady Raiders, Smyrna's Kim Webb and Adamsville's Janet Ross. Webb and Ross are both guards.

Women's signees:

Kim Webb, 5-11, Smyrna, Tn.
Janet Ross, 6-0, Adamsville, Tn.
Kay Wilbanks, 6-4, Ringgold, Ga.

Men's signees:

Lonnie Thompson, 6-4, 195, Gainesville (Ga.) Junior College
Andrew Thompson, 6-1, 160, Piedmont, S.C.
Anthony Anderson, 6-3, 175, Northeast Mississippi Junior College
Leon Isaac, 6-1, 160, Howard (Tex.) Junior College



Angela Airborne

Photo by Keith Tippitt

Angela Harper of the Lady Raider track team goes airborne during a practice session last week. Despite a hurt ankle, Harper still managed a fourth place finish in the long jump at Saturday's Commodore Relays.

Lady Raiders perform at Vandy

The MTSU Lady Raider track team participated in the Vanderbilt Commodore Relays Saturday in Nashville and turned in a respectable performance, Coach James Key said.

No team scores were officially tabulated in the meet, which included Alabama, Louisville and Western Kentucky, but three Lady Raiders placed in their

respective events.

ANGELA Harper, a junior from Wilson, N.C., took fourth place in the long jump after she had turned her ankle during warm-ups.

"I thought her jump was outstanding, considering she was hurt," Key said.

Robin Moses and Vicky Wells placed eighth and ninth

respectively in the 5,000 meters, but both have run better, Key said.

OTHERS who participated from MTSU at the meet included Terri Elder, Millie Daniels and Sharon Johnson.

Key and his team will host the Lady Raider Classic Saturday at 8 a.m. with teams from Vanderbilt, Alabama and Austin Peay slated to participate.

Raiders slap Murray in home doubleheader

By MIKE "BUD" JONES

Sports Editor

After losing two at Murray State Saturday, MTSU returned to the more familiar surroundings of Reese L. Smith Field and swept a doubleheader from the Thoroughbreds Sunday afternoon, 7-0 and 9-5.

With the wins, MTSU's record now stands at 19-13. Last night's scheduled contest with Tennessee State was cancelled because of rain.

GAME one of the afternoon twin bill saw pitcher Mark Novak hurl a one-hitter. The no-hitter was spoiled in the last inning when Murray's Mike Cargiulo snuck in an infield hit. With the win, Novak moved his record to 4-1.

MTSU blasted out 10 hits in the first game, with shortstop Brad Windham and centerfielder Gary Cathcart going 3-for-3. Two of Windham's lashes went for doubles, while Cathcart had a pair of stolen bases.

The Blue Raiders picked up two runs in the first inning after Windham opened the MTSU first with a double. After he moved to third on Doug Birkhofer's grounder to the second baseman, he then scored on a Wayne Newberry single to right field. Newberry then scored with two outs on a Cathcart single to right.

MTSU picked up another run in the third inning after they loaded the bases with one out and Cathcart singled home Birkhofer. The inning was quickly terminated on a Thoroughbred double play when Stan Hovater lined to the second baseman, who quickly stepped on second to get a leaning Scott Turner.

Leftfielder Jimmy Petty started the scoring for MTSU in

the two-run fourth. After drawing the base-on-balls, Petty moved to second on a John Siletto sacrifice bunt. After taking third on a wild pitch, he then scored on a Windham single to right. Windham took second on an outfield error. Birkhofer then doubled home Windham to make the score 5-0.

The Raiders went on to pick up one more in the fifth when Cathcart singled, stole second and then moved around to score on a error by the catcher. MTSU capped off the scoring in the sixth after Windham doubled and was sent home on a Birkhofer two-bagger.

BRAD Taylor took the loss for Murray State, his first of the year.

In the second game both teams got eight hits, but MTSU turned more of them into runs and came out a 9-5 winner.

Marty Smith replaced starting pitcher Jerry Moore early in the first inning and went on to hurl for the remainder of the game. Murray State replaced starter Kerry Parker in the first inning also, going with David Youngblood. Youngblood was relieved later by Alan Gibbs, but still took the loss for the Thoroughbreds.

HOVATER and Birkhofer each had two hits, and Birkhofer and Newberry had stolen bases for the Raiders.

After the Thoroughbreds scored two first inning runs, the Raiders responded with three runs in the bottom of the first to take the lead. In the third inning, Murray State tied the score when Scott Peck scored on a sacrifice fly.

MTSU exploded for five runs in the fourth inning and went on to notch their final tally in the fifth. Smith is now undefeated at 5-0, while Youngblood drops to 0-2.

Blue Raider air game takes off

By CHILI "BUD" WILLIAMS

Sports Writer

MTSU's football team conducted an intrasquad scrimmage Saturday that featured fierce hitting from the defense and tremendous pass receptions by the offensive receivers.

The Blue Raider receiving corp of Marshan Jolly, Danny Brown, Jerry Lockhart, Troy Wilson, Dwight Johnson and Mike Clark made one spectacular catch after another.

DONNELLY'S opinion of the receiving crew was low key, but he acknowledged that it looked impressive.

"I think they're getting better as far as running routes with authority goes," he said. "They still need to learn what to do once they catch the ball. But if they keep improving, I think we'll end up with a good receiving team."

Quarterback Brad Zeitner fired a 50-yard touchdown bomb to Jolly for the first score of the scrimmage and in the next drive hit Jolly again for a 25-yard gain.

BROWN Sanford replaced Zeitner in the next series and was promptly intercepted by

John Garrett, who rambled 30 yards after the aerial theft. Sanford led the offense back, however, and minutes later tailback Vince Hall scampered into the end zone on an 18-yard run.

The next series saw the defense rise up to thwart a touchdown drive as Jonathan Smith, Shawn Fisher and Kevin Clark each made key hits.

Toward the end of the scrimmage, the coaches were treated to some bone-crushing running by bruising fullback Danny Colwell. The 220-pound senior trampled would-be tacklers, showing signs of improving on his impressive performance of last season.

THE CLOSING minutes of the workout also saw the emergence of talented flanker Dwight Johnson and unheralded fullback Darrel Martin. Johnson made some acrobatic receptions, while Martin added his name to the already healthy list of Raider running backs who can make a valuable contribution.

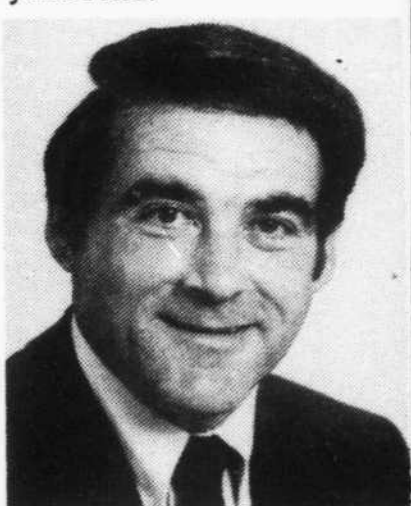
As usual, offensive linemen Rick Brito, Phil Cowan, Roger Carroll, Jeff Ast, David

Kurcell, Charlie Porter, Mark McKinnon, Larry Pickett and Mike "Big" Cox did a credible job of blocking up front.

Overall, it was a productive outing by the squad, according to Donnelly.

"I thought the defense played better," he said. "They're young and they get confused sometimes, but they are making progress."

The Raiders will conduct another intrasquad scrimmage tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Horace Jones Field.



Boots Donnelly

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