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No incentive in Alexander's plan: official

By MARSHA ROBERSON
Staff Writer

Gov. Lamar Alexander's Master Teachers Plan offers no incentive to anyone to become a teacher, according to Jerry Winters, of the Tennessee Education Association.

"Why should they go to all the trouble to become a teacher when it will be six or eight years before they will receive any kind of bonus pay for it? And, that's only if they happen to be in the 35 percent group of master teachers," Winters said to a group of MTSU Education Association members yesterday afternoon.

PROFESSOR Patrick Doyle agreed, saying he feels the plan doesn't give current teachers any incentive to get more education.

"If they're placed into a certain category by the plan, then they're going to think there's no use in trying to improve," Doyle said.

This is going to discourage degree programs, masters programs and specialized degrees, he said. Doyle said he feels educators should all confront Alexander with this possibility.

TEA has approved of eight points of Alexander's education plan, according to Winters. The only two points that have not been approved of are the points that suggest the Board of Regents take over vocational and technical schools in the state and the master-teaching plan.

Despite approving of eight points, the TEA did not endorse Alexander, Winters said.

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Junior Holly Hoover (hand raised) and other members of the Lady Raiders hold their trophy up high after winning the 1983 OVC women's tournament. Story on page 8.

ASB officers' benefits get close examination

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

Despite the concept that the ASB is a volunteer organization, high-ranking ASB officials do indeed receive compensation—monetary and otherwise.

The benefits of being ASB president, however, will not be abused next year, according to president-elect Mark Ross, who said that some changes in the benefits have been proposed.

CURRENT ASB President David Kessler received funds for: tuition for summer, fall and spring; rental of books

from the bookstore; a check equivalent to the rent for J or K Apartments; and a budget meal card. Also received by Kessler were 10 black parking stickers for himself, speaker of the house, speaker of the senate, treasurer, attorney general, election commissioner and four of his cabinet members.

In addition, the ASB president in the past has had control of a \$200 scholarship fund to be given to the cabinet members of his choice, but new regulations have been proposed by the administration for the

allotment of that fund.

The fund should be split evenly among the four constitutional officers, according to Ross, but those offices change with each administration.

ROSS estimated Kessler's benefits to amount to around \$4,500, which is higher than normal because he is a graduate student.

Two vice presidents received \$900 each for the year to cover tuition and this year received book rental.

The amount received by the vice presidents has not increased "in eight or ten years," Ross said.

LEGISLATION has been proposed to change the president's scholarship to a \$3,000 cash scholarship and allowing \$1,500 for each of the vice presidents.

One benefit of being ASB

ASB congress approves eight 'important' bills

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

Eight bills passed the ASB joint session yesterday, comprising the "most important legislative package" of the ASB in years, according to Mark Ross, speaker of the senate and president-elect.

Hopefully, the importance of this legislation to students will eventually correct the apathy which was evident from the 20 percent voter turnout during the ASB elections, Ross said.

ASB President David Kessler indicated that he intended to pass the entire package.

The first bill passed was an act outlining the application and selection process for "Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities."

Changes proposed for the guidelines for Who's Who

include: allowing juniors, seniors and graduate students to apply rather than just seniors; restricting the number of times a student can receive the award to once; and having the selecting committee be empowered to verify applications because of past falsifications.

ALSO passed was a resolution requesting the Food Services Committee be re-established and setting guidelines for the committee. The committee was abolished by the committee on committees last summer because members often failed to attend regular meetings, even though they were all eating on free meal cards.

Committee members were previously appointed by the ASB president.

The committee is necessary because "there should be an avenue where a student can go and complain," Ross said.

PREVIOUS committees did accomplish projects such as the re-modification of the Grill, according to Ross.

Guidelines for this committee will be established by the vice-president for student affairs or a designated university official. Also, students will be appointed to the committee in a manner determined by the university president.

To prevent misuse of the meal cards, a student may be removed from the committee and investigated by the dean of students to determine if reimbursement for the meals should be sought or disciplinary action taken. This committee will be on a 1-year trial basis beginning with the summer session of 1983.

ANOTHER bill regarding the food service which would request a five meal per week plan for the benefit of commuters also passed. Currently,

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Journey sets second show; first sold out

By AURORA DANIELS
Staff Writer

Due to a record-breaking sellout and heavy demand for tickets, the rock group Journey has added a second show to their MTSU appearance for Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m.

"After the second show was announced, phone calls were almost as great as for the first show," said Georgia Dennis, the concert's box office manager. "The promoters are expecting another sellout."

NASHVILLE sold out in three hours. It took four hours here at MTSU, due to only one ticket window, Dennis said.

"We had the longest, steadiest line of concert fans buying tickets we've had in a long time," Dennis said. "We

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Housing 7 against code

Two campus families must move

By RONDA KRUMALIS
News Editor

At least two families in Family Student Housing are in violation of the Murfreesboro Housing Code and must relocate "as soon as possible," according to Ivan Shewmake, director of housing.

The particular code in violation concerns the amount of floor space required per occupant. MTSU's one-bedroom apartments have enough floor space to accommodate two occupants and two-bedroom apartments have enough to accommodate four,

according to the code.

BOTH families known to be in violation have seven persons living in their two-bedroom apartments, according to Shewmake.

"I don't think there was any deliberate intention on the part of these people to violate the code," Shewmake said.

Shewmake said that the university is assisting the families in their relocation. Two graduate assistants have been in contact with the Murfreesboro Housing Authority on behalf of the families.

"WE wouldn't want to toss anyone out on the street," Shewmake said.

There is a problem, however, in finding housing comparable in price to the on-campus apartments.

"We're awfully cheap," Shewmake said. "But, we have found two non-utilities apartments in the \$165 to \$200 range just outside of town through Murfreesboro Housing Authority."

THERE IS a possibility that the families would qualify for the rent subsidy from the

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Aid up for middle-income whites, down for poor minorities: study

From College Press Service

Middle-income white students got more financial aid last year while low-income minority students got less, according to a study released by the National Commission on Student Financial Assistance.

Students whose parents earned more than \$12,000 a year were more likely to get a grant than they were in 1974, when a similar study was done. Also, the amount of the awards were larger, according to the study.

AT THE same time, low-income students had about the same chance of getting an

award as they did eight years ago, but the amount of that award has lessened since 1974.

Black students, while still more likely to get an award than white students, were also likely to receive a much smaller amount than white students.

Inflation is apparently the culprit.

"THE federal government just has not increased the maximum award sizes to keep up with inflation," explained John Lee, director of the human resources division of the Applied Systems Institute, the Washington, D.C. consulting firm which prepared the study.

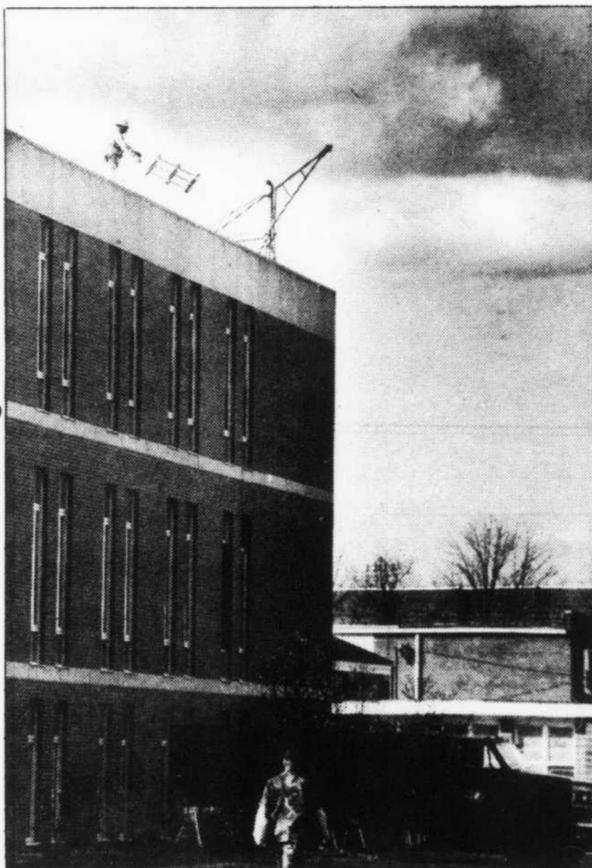
For example, he says, a 1974 award of \$1,000 would have had to increase to \$1,800 by 1981 in order to keep pace with inflation.

