

# Sidelines

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## Governor forecasts pot decriminalization

by John Pitts

Marijuana decriminalization in Tennessee "will happen soon," Governor Ray Blanton commented yesterday during an afternoon press conference.

In Murfreesboro to honor veterans at the local VA hospital, Blanton held a brief news conference, commenting on issues ranging from taxes to political conventions.

"Visit our prisons and see what is happening to our young offenders," Blanton said in reply to a question about the eventuality of marijuana decriminalization. Blanton further said he felt a majority of citizens would support such a move, while failing to say whether he would veto a marijuana bill.

Blanton branded political conventions a "circus...a farce in a democracy," while calling for a national one-day primary to choose presidential candidates. "The present system," Blanton said, "lends itself to manipulation." Blanton said regional primaries would also be better than conventions.

Blanton bewailed the state's financial woes, urging an adoption of his proposed graduated income tax.

"By April, if our financial condition stays the same, we will have to cut out the entire Medicaid program—that's 9,000 people in the streets," the governor said.

With the fourth lowest per capita tax intake in the nation, Tennessee "must have the tax," he added. "We can't take in the lowest revenues and be expected to give greater services," Blanton said.

Comparing the situation today to that of ancient Rome, Blanton said the Romans "voted themselves into bankruptcy" by continually approving more and more services.

"We are now on the outer limits of what we can do without the tax," the governor said.

Blanton's income tax plan would reduce taxes on 65 per cent of Tennesseans, hitting the higher-income citizens with a "no-loop-holes" tax, he said.

Along with the tax on incomes, food and prescription drug taxes would be cut and the sales tax would be reduced to three per cent, keeping revenue up while affecting lower income Tennesseans less, Blanton said.

"We have a situation where our veterans and elderly are living on a fixed pension and almost half of their money goes to utility bills



Gov. Ray Blanton predicts marijuana decriminalization "soon" in a Murfreesboro press conference yesterday.

Tim Hamilton Photo

alone," the governor added.

Blanton said the legislature's proposal of a new scholarship program to replace the tuition grant plan "is an exercise in futility," since the money for the plan probably will not be available.

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Blanton said he was "dedicated to the proposition" that revenues be divided fairly between the

University of Tennessee and Board of Regents' schools. "The allocation of funds this year is based on students, rather than which school it is," he added.

Blanton, a UT Knoxville graduate, said that "UT has a lot more programs" than other schools in the state, but that the others would begin to receive a fairer share, especially, the ever-growing community college system.

## ASB election commission schedules spring vote

ASB elections will be scheduled March 16-17 with run-offs set for March 18, Election Commissioner David Gilliam said last night.

Executive positions to be filled are ASB president, speaker of the senate and speaker of the house, Gilliam said.

Seventeen senatorial posts will be open, Gilliam said. The positions are two graduate senators, five senior senators, five junior senators and five sophomore senators.

Freshman senate seats will be filled during the fall semester, Gilliam said.

Petitions will be available in the ASB office Feb. 16, the commissioner said. Petitions are due March 8.

One hundred signatures are required for presidential candidates, while 75 are necessary for speaker posts, Gilliam said.

Senatorial candidates must file 25 signatures on a petition to qualify, Gilliam said. "Students may sign a petition only for candidates in their respective class," Gilliam added.

Senior candidates must have

more than 75 credit hours to qualify, junior candidates must have 45-74 credit hours, sophomore candidates must have 15-44 credit hours and graduate senators must be enrolled in graduate school.

The Election Commission voted last night to use a written ballot instead of voting machines, Gilliam said.

Members of the commission are the election commissioner and six House of Representatives members

elected by their peers.

The election commission will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the ASB office.

### Presidential poll set

A poll for the presidential candidates of both parties will be held Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the UC lobby.

## ASB to solicit student gripes

Students may air gripes to ASB representatives from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at a table set up near the Bookstore, ASB Senator Tony Petty said.

"Students don't tell us what they want ASB to do," Petty said. "With this program, students will have a chance for input into ASB."

Workers will answer questions and take complaints, Petty stated. "We hope to get a response so that ASB can move to do the will of the people."

The idea originated as a motion in the ASB Senate, Petty said. The House later voted to approve the measure.

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Judy Fox, a Nashville freshman, and Mary Tinker, a freshman from Oliver Springs, soak up the mid-winter sunshine and warm weather that has prevailed in the area for the last few days. Will it last?