Middle-class students have come out ahead, he noted, because of a series of new programs introduced in 1978 to increase aid to those students.

MOREOVER, "middle-class students are more likely to borrow money and to borrow more of it than the lower-class students," he said.

Blacks and other minorities, Lee said, have seen the value of their financial aid erode the

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Look out below

A worker throws a piece of debris from the roof of the Keathley University Center as a part of the reroofing project there

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Terri Merryman to be emcee for 1983 Mr. MTSU pageant

By LUCINDA ROBERSON
Staff Writer

Terri Merryman, co-anchor for the 5 o'clock news on Channel 2, will be the master of ceremonies for the 14th annual Mr. MTSU Pageant, according to Carolyn Miller, pageant chairman.

pageant will be donated to the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center in memory of the late Dr. Robert E. Prytula, who helped organize the center, Miller explained.

Prytula, who was an MTSU psychology professor, died on Feb. 11.

Applications for contestants in the pageant have been mailed to most campus organizations and should be returned by March 30 with a \$15 entry fee, Miller said.

Any group that did not receive an entry form and wishes to sponsor a contestant may contact Miller at Box 5129 or at 893-5763.

There will be a maximum of 25 contestants modeling formal and casual wear. The top 10 contestants will be asked to answer an unrehearsed question as part of their evaluation before the new Mr. MTSU will be chosen, Miller said.

The contest, sponsored by Chi Omega sorority, will take place April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

ALL PROCEEDS from the

Teachers to be scarce by 1985

From College Press Service

The teacher shortage that has cropped up in isolated areas of the country will become a nationwide shortage by 1985, a teacher education group says.

A report by the American Association of Colleges for Teachers Education (AACTE) predicts schools will be able to fill only 96 percent of their vacancies by 1985 and only 80 percent by the end of this decade.

THE EXODUS of women into other fields, the increase in the birth rate and the lure of

higher-paying professions are primarily responsible for the impending shortage, explains Norene Daly of the AACTE.

"Many females in the past would have seen teaching as the only profession," Daly said. Now, "the business world is recruiting females."

Both males and females have forsaken education degrees because of the "low salaries and lack of incentives" in teaching.

AS A result, "there will be fewer entering the teaching profession because of the lack

of rewards," Daly said.

They'll be staying away precisely at the time the "echo boom" children—offspring of the post-World War II baby boom—will be entering college at the end of the decade, Daly said.

Legislation

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Legislation passed by acclamation in both ASB houses yesterday to recommend re-establishment of the Food Services Committee under new guidelines regarding the appointment of students to the committee "in a manner determined by the university president."

"The Food Service Committee should've never been abolished, but then it shouldn't have been abolished," Ross said.

TEA

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Tennessee plan," he said. "It's a plan coming out of Washington. It will have a disorganizing effect on us if the plan is put into action."

WINTERS listed several evaluation methods under the Alexander plan that a teacher would have to go through to be re-certified. A teacher would be observed in the classroom by evaluationists outside the teacher's own school and would be reviewed by the principal; a study would be made of pupil performance; in-service evaluations would be made; a proficiency test would be required of the teacher and the teacher would be interviewed by various officials.

Aid

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most "because those kids, due to the maldistribution of wealth by race, are more likely to be in the low-income category than white students."

"Also," Lee added, "low-income kids are more likely to

Campus Capsule

SATURDAY

AN ESQUIRE CLUB DANCE will be in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building at 9 p.m.

MONDAY

MOVIE: "SECRET OF NIMH" BEGINS in the University Center Theatre. Show times are 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated G.

TUESDAY

MOVIE: "SECRET OF NIMH" CONTINUES in the University Center Theatre.

THE SEQUOIA STRING QUARTET will perform at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. For reservations and ticket information call 898-2469.

WEDNESDAY

MOVIE: "HORSEFEATHERS" BEGINS in the University Center Theatre. Rated G.

THE BLUE RAIDERS BASEBALL TEAM takes on Western Kentucky at 3 p.m. at Smith Field.

ACT COMP SENIOR TESTS, a requirement for graduation, will be given at 8:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

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ASB benefits

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there is a 10, 15, and 19 meal plan and the budget meal cards.

A five-meal card would enable students living off-campus to eat one meal per day on-campus.

Three resolutions passed regarding academics, all of which will be submitted to administration officials and/or the Faculty Senate for approval.

ONE resolution passed by acclamation requests that the Academic Appeals Committee establish permanent and written guidelines for appealing grades—and that these guidelines be published in the MTSU Student Catalog and other university publications.

This is needed because there are no guidelines currently available to a student on the

procedure for appealing a grade for an individual course, according to Ross.

Also regarding academics, a resolution passed requesting the university require syllabuses be given to students at the beginning of the course. This bill was written at the urging of Delbert Meyer, vice-president of academic affairs, as he found that many instructors are not providing syllabuses.

IN ADDITION, a resolution passed requesting that the faculty not penalize students for class absences as a result of university sponsored activities.

"All we want is for the students to not be penalized for representing the school," said Cecilia West, house sponsor of the bill.

In other legislation, a resolution passed requesting

the university adopt a progressive fine system for parking violations rather than increasing the fine for first offenders. This issue will be taken up by the University Traffic Committee at their next meeting on March 29.

WHEN the fine was raised two years ago from \$2 to \$4, there was actually an increase in the number of tickets written, according to Ross. A progressive fine would increase for each ticket received during the semester.

The biggest problem with this would involve computer programming, but it could work, Ross said.

Also passed was a resolution authorizing funding for the ASB from the beginning of fiscal year 1983-84 until a formal budget can be submitted to the ASB.

internship program and receive some type of bonus after successfully completing this, he said.

Winters said that after successfully teaching for four years, the TEA would like to give teachers a 10 percent

Housing

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government, he said.

Shewmake learned of the violations after an inquiry was made into the policy regarding the subleasing of one of the apartments. He was asked if there was a limit to the number of people that were allowed to live in apartments of that size, prompting investigation of the Murfreesboro Housing Code.

He learned that the code provided for four persons to

increase in their salaries. "We feel this gives some incentive to be a teacher," he said.

Despite opposition of the plan by TEA, Winters said Alexander should be commended for putting education on the "front burner."

live in the two-bedroom apartments and realized that MTSU was in violation.

"OUR application forms [for family housing] say that five people may live in a two-bedroom apartment," Shewmake said. "This was obviously a mistake on the part of whoever investigated the code. The square footage in the apartments allows for only four occupants."

Journey

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handed out 300 numbers, and more people bought the limited number of tickets than ever before."

Dennis also commented on the politeness and courtesy of the people in line. She also said there were a lot more Nashville people coming up here for tickets.