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## Amendment attacks 'excessive absences'

by Trina Jones

An amendment asking for changes in the number of absences allowed ASB senators passed the student senate in its meeting Thursday night.

The proposed constitutional amendment specifies that a senator be allowed two absences per semester, either excused or unexcused, before he must appear before the Senate to show just cause why he should not go before the House to be impeached.

The amendment for the constitutional change would be put before

the student body through a general referendum.

The amendment recommends that any senator who is late for scheduled meetings more than three times have an absence put on his record for every three late showings.

Additional Senate action included the passage of an act that would require that the ASB president or a designated representative appear before the House or Senate when presidential appointees for ASB posts appear before the legislative bodies for confirmation.

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## Grant program revived

# Assistance bill clears house

by Phil West  
TCPA Correspondent

### BULLETIN

The student assistance program passed the House by a vote of 74-15 last night.

"No harmful changes" were added to the bill, according to lobbyist Nyles Ayers.

He also said an attempt to change the non-repayable grant program to a loan program failed in the House.

NASHVILLE—Supporters of a bill reinstating a Tennessee student assistance program predict passage by the House of Representatives when it considers the measure Monday night (Feb. 9).

The bill would replace the Tuition Grant Program ruled unconstitutional in 1974, would establish the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, and would bring the controversial state aid program in line with a three-judge U.S. District Court ruling. In its decision, the court ruled the program "as being in contravention of the establishment of religion clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution."

Passed by the General Assembly in 1971, the original tuition program law failed to include a "secular use" restriction. However, the court viewed the program "as direct institutional aid" and nullified the law.

"It's a matter of giving aid directly to the students or to the institutions," explained Nyles Ayers, a registered lobbyist for the Tennessee Council of Private Colleges.

Twenty-five senators are spon-

soring the senate version while numerous representatives are sponsoring the House companion bill, Ayers said.

If adopted, the proposal would release state money in "awards of non-repayable financial assistance...directly to needy undergraduate students," according to the bill. Eligible students must attend "a public college or university; a public vocational or technical institute; or a non-public college or university which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools."

"The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has recommended \$5 million for the program," Ayers explained. However, he said, "Gov. Blanton has taken no action."

Nonetheless, Ayers, explained that revenue for funding the new student assistance program will be available after the measure is approved. Legislators will have to come up with the money, he said.

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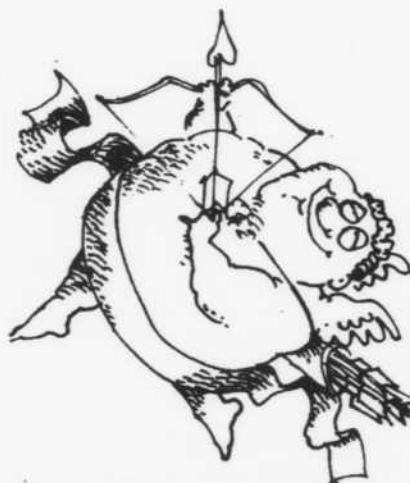
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# Pressure to market Iranian oil in U.S. causes split

by Jack Anderson  
with Joe Spear

WASHINGTON-The Shah of Iran is putting the squeeze on the United States. His oil sales have dropped more than 1.5 million barrels a day. This is costing him around \$4 billion a year in revenues that he had anticipated but isn't getting.

So the Shah is upset. He has brought quiet diplomatic pressure on the State Department to compel U.S. oil companies to market more Iranian oil. Otherwise, he has threatened to cut back his purchases of U.S. military equipment and nuclear reactors.



It is doubtful that the State Department can force the oil companies to produce more Iranian oil that they cannot

sell. The sales have fallen off because of conservation measures and mild weather.

However, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has always tried to appease the Shah. Kissinger wants to encourage American companies, therefore, to market more Iranian oil.

But his colleague in the cabinet, Secretary of the Treasury William Simon, would rather encourage American companies to reduce their Iranian production. This would give the United States more bargaining power, he has argued privately, to force the Shah to reduce oil prices.

**Imported Labor:** Thousands of faceless men and women and their anonymous children constantly move with the harvests, stopping only long enough to pick a crop and to earn enough to subsist until the next stop. They are the migrant farm laborers, who help make America the best-fed nation in history, yet they themselves are often undernourished.