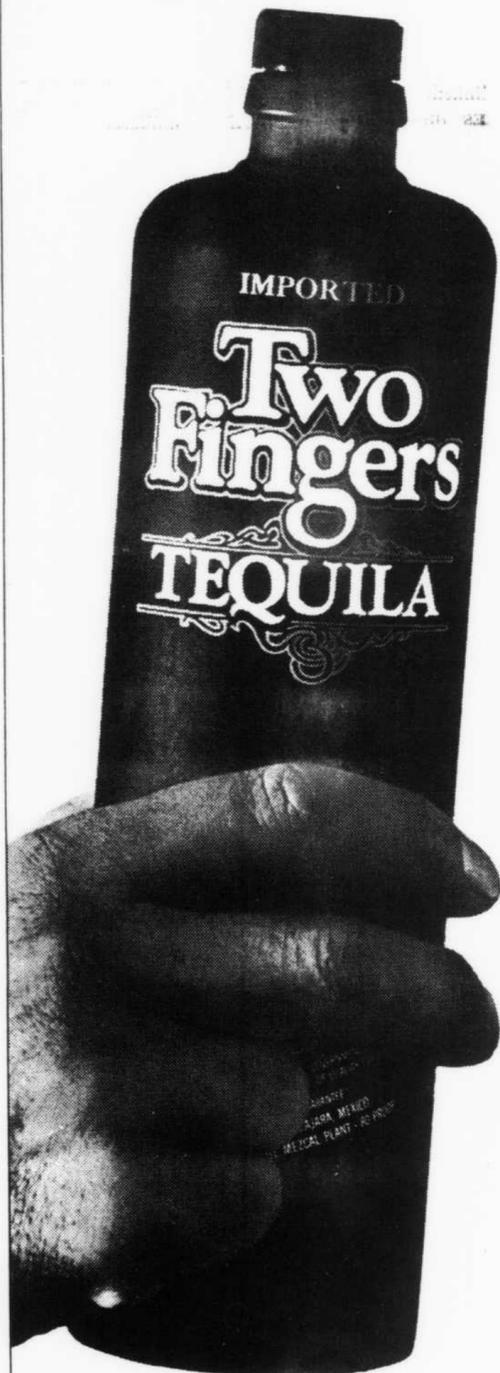
"PEOPLE can't go out to form the line for Journey II ticket sales until Saturday

night at midnight," Dennis said. "Security will be asking them to leave before then, due to the TSSAA tournaments."

Not only was the April 14 show one of the fastest sellouts in the Nashville market, but it also marks the first time any group has attempted back-to-back shows.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Monday at Murphy Center.

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Elsewhere

Plot against pope still being investigated

By RUTH E. GRUBER

United Press International

SOFIA, Bulgaria — With its spy-novel aura of terrorism, espionage and smuggling, the "Bulgarian Connection" in the 1981 assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II exposed unsavory international intrigue to a fascinated world.

But more than three months since Bulgarian businessman Sergei Antonov was arrested in Rome for complicity in the papal attack, the affair—and its full implications—remain murky.

"IF WE could somehow erase the Antonov case, we could focus on the rest of it," said a Western diplomat in the Bulgarian capital. "But if the Antonov case had not come up, we would not have had the focus."

Apart from the attack on the pope, the tangled threads include illegal drugs and arms traffic, an alleged plot to kill former Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and alleged CIA—or KGB—plots to destabilize Europe.

Its characters include a convicted right-wing terrorist, a suspected Turkish smuggler described by a Western source as a "classic Mafioso," Bulgarian embassy personnel and an Italian labor organizer accused of involvement both with Red Brigades terror and Bulgarian spying.

NOTHING has been proved. Little if any concrete evidence showing exactly how the tangled threads link up has been made public.

"Unless and until [the Italians] release whatever

information they have, it's all just speculating in the dark," said a Western diplomatic source. "And in the gray, dark world the lines get blurred."

"Blurred" is perhaps an understatement.

THREE separate but connected investigations are involved.

One is probing the attack on the pope. The second is into Bulgarian spying and drugs and arms smuggling stemming from a series of arrests in the northern Italian city of Trento.

The third is the case of Luigi Scricciolo, an activist with a Socialist Italian labor union. Scricciolo was arrested a year ago in connection with the Red Brigades kidnapping of U.S. Gen. James Dozier, but was charged with spying for Bulgaria and is the key witness

in the alleged plot against Walesa.

THE Bulgarians are holding Bekir Celenk, a Turkish businessman suspected by officials in Italy, Turkey and other countries of being involved in illegal arms and narcotics smuggling.

Unconfirmed Italian newspaper reports said Celenk, acting for the Bulgarian secret service, offered Mehmet Ali Agca \$1.2 million to shoot the pope.

Italian investigators have issued a warrant for him, and Turkey has asked for his extradition on smuggling and currency violations.

CELENK denies any connection with the papal attack. But the allegations have shed new light on the involvement of Bulgaria, or individual Bulgarians, in the illegal drugs and arms trade.

The key figure in all this is Mehmet Ali Agca, the right-wing Turkish terrorist who shot the pope in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981 and is now serving a life sentence.

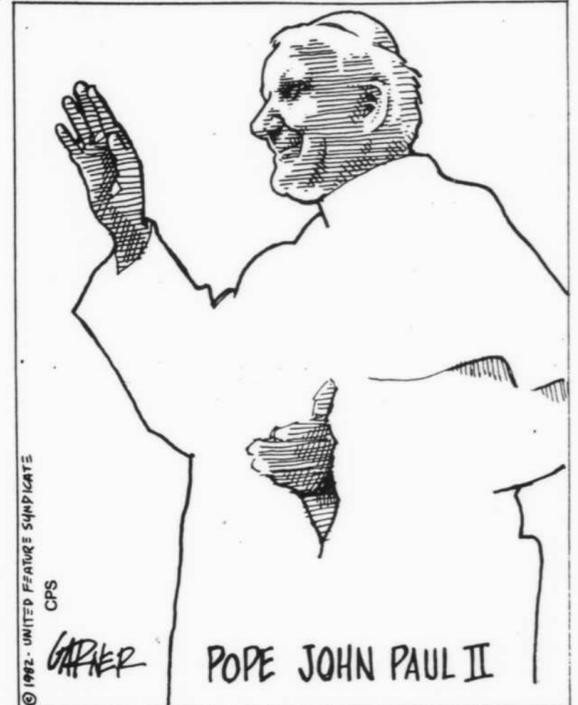
Since his conviction he apparently named Antonov, Rome station chief for Bulgarian Balkan airlines, and several other Bulgarians as accomplices. In spite of a lack of official charges or evidence, Agca's often contradictory testimony has been leaked in sensational detail.

THE Bulgarians have indignantly rejected all charges against Antonov and embassy staff members allegedly implicated in the papal attack.

They claim Western secret services were feeding Agca with information in order to foment an anti-Bulgarian campaign as part of President Reagan's "crusade" against the Soviet bloc.

"The Bulgarians do have a very valid point as to how can Agca's testimony be accepted," said a Western diplomatic source.

"WE Bulgarians are totally united on this point," said a senior Bulgarian official in



U.S. diplomat detained as a spy

MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet agents detained U.S. diplomat Richard Osborne as a spy Monday, catching him "red-handed" with satellite radio equipment and special espionage note pads, the KGB said yesterday.

"Richard Osborne has been declared persona non grata for actions incompatible with diplomatic status," the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

OSBORNE, a first secretary in the embassy's economic section, was at his desk most of the day and is not now in

preheld custody, diplomats said.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman confirmed that Osborne had been declared unwanted, but declined to give any further information beyond saying Osborne arrived in Moscow in August 1982.

In Washington, the State Department had no immediate comment.

OSBORNE "was detained red-handed in Moscow," the Tass news agency said, quoting from a KGB statement in the government newspaper *Izvestia*. It said he was ap-

prehended "while working with espionage radio apparatus."

Osborne was not available for comment after the announcement was made.

Top adviser says economy on the road up

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan's chief economist and the chairman of the Federal Reserve agreed yesterday the economy is on the road to better times, but warned against excessive optimism.

Martin Feldstein, chairman of Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, told the National Association of Manufacturers he worries about the nation's tendency to exaggerate the importance of monthly economic statistics.

"What is really needed, is a more balanced and long-term view of the recovery process," Feldstein said.

Sansom resigns post

NASHVILLE (UPI) — Finance and Administration Commissioner William Sansom, the governor's chief budget officer, announced yesterday he will leave state government to return to private business as soon as this year's budget passes.

Gov. Lamar Alexander named General Services Commissioner Hubert Mc-

Cullough to replace Sansom and picked Susan Simons, assistant to the commissioner of Employment Security, to head General Services.

ALEXANDER said Sansom has accepted a job as chief executive officer of the H.T. Hackney Co., a Knoxville food wholesaler. He said Sansom "set a standard of excellence for public service."

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Students to bear load if state budget passes

Gov. Lamar Alexander is planning on raising state university tuition by 41.5 percent during the next four years. This depressing news comes to students at a time when most are struggling financially and the prospective job market continues to dwindle.

Alexander claims that the tuition increase is necessary if his Better Schools Program is to be a success. His plan for improving the Tennessee educational system, which calls for substantial pay raises for teachers who qualify as "masters" under the Master Teacher Program, will require massive increases in state revenue.

ALEXANDER'S emphasis on improving education is welcomed by students and teachers alike, but several parts of his proposed Better Schools Program have left some educators less than pleased.

Along with the questionable nature of parts of his plan, Alexander's ideas for raising the needed revenue also seem to be unwise. On top of his proposal to raise tuition dramatically at state universities, Alexander has also requested an increase in the state's sales tax.

Any increase in the sales tax will hurt lower income groups because such a tax is regressive in nature. Higher tuition costs will stifle the budgets of many students who are already hard pressed to make ends meet.

ALTHOUGH Alexander is making a sustained effort to improve education, which will hopefully create new opportunities for all Tennesseans, he still insists on laying the burden of funding the Better Schools Program on those who can least afford to pay new taxes.

There are several alternatives for raising revenue to fund better education. One of the most attractive alternatives is a progressive state income tax which would shift more of the tax burden to those better able to pay. With

the implementation of a state income tax, the sales tax could probably be reduced. However, Alexander has repeatedly stated that he will oppose any proposal for a state income tax.

Because of Alexander's unwillingness, which is probably politically motivated, to shift more of the tax burden to the upper classes, students at state universities will have to carry the heaviest financial load if the Better Schools Program becomes a reality.

ALEXANDER does not seem to be bothered by the extra stress which will be placed on students because of higher tuition costs. Alexander has boasted several times about the fact that he worked several jobs to pay his way through Vanderbilt.

Ironically, Alexander has also said that he will not ask for a tax increase unless his Better Schools Program is adopted because of the state's high unemployment rate, which is currently over 13 percent.

Alexander is being unrealistic and inconsiderate when he insists that students should work several jobs in order to pay their way through college when unemployment rates are at record levels.

IT IS unfair for Alexander to assume that all students will be as fortunate as he was when it comes to finding part-time jobs. Most students would also like to have some time to study, a formidable task when one is working several hours a day.

The Tennessee educational system does need improving, and it will take money to make the needed improvements. The biggest question standing between Alexander's proposal and its acceptance is the need for more revenue and the method for raising it. So far, Alexander has failed to endorse any revenue-raising idea which would treat students and lower economic classes fairly.

Broadened awareness reason for new format

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Editor

With this issue we inaugurate a new page, *Elsewhere*, which will provide a comprehensive look each edition at a few issues of state, national or international prominence.

While some may charge we are doing so to the detriment of local coverage, this is not true. We will continue to provide the same wide coverage of local affairs that we have in the past.

(BY THE way, in order for us to do a good job of covering the campus we must know about events. Since we are not omniscient, please call us.)

Instead, this will provide our readers with a view of the world beyond the limits of the campus—a look at the real

world. It is easy to get caught up in the concerns of our own little world and lose touch with what is happening elsewhere.

ULTIMATELY, however, the state of the world has a greater potential impact on our lives than does the latest ASB squabble or a story about parking.

Elsewhere will provide at least one in-depth article per issue, plus other articles of importance.

In this issue, we look at the charges of Soviet involvement in the attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul II and President Reagan's plans for El Salvador.

While our local news is important, so is what happens elsewhere.



Formal writing: an overview

By JENNY WREN
Columnist

The class groans. They have just been given an assignment: (a) they are to write a thousand-page thesis concerning their favorite author; (b) they are to examine the author in detail, using outside sources, and (c) they are to compare the outside sources with their own opinions, indicating what they base their opinions on. There is one hitch—use of the word "I" is prohibited.

This, as I understand it, is known as formal writing. It is the stuff that theses, dissertations and textbooks are made of. Many arguments exist in favor of formal writing, and they should not be discredited, for many are valid.

FORMAL writing promotes control of the English language, establishes a certain discipline in the student and elevates complexity of thought. But there are drawbacks to its use, and modern civilization is already suffering from them.

As the pace of the world quickens, and as computer usage becomes an everyday occurrence, language is changing at a quicker pace as well. Future emphasis will necessarily be placed on clarity, conciseness and accuracy.

Each type of corporation will specialize in their own individual language—as they

already do today—to a greater degree. The bureaucratic language which many still use will be less in evidence as the working day and patience shortens.

YET, communication—clear, concise and with flair—will still be imperative.

The students of the 1980s are not being prepared for these changes. Stuck on a treadmill perpetuated by English departments for years, modern students are learning, in fact, just the opposite. They are being taught a language that many professions will never use. Worse, many of these students never absorb the crucial basics of English, spending four years attempting to understand a nebulous dichotomy between formal English and the everyday version.

Consider the general prohibition of the word "I" in formal writing. (It is agreed that overuse of the first person is undesirable as well.) To inform a 19-year-old student that he or she is not allowed to use the first person amounts to a negation of self. By doing so, writing control may be gained, but at the expense of creativity and self-assurance in the student.

NOTHING is more confusing than to be told to give your opinion without admitting that you have one. It also makes for cowardly writing.

On the other hand, prohibition of the word "I" can be seen as an affirmation of self. A student's style is more convincing and assertive without its constant use.

Unfortunately, this is not explained to many students, creating confusion as they are exposed to various writing styles.

ANOTHER outgrowth of formal writing which reaches preposterous proportions in the business world is bureaucratic jargon. Bureaucratic jargon is easily recognizable; it is a bloated form of English. Whenever it takes three sentences to say something when one would do, bureaucratic writing is in evidence.

A great deal of formal writing, with its repetitiousness and its roundabout way of making a point, establishes early on in the student the belief that the more lengthy and "highfalutin" the writing, the more educated the writer. English departments would

be wise to take a look both at the quality of the students now entering college and the future of those students, and adjust their curriculums accordingly. In all fairness, the change in the English language—encompassing the present lack of writing ability and disinterest in reading—is a horrible event to witness. But many professors seem to avoid facing the societal changes or simply complain about the quality of the students among themselves.

UNLESS steps are taken to change teaching methods as societal needs change, students will be unprepared for the future.

At present, the courses designed to teach punctuation to the student are spread out over a period of years, again creating confusion as the student's reading horizons expand. Because so many entering freshmen seem to be ignorant of what a comma splice or a sentence fragment is, a Punctuation 100 class might be helpful.

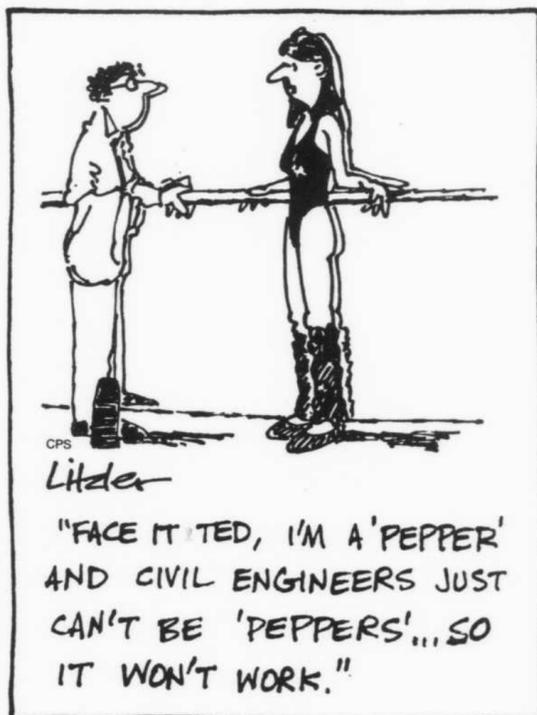
As it stands now, students are supposed to learn from their own mistakes in their writing. Unfortunately, instead of learning how to write correctly, many students simply learn how to avoid making the same mistake.