At least 4,000 of these pickers, according to a Florida manpower survey, were eager to work in the fruit orchards of the East Coast last fall. They desperately needed the money.

But Virginia apple growers somehow persuaded the Labor Department to let them bring foreign fruit pickers into their orchards. The Virginia growers imported 978 Jamaican workers to pick their apple crop. This may have saved them a little money, but it deprived hungry American

migrant workers of jobs.

Why would the Labor Department discriminate against American workers? We can only point out an interesting coincidence. One of Virginia's largest apple growers happens to be the powerful Senator Harry Byrd. We have determined that the H.F. Byrd orchards hired 180 Jamaicans to pick their 1975 crop.

A spokesman told us that the Senator's brothers make all the business decisions. But whatever the circumstances, the Labor Department chose to be kind to the Senator rather than to the jobless migrant workers.

**Sky Spies:** Secret intelligence reports claim that the Soviets are using Cuban airstrips to spy on U.S. naval movements. The latest report states that two huge Soviet turboprops landed in Havana on January 23. Along the way, the planes conducted surveillance of our East Coast.

This was the 22nd time since April, 1970, that the Soviet military planes have flown to Cuba. Each time, they have engaged in aerial spying. They photograph U.S. Navy ships in ports in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. From Cuba, the Soviet

planes also fly reconnaissance missions into the south Atlantic.

Invariably, the Soviet planes are picked up on U.S. radar. U.S. interceptors rush up to meet them and often fly alongside them, snapping pictures. Sometimes, the pilots exchange signals.

These Soviet flights, of course, demonstrate that Cuba can be used as a military base. There is no evidence, however, that the Soviets have constructed permanent military facilities in Cuba.

**Crime War Cutback:** In the early 1960's, the late Attorney General Robert Kennedy turned the Justice Department's big guns against organized crime. But lately, the investigation of organized crime has been lagging.

Now, we have learned, the Justice Department is secretly preparing to eliminate the special strike forces which were established to fight organized crime. Their work will be turned over to the local U.S. attorneys. Many Justice Department officials disagree with the proposed policy. They fear it will further weaken the government's battle against the crime syndicate.

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## letters

## Student discredits 'eccentric woman's' futurism

The easiest way to deal with Mrs. Barbara Marx Hubbard would be to simply write her off as an eccentric rich woman.

When I first came into contact with her in 1973, that is what I did. I attended one of her first SYNCON conferences in Washington, D.C., where I was invited to join with others in creating a vision of the future through what she calls 'synergistic convergence,' a term which she likens to consensus and I came to liken to manipulation.

You see, at one point in the conference there was a discussion of how best to learn about the environment. Her "moderator" was strongly suggesting that the space program yielded us the best

evidence about closed systems.

I suggested that more information could be gained by investing the money and energy into studies on earth. The next thing that happened was one of her "staff" told me that if I didn't shut up, he would take me outside.

So much for democracy. My mistaken assumption was that people would quickly realize that her SYNCON's are stacked and she would be discredited.

Unfortunately, the reverse is true. By combining a vision of the future which is plausible with her SYNCON technique she has created an overall effect that Adolph Hitler

would have been proud of.

She promises not only a "chicken-in-every-pot," but "self-actualization" for all (part of which is freedom from all but "creative" activity). Most ecologists would refute her first promise as being beyond the energy capacities of the planet, but since many people don't believe ecologists, let me deal for a second with her second promise.

If, as she suggests, machines do all the "non-creative" work, the question arises, who will build and control the machines, who will decide what the "creative goals" of the society are that we will spend our time on, and perhaps most

importantly, of all on her vision of high technology, who will control the communications network?

Mrs. Hubbard thinks she knows and she thinks it is her. As for me, as admirable as I find many of her goals, I'm getting tired of being part of other people's plans.

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(Editor's Note: Barbara Marx Hubbard addressed the Ideas and Issues Emphasis Symposium Feb. 4).

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## Press, public should let Monroe 'rest in peace'

Our modern day press which keeps us so informed on the day to day activities of many renowned and famous people, should learn to restrain themselves from nosing into everyone else's private lives.

Such is the case of Norma Jean Baker (Marilyn Monroe). I feel that this movie, along with many articles that have been written about her, exploit her life into such that her even going to the john becomes public.