ADVANCED writing classes, especially designed to teach a particular style, are helpful for those who expect to enter a field demanding such knowledge. Other writing classes, such as creative writing, could continue to take up slack.

But on the whole, writing emphasis should begin to be placed more on the act of communication. Student's should be made aware of how critically important good writing skills are to their future—no matter what field they enter—and they should be told this immediately.

If other departments would recognize that English is a basic skill, and at least call a student's attention to his/her misuse of the language, students would become more conscious of their mistakes and learn to correct them.

Perhaps then students' papers would demonstrate some amount of clarity, conciseness, accuracy and color, and they would be able to recognize muddled writing later in their lives—when their writing expertise will not end in a grade—but a paycheck.



Viewpoints

FAMOUS REASSURANCES:



College Republicans battle consumer group

By MAXWELL GLEN and CODY SHEARER
WASHINGTON — Paying college Republicans to infiltrate anti-war groups and snitch on dope's sleazier was one of the GOP's dirtiest tricks in 1972. Such dirty campaign tricks eventually brought disgrace to the party.

Nonetheless, a decade later, some members of the GOP's youngest are behaving as if Watergate never happened. Operating out of the Republican National Committee's headquarters here, the College Republicans have undertaken a campaign to immobilize a no-less legitimate organization, Ralph Nader's campus-based Public Interest Research Group.

ESTABLISHED 13 years ago to inspire consumer advocacy in college students, PIRGs now operate on 160 campuses in 26 states. For the

most part, their members are idealistic students who function in the highest tradition of do-gooders.

Among other things, they report on campus prices, investigate toxic waste dumps and fight for recycling—activities which few call subversive. Like organizations on most campuses, PIRGs are supported by student activity fees.

Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois, speaking for many Republicans, commended PIRGs in 1979 "for their valuable contributions."

YET such a perspective was absent in a lengthy memo introducing the anti-PIRG campaign, known as "Project Inform," several weeks ago. In his message to College Republican chapters, group chairman Jack Abramoff said the project intended to "defeat

PIRGs and to make sure they never get started."

Steve Baldwin, the project's 25-year-old mastermind and chief strategist, said that PIRGs "lobby on gay rights, draft registration and are anti-business... Many work hand-in-hand with various disobedience groups such as the Committee Against Registration and The Draft and Marxist groups such as the United States Student Association."

While Baldwin insists that his group's aim is simple, to end easy PIRG access to college activity money, the facts tell a different story.

FOR ONE, on most campuses students can already file for a refund of the share of their semester's fees that goes to the local PIRG (usually \$2 or \$3). The National College Republican group advises students to monitor publications and activities for information suitable for anti-PIRG negative campaigns.

Where PIRGs don't operate, it recommends a pre-emptive strategy of warning college officials about possible suits by PIRGs and tangles with the local business community.

Tactical suggestions include the creation of anti-PIRG front organizations and "stacked" PIRG organizational meetings. (That way, the memo suggests, "it doesn't look like an attack on the left by the right.")

THOSE who need legal assistance in fighting PIRGs

are urged to contact the College Republicans, who claim to have connections with several conservative legal foundations "interested in fighting PIRGs in court." (The Mid-Atlantic Legal Foundation already has the New Jersey PIRG in court.)

In addition, College Republican chapters that "rid their state of this pestilence" are eligible for "certification of recognition."

It's easy to understand why the College Republicans would want to do all this. Some PIRG chapters often antagonize likely GOP constituencies—price-gougers and chemical waste dumpers, for example.

MOREOVER, PIRGs have always been an easy target for better financed parties who have nothing else to do. (The Republican National Committee provides more than half of the College Republicans' budget.)

Yet, if their program succeeds, warns PIRG godfather Ralph Nader, "it will reimpose the further disenfranchisement of thousands of students," for whom consumer issues are particularly relevant.

Ten years ago, then-Republican National Committee Chairman George Bush chastised those College Republicans who made an early career of dirty tricks. One wonders how he would react to the current effort to destabilize one of the embattled consumer movement's remaining legacies.

Columnist receives 'wrongest' number; formulates theories

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON — If the Guinness Book of Records is interested in listing the wrongest wrong number, meet the new champion.

Unfortunately, I don't know her name, but she called my house in the wee hours the other morning by dint of a prize-winning misdialation, if that is the word.

THE NUMBER she said she was trying to reach was 489-6201, or some such seven-digit sequence. My number, be advised, contains only 3s and 5s.

How a post-midnight caller could have dialed 489-6201 without hitting a 4, 8, 9, 6, 2, 0 or 1 is a matter of conjecture. At that hour, being in a thick soporific soup, I did not pursue the matter.

But this was no mere inadvertent transposition of, say, an 8 and 9. This was more than accidentally depressing the A-B-C button when D-E-F was indicated. This was a string of seven straight finger faults.

THERE are several theoretical explanations for a record-setting parade of blunders, of which I lean toward these four:

1. **Mental Illness** — The caller has a deeply rooted psychosis brought about by the switch to all-digit dialing. Trying to remember seven numerals causes something to snap in her head. As she extends the finger toward the dial, there is a mental transference to a poker game in which, playing a hand of seven-card stud, the caller had three 5s and

four 3s, raking in the best pot of the night.

2. **Emotional Anxiety** — The caller awakens to discover her bed partner gone. Bolting out of the sheets, she finds a note reporting that in case of emergency the missing person can be reached at 489-6201. The caller rushes to the phone and attempts to dial that number, but all the while her mind is preoccupied with Beethoven's Third and Fifth Symphonies.

3. **Metabolism Breakdown** — Dialing seven digits correctly requires a high level of mental concentration, physical dexterity and hand-eye coordination. The demand for such precision, however, puts a severe strain on a person's metabolic system, as air traffic controllers can attest. Chemical changes in living cells are supposed to supply energy for vital activities. Under stress, however, the process may backfire, causing a caller to freeze at the dial or the fingers to flutter hopelessly adrift.

4. **Hypochondria** — According to James Gorman, author of "First Aid for Hypochondriacs," the musculoskeletal network in the human body is subject to its "own peculiarities," including "apparently" included actions of the muscles."

"The muscles are not supposed to be independent, for obvious reasons," Gorman writes. "You don't want your body running off to the supermarket when you have sleeping to do."

And certainly you don't want your finger hitting 3s and 5s when you are dialing 489-6201.

From Our Readers

Reader lauds coach's effort

To the editor:
 This letter is in response to Mr. Bridges letter concerning Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson.

So Mr. Bridges, when did you become a basketball coach? If you knew anything about the sport, you would know that when you have a winning line-up, you stick with it as much as you possibly can.

IF YOU had followed the Blue Raiders this season you would have seen the many games we had a substantial lead and somehow managed to lose.

Coach Simpson knew exactly what he was doing. He wanted to see his team win this game because closing the season out with a win is the best way to do it, especially when you have had a dismal season.

WARDELL Perry and Danny Mayfield have both worked hard during their time here and are deserving of playing, but I am sure they would want what is best for the team.

I agree the crowd was very appreciative when Coach Simpson put in Wardell and Danny, and I am sure they are not used to playing in front of a crowd of MTSU students.

In conclusion, I hope you, Mr. Bridges, will get the chance to read this letter so you can realize how ignorant you are.

Tracy Shaw
 Box 6476

Arts film pick gets critique

To the editor:
 Once again Middle Tennessee State University has proven to be far ahead of other institutions of higher learning by blessing the community with the Fine Arts Festival.

And to start off the fine arts film week, the enlightened artists of the community were given the privilege of viewing the cult film "Pink Flamingos" (written and directed by that noteworthy film maker John Waters). What a waste of celluloid!

THE Fine Arts Committee could have chosen from any number of films that the starved film community of MTSU and Murfreesboro would have packed the University Center to view. Instead, this mediocre committee chose a cheaply made home movie, made by a sex-crazed sadist, with a hand-held 16mm camera, to disguise as a real film.

If it is sexuality that the films committee wishes to explore with the intellectuals of this area, then why not show a Fellini film? Have they not heard of the film maker Ingmar Bergman?

I beg of the Fine Arts Committee, the next time you show films that are as tasteless as "Pink Flamingos," please label it as Cult Films Week or Pseudo-intellectuals Film Week.

Don't try to insult the real film connoisseurs.

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Features

Bob Abernathy left his mark at MTSU

When this retired MTSU employee died last month, we—having only been here a few years—were not immediately aware of his contribution to MTSU. Here is a belated tribute to this respected individual.



Bob Abernathy as an English instructor in the 1948 Midlander.

relinquished his teaching position to become the school's first Alumni Association director.

"BOB ran that office [Alumni Association] out of his hip pocket," Joe E. Nunley, current director of the Alumni Association, recalled recently.

Abernathy spent a lot of his own time and money to help the program get started, Nunley explained.

But although he put a lot of effort into the Alumni program, his chief fame rested on his speaking abilities, he added.

"HE WAS an entertaining speaker. He was a good joke teller," Nunley said. "He spoke all over the United States . . . New York,



In 1957, Abernathy was the director of Field Services.

Chicago, St. Louis."

Gene Sloan, former director of Public Relations, said recently he thinks Abernathy's "good nature, his humor, his interest in young people"

contributed to his popularity as a speaker. "HE WAS a very enthusiastic speaker," Sloan added. "He became very, very popular."

Although Abernathy was well-known for his speaking ability, he was also hailed for other accomplishments:

Besides being director of the Alumni Association, Abernathy was Public Relations director. He was also involved in the Teacher's Association and "he organized off-campus classes in Fayetteville," Nunley said.

"Bob was very loyal to this place, as are all old-timers," Nunley said. "This is the place that turned them loose."

By KAREN OTTWAY
Staff Writer

"Traveling Ambassador"—that's what they called him. During his 25 years as an MTSU employee, he made more than 2,300 appearances as a guest speaker for conventions, school meetings and other functions.

During his earlier years, he taught school and coached high school basketball in Woodbury. He led his basketball team to the state tournament three years in a row.

HIS titles included Kentucky Colonel, Honorary lieutenant of Oklahoma and member of the Kiwanis Club.

Whatever he did—whether it was teaching English, speaking at a convention or leading a basketball team to victory—he did it with his heart. His name was Bob Abernathy.

Robert Abernathy, 75,

died Feb. 13, 1983, from a brain tumor. He is survived by his wife, two children and seven grandchildren.

A 1929 Middle Tennessee State Normal School graduate, Abernathy returned to his alma mater (now MTSU) in 1947 to teach English. He eventually



When this 1971 Midlander photo was taken, Abernathy was the director of University Relations.

Concert Monday

Low brass choirs to perform

The MTSU Trombone Choir and Tuba Choir will present a free concert Monday at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

The Trombone Choir consists of eight trombones and three rhythm instruments. Included in their part of the

program will be "Blues," "Stardust," "Here Comes that Rainy Day" and the Billy Joel tune "Just the way you are."

THE Tuba Choir will play "Lute Dances," an arrangement of the "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel, a Scott Joplin rag, an

arrangement of the "Pink Panther" and four novel musical arrangements of "The Whistler and His Dog."

They also will play a Chopin prelude, "My Wild Irish Rose" and "O Solo Mio for Tuba Choir and Tape."

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Weekender

Jazz show to be staged at Oakland High Tues.

The Oakland High School Jazz Band, Jazz Singers and Jazz Dancers will join forces for a show in the OHS auditorium Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Admissions will be \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for students. The show will feature songs by such artists as Asia, Manhattan Transfer, the Doobie Brothers, Lionel Richie and Earth, Wind and Fire.

Weekend Millionaires to jam at Brass A

The Weekend Millionaires will be performing at the Brass A Saloon in Hickory Hollow tonight and tomorrow night from 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Cannon theatre brings 'Fiddler on the Roof'

The Cannon Community Playhouse will stage "Fidler on the Roof" March 17-20 and 24-

26 at the Playhouse facility located in the lower level of the Veteran's Memorial Gym on Lehman Street in Woodbury.

Showtime will be at 8 p.m. each night. A Sunday matinee is slated for 2:30 p.m. on March 20. For tickets and reservations, call 563-5206.

The Studio to present 'A Texas Two-Step'

Tonight and tomorrow night the spirited life of Texas will come to The Studio in the form of "A Texas Two-Step," two one-act plays.

Admission is \$5 for the show. Performances are also scheduled for March 18 and 19.

The Studio is located on 145 12th Ave. N. in Nashville. For more information, call 242-2638.

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Next Exit this weekend

The Next Exit Band will play two shows at "The Club" on Main Street tonight and tomorrow night.

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ROTC drill teams take prize at Mardi Gras

By ANTHONY PILLOW
Staff Writer

MTSU's men and women's drill teams left for Mardi Gras in Louisiana on Feb. 10 and returned Feb. 15 with the Queen's trophy.

"The Queen's trophy is awarded to the teams that perform the best during Mardi Gras Day," Captain Tom Von Kaenel, drill team adviser for the Blue Brigades, said.

VON KAENEL said the trophy was awarded to both teams during the Arabi parade, which is one of the biggest parades held on Mardi Gras Day.

After the teams served as honor guards for the King and Queen of the Arabi parade, Zeus parade officials asked them to serve as honor guard for their parade next year.

In addition, "Arabi parade officials have asked us to be honor guards again next year," Von Kaenel said.

THE White Berets (the women's drill team), and the Blue Brigades, (the men's drill team) marched in a total of five parades. One parade was five miles long. Von Kaenel said this is the first trophy the current teams have won since they were organized one year ago.



The MTSU ROTC drill teams present the Queen's Trophy to university president Sam Ingram. Standing in front, from left to right, are Ursula Webb, commander of the White Berets, MTSU President Sam Ingram, Edwin Voorhies, dean of the School of Basic and Applied Sciences, and Anthony Cantrel, commander of the Blue Brigade.

The teams presented their award to MTSU President Sam Ingram and received the Certificate of Achievement from President Ingram and Dean Voorhies.

Von Kaenel said the White Berets and the Blue Brigades will be going to Washington, D.C. to train with the Old Guard Drill team this month.

"It's the drill team that performs before the president of the United States," he said. "Also we have asked and received confirmation that we will meet with Sen. Howard Baker" while in Washington.

Fashion show set for Monday

As a semester dorm project, the ladies of Rutledge Hall will be presenting a spring fashion show Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

MTSU campus. Joyce Harrison, assistant professor in home economics will be the mistress of ceremonies.

Door prizes of one \$25 gift certificate from both Hit or Miss and Casual Male will be given.

MTSU student art exhibit set for Art Barn Gallery Monday

By ANTHONY PILLOW
Staff Writer

MTSU students will display their original art interpretations at an Art Barn Gallery exhibition beginning March 14.

Contemporary arts loaned by area craftspeople will also be displayed, as well as art borrowed from the Cheekwood Fine Arts Center.

THE exhibition is organized by the students in the Contemporary Art History class taught by Charles Jansen and in The History of Decorative Arts class taught by Janet Higgins.

"The show represents an experiment in education which seeks to go beyond academic learning and involves young artists in the type of activities and situations they will experience after graduation," Jansen said.

Linda Hunt, chairperson of the exhibition, will open

the exhibition, said the idea for this experiment in education arose from the problems and limitations of teaching a course in art history at MTSU.

TEACHING primarily with slide and reproduction which convey little of the magic of art and only an inkling of its qualities is a severe problem of all art history classes, according to Hunt.

But in a study of contemporary art this is only half the problem, for art today is much more than just a collection of high-priced objects and the intellectual controversies that surround them, she said.

Art today is a strange and complicated business of budgets, public relations, promotion, professional standards and a variety of institutions that fund, teach and preserve the arts, Hunt said.

The exhibition will open

March 14 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and March 15-18, 28-31, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Sports

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Lady Raiders victorious in tourney

By MIKE JONES

Sports Editor

COOKEVILLE — MTSU's Lady Raiders closed out a perfect Ohio Valley Conference season here last night by downing Morehead State in the championship game of the women's tournament, 74-61.

With the win, MTSU advances to the NCAA women's tournament, which will begin next week. The Lady Raider's opening site is yet to be decided.

THE WIN gave the Lady Raiders a chance to briefly park their OVC steamroller, which has flattened conference opponents the entire season. The win over Morehead,

combined with their 84-73 victory over Murray State the night before, completed an undefeated season in the conference.

Holly Hoover led the Lady Raiders in the two tourney victories, scoring 24 points against Murray and adding 19 more last night against the Lady Eagles.

"I'm ecstatic," Hoover said. "I think what really gave us an edge was that we really got clickin' in the first minutes of the game."

IT WAS in the first few minutes that the Lady Raiders made their most impressive run

of the contest, scoring a bucket off the opening tip and then two more hoops off steals from Eva Lemeh and Sherry Smith. Morehead State called a timeout after only one minute and five seconds of play had expired.

MTSU went on to a 40-27 halftime lead.

Hoover, who had been overlooked as a first-team selection on the All-OVC team announced earlier this week, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, as well as being selected to the All-Tournament team.

"THIS is nice," Hoover said. "It's good to be named. I think that being named to the second team [All-OVC] makes me appreciate this that much more."

The 6-4 junior credited teammate Cyndi Lindley for defensive assistance in the middle, but despite both their efforts, Morehead's Priscilla Blackford managed 24 points.

Despite Blackford's outing, MTSU Coach Larry Inman praised the defensive efforts of his club and of sophomore Lindley in particular.

"I THOUGHT we played super defense," Inman said afterward. "Our players did a tremendous job."

"Even though she didn't make the All-Tournament team, I thought Cyndi Lindley did a tremendous job on defense in both games. For a sophomore, I thought she played very intelligently."

Inman also singled out seniors Eva Lemeh, Patricia Allen, Jennifer McFall and Sherry Smith for their efforts.

THE Lady Raiders came into the game off a Wednesday night victory over Murray State. After that contest, Inman said that his unit would have to play better in order to beat Morehead, who downed Tennessee Tech to gain their spot in the finals.

Inman said his squad definitely played better tonight—but that didn't keep him from getting scared a few times.

"I was getting nervous towards the end," Inman said.



Photo by Marty Lawrence

Shootin' Cyndi

Lady Raider Cyndi Lindley (43) fires a jump shot against Morehead State last night in the OVC Women's Tournament. The win advances the Lady Raiders to the NCAA Tournament. Lindley was hailed by MTSU head coach Larry Inman for her outstanding defensive play.

"But our team gets things done when they have to have it the most."

MTSU had trouble starting in the second half, as Morehead State held the Lady Raiders scoreless early. Morehead cut the MTSU lead to three with 12:09 left to play, but MTSU quickly jumped

back up to a 10-point lead. They never looked back.

The Lady Raiders shot just over 48 percent for the game, while Morehead State hit for just over 42 percent.

Lemeh led MTSU in scoring with 25 points against the Lady Eagles, while McFall had 20 and Hoover 19.

Morehead was led by Blackford's 24, while Lynn Miley had 13 and Rita Berry 11.

The All-Tournament team was led by three Lady Raiders: Lemeh, Hoover and McFall. Also named to the unit was Chris Moye of Tennessee Tech and Blackford of Morehead.

Raiders shell Morehead in doubleheader

By KEVIN WEST

Sports Writer

The Blue Raider baseball team increased their early-season record to 4-2, sweeping a double-header with Morehead State on Tuesday, 12-2 and 5-2.

Despite the 54-degree weather and threatening clouds, the Raider bats were hot once again.

Rugby team falls to U.T.

MTSU's Rugby Club lost to the University of Tennessee last Saturday, 24-0, in a match played on neutral ground at the University of the South in Sewanee.

During a rugged first half of action, with attacks and counterattacks which saw the ball go from one side of the field to the other, Tennessee proceeded to score their first 10 points.

STAN HOVATER got things started with a single and Scott Turner brought him home with a deep double to give the Raiders a quick 1-0 lead.

After a long second inning, including four hits and four runs, Wayne Newberry played long ball down the right-field line in the fourth for a three-run homer.

The fifth inning had much of

the same outlook, with the MTSU bats going to work on the Morehead pitcher's offerings. Ralph David started off a three-run inning with a line shot over third for a double. Brad Windham, who went 5-for-7 in the doubleheader, scored the 11th run after a single by Hovater.

PITCHER Greg Johnson started the game for the Blue Raiders and left after five innings, giving up three hits and two runs, both of which came on a third-inning homer. Brian Dial relieved him. Bill Sharp came in as the third Raider pitcher of the day and finished Morehead off in the seventh.

The second game was highlighted by Gary Cathcart's homer in the second inning, but the biggest story of the day was freshmen Steve Sonnyberger on the mound.

Sonnyberger went the entire seven innings, the first Raider

pitcher to do that thus far this season. Despite a little trouble in the top of the seventh when Morehead scored their second run with two men on, and the tying run at the plate, Coach John Stanford elected to leave the freshmen in.

"I WANTED him to finish the ball game, I felt that it was important to his confidence," Stanford said. At this point the Raider bats had given them a 5-2 lead and Sonnyberger put away the last of Morehead's hopes. "You can't ask for them to be hitting the ball any better than they are now, but you must expect a lull somewhere along the line," Stanford said. "In general I was very pleased with our performance, although Morehead certainly didn't show their best pitchers. They will wait for the playoffs most likely before giving us an idea of what their lefties can do."



Photo by Marty Lawrence

MTSU Head Coach Larry Inman and assistant Diane Cummings look on from the sidelines last night in the Lady Raider victory over Morehead State, giving MTSU the tournament title and the right to advance to the NCAA Women's Tournament, which begins next week.



Photo by Keith Tippitt

Hoover MVP

Holly Hoover watches her shot fall in action against Murray State Wednesday night in the OVC Women's Tournament. Hoover was named the tourney Most Valuable Player and was also selected to the All-Tournament team.



Hardship poses problems for student-athlete

One of the problems when a kid goes in the hardship draft is that many times the student-athlete has no where to go and no one to talk with.

Many times, if he commits to an agent, verbally or in writing, he's immediately ineligible and forfeits the rest of his college playing time.

THE ANSWER, I feel, is that each university should have a committee of four or five people—people that are knowledgeable in law, insurance, finance, taxes and accounting—and that any agents who are looking to represent the player must go through this group. That way, they can feed back to the player what they feel the various agents are saying, whether they charge by percentage or by the hour and what is out there for them as far as income possibilities.

What does this do? It takes the athlete out of the greasy-spoon restaurants, the smoke-filled rooms and the cloak-and-dagger 007 intrigue.

The coach cannot be part of this. It's very difficult for the coach to be unbiased. If the pros are interested in the guy it means he's an All-American, at least all-regional, and the coach's input has to be biased. He knows this is the guy who can get him to a post-season tournament, or insure SRO crowds and a national hookup on TV.

THERE needs to be someone the young athlete can go to because a lot of times he doesn't want to go pro, he just wants to find out what he's worth. It's like the farmer who doesn't want to sell his land, but goes around to the various real estate dealers just to see what it's worth.

I think it's OK for an athlete to test the water and find out its

depth. Any blue-chip athlete wants to know what he's worth. Even Ralph Sampson, who stayed four years.

The first year Sampson was offered \$400,000 by the Boston Celtics, the second year \$800,000 by the Dallas Mavericks. Last year it was multimillions by the Los Angeles Lakers. But the point is, Sampson did it the right way, with an attorney through the university without an agent. A lot of youngsters aren't that lucky.

ONE THING should be remembered. Passing up a college degree is no small decision. Because if you have twins and one gets a college degree and the other doesn't, the one that gets the college degree will normally make a half million dollars more than the other over the next 25 years.

Now I don't think it's absolutely necessary for a ballplayer to get his degree in four years. That time span was put in by people who are not athletes. But I do think he should be close enough so that there's an incentive for him to return and get his remaining credits. The key is that, from the start, he should have *quality* credits.

In college sports, if you don't have something like a panel or a board, then there's too much of a chance of a young man getting caught in a misunderstanding and leaving school before he's ready. There's also the chance of a devious agent catching a player in a slump, depressed or injured, at a time when he might make a move that hurts him in the long run, educationally and financially.

OBVIOUSLY, Sampson made the right moves the first and second years, but he won't know if he was right to stay for his last year until the bidding starts this time around.

Today, nobody can talk about agents without being made to feel that they're tainting themselves, the sport or the athlete. This type of thinking has to be cleared up. Otherwise, the super player ends up with undesired money, agents will tell players anything to stroke 'em, so that they can represent them.

The true thing in hardship is that it's not the hardship of the player, but of the pro owner. He's in a bind or he wouldn't be coming after the athlete through an agent.

WHEN I was at Marquette, I had three players who went through hardship: Jimmy Chones, Larry McNeill and Maurice Lucas. I think Jimmy, who was one of the first hardship cases ever, and

Maurice, I told to go. They determined a number they thought would justify leaving and to come back for their degree when time would permit.

I told Jimmy, who had a nice 10-year run, to go because they met the \$1.6 million—and we were trying to beat the merger between the NBA and the ABA. Once the leagues merged, the dollars would be much softer because there would be only one side to bargain with. Maurice, who's still around eight years later, wanted \$800,000 over so many years and got it. There was no way I could tell him he was wrong. Maurice picked up his degree in 1981 from Marquette.

Larry, I told not to go, but he didn't listen. Larry found two guys (I call them Frank and Jesse) who were not quality guys, and they snubbed him. I tried to stop Larry; I told him they were costing him a half million dollars, but he thought I was talking to myself and not to him.

BY LARRY coming back his senior year, I'd have gotten him a high, first-round draft choice. That would have gotten him a locked contract for four or five years. That's what you want because it gives you time to mature, to get used to the pro game. It's a launching pad, a safe deposit box for a future career.

Instead, Larry ended up playing with six clubs in eight years and out.

The point is, if Frank and Jesse had to go through a screening board they couldn't stroke, and Larry might have benefited more.

HOW DOES a ballplayer find an agent or an agent find a player? It's done through "runners," friends or relatives of the players. It's done though another person of some sort. We all know who the great stars are going to be in sports. Some agents are already starting to angle when the kid's a sophomore in high school.

The unique thing about agents is that you can't do without 'em. You gotta have 'em. We all know athletes have to deal with these people, so why not make it aboveboard? That way it benefits both the athletes and the sport. There can be discussion on all points and we can help protect the kid from making a major mistake.

My idea of a board or panel isn't foolproof, but it should keep things out in the open.

WELCOME to Miller Time

Rugby schedule listed

The remainder of the Spring 1983 MTSU Rugby Football schedule:

March 12—University of the South, home, 1 p.m.

March 13—Huntsville Rugby Football Club, away, 1 p.m.

March 27—Tennessee Tech Rugby Football Club, home, 1 p.m.

April 9-10—Western Kentucky's Fish Tournament, away, time to be announced.

April 16—Nashville Rugby Football Club, away, 1 p.m.

April 21—Bermuda Touring Rugby, site, time to be announced.

April 23—Knoxville, home, 1 p.m.

April 30 and May 1—Old No. 7 Memphis in May, away, time to be announced.

May 7—seasonal banquet, home, time to be announced.

Baseball writer sought

The *Sidelines* sports staff is looking for someone to assist in covering the Blue Raider baseball team for the spring.

For more information, contact the sports editor at 898-2815 or come by Room 310 of the James Union Building.



Eight trackmen in NCAA Indoors

By STEVE PRICE
Sports Writer

MTSU track coach Dean Hayes and eight of his tracksters will travel to Detroit this weekend in search of another top-10 finish in the NCAA Indoor Track Championships.

The Raider's highest finish came in 1972 when Hayes' squad copped seventh place. The following year MTSU placed eighth, and in 1981 and 1982 the team captured 11th place.

"**ID BE** happy if we get over 10 points and, with a little luck, we could get as many as 18," Hayes predicted. "I'd say this year 12 to 14 points will be needed to get into the top 10."

MTSU's mile-relay team of Tim Johnson, Perald Ellis, Herb Newton and Gary Mitchell paved their way to the NCAA with a time of 3 minutes, 9.93 seconds at the Last Chance Invitational. Johnson also qualified in the 440-yard dash.

Miguel Williams will represent the Blue Raiders in the 60-yard high hurdles, and Orestes Meeks and Andre

Kirnes will be in the long jump.

TRIPLE-JUMPER Eddie Loyd, who made the NCAA with his leap of 53-3, has been using a 130-foot runway, but he will only have 108 feet in Detroit.

"We've been working on his adjustment for the last month," Hayes said, "and I don't think he will have any problem."

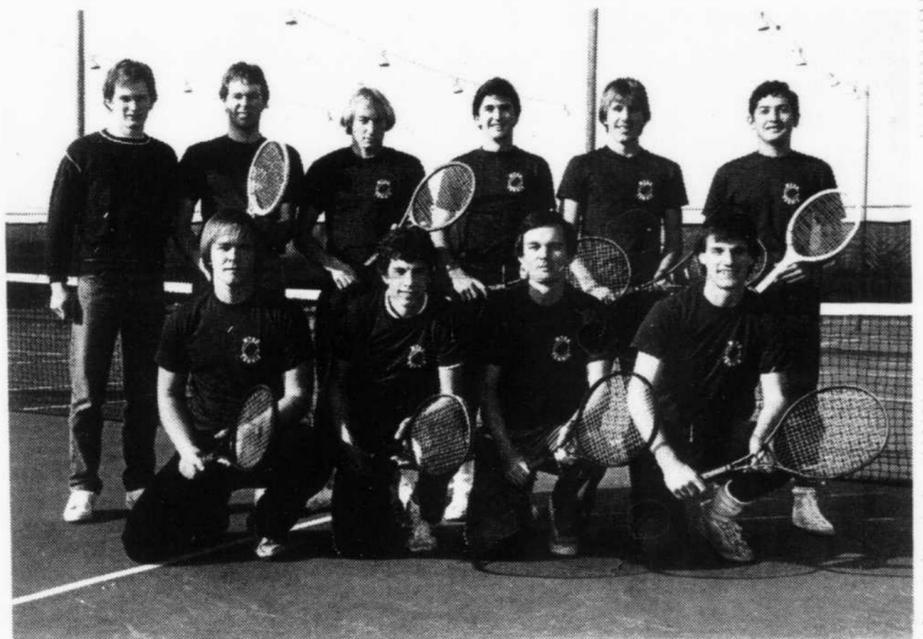
Arkansas will have the most athletes at the meet followed by SMU and Indiana, according to Hayes.

"SMU HAS five real good

quality people, and that will give them the championship right there," Hayes explained. "Nobody can score more than 40 points except them."

With tougher qualifying standards this year, Hayes feels the NCAA meet might be an anticlimax for some of the participants.

"For many of them I think it will be a little of a letdown because they're relieved that they made it," he said. "It's sort of like the Olympics because you put in so much effort to get there. Once you've made it the rest is gravy."



1983 netters

The 1983 MTSU Men's Tennis Team. Bottom row (left to right): Teddy Sauls, Mike Feltman, Jimmy Earle, Mark Tulloch.

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