I feel that the press, along with the public, should finally let her

rest in peace. I mean, face it—would you want your private life shown to millions of people across America?

I feel that this exploitation has been used as a cheap means of making a few bucks for a lot of cheap writers who sit behind type-writers with nothing else to write about than someone's private life.

Such is the case of the so-called writers who have published many articles about the affair, if there ever was one, between Marilyn

Monroe and John F. Kennedy.

Although this was an excellent movie, and although it seemed to portray Miss Monroe very well, it did pry into an area of her life that should never have been pried into. I feel that no human being on earth should have their life picked apart in such a manner.

I hope the writers, the publishers and the public have gotten their guts full. I hope that after seeing this movie everyone can truly say, "Goodbye Norma Jean."

Justin Strong Box 4104



# Ideas & Issues

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## McCall says states must stress conservation goals

by Frank White

"The key to the future is survival and not how many bombs we have," Tom McCall, former governor of Oregon, told the final session of the Ideas and Issues symposium Thursday night in the DA auditorium.

Due to the predominance of the Republican Convention delegates and the poor showing of MTSU students, the last session of the symposium was turned into a political convention type gathering.

In looking toward this country's third century, McCall said, "We must be realistic and face the problems of today."

"What matters now more than anything is how we treat the world or what is left of it," McCall said.

Conservation legislation must be the goal of every state, McCall said. "We must plan ahead while there is still something left," he said. "We must have leadership in passing conservation legislation."

"Problems have to be foreseen and not experienced," McCall explained. "Impact statements must be done thoroughly and should be taken seriously."

"Most politicians today use impact statements to talk the opposition to death," he said.

The cost of cleaning up is rising every day, McCall said. "Inflation ups the cost of clean-up 20 per cent each year," he said.

"The cost of pollution will have to be paid someday," the conser-



Tom McCall

vationist said, "and it might as well be today."

McCall's statement of "Come to visit us but don't come to live," became a motto for the state of Oregon. He called this the most profound statement he ever made.

"I'm not opposed to new industry," McCall explained, "but

it must be clean. We plan to keep our state clean and green."

"The American theory of bigger and better isn't valid anymore," McCall said. "We have to have quality."

McCall tells visitors if they like Oregon to take the ideas of conservation back to their own state. "The same formula used in Oregon can work in any state," he said.

The "visit but don't stay" slogan didn't stop tourism in Oregon. In fact, tourism increased from 9 million to 12 million in the year after the statement was made, according to McCall. "People from California say they like what we are doing to their vacationland," he claimed.

Environmental and conservation legislation has developed 1,100,000 jobs and closed 14,000 jobs, McCall said.

"We must work gingerly with nuclear plants," McCall said. "I feel we should work cautiously, developing one plant at a time."

"After we see how the first plant works, then we should make plans for the next one," he explained. "The plants should be built by one company and not several different ones. Only in this way can the experience of earlier plants be

carried on the building of future plants."

Tennessee's plan to build 14 plants simultaneously was termed a "spiraling problem" by McCall.

"When you build to overproduce, the excess production will be used—it's a self-fulfilling prophecy. I think it is also an unnecessary problem," McCall said.

"We must develop alternative plans to nuclear energy and have all possible options open," he said. "We have to make sacrifices now for the future."

McCall also discussed his position on marijuana decriminalization. While governor of Oregon, he signed a bill reducing penalties for possession of less than one pound of marijuana to a fine of up to \$100 and no criminal record. "This relieves the police from chasing kids and gives them time to chase criminals," McCall said.

"Any state can pass progressive legislation for environmental legislation and marijuana decriminalization," McCall said. "It just takes a lot of people doing a lot of work."

Tennessee does not presently have an attitude "conducive to marijuana and conservation legislation," McCall added.

## Lax judiciary encourages crime, Sorrentino claims

by Frank White

Even though many people predict violence is abating in America, Joe Sorrentino told an Ideas and Issues symposium audience in the DA Auditorium last Thursday violence is becoming "more enraged."

"It is predicted that Peter Fonda will replace John Wayne as a national idol," Sorrentino said. "But I don't feel this is valid."

"Violence is up across the nation and murder has doubled in the past ten years," he explained.

Sorrentino said he feels that laws are getting too lax and judges are helping the criminal too often. "Presently, there are too many 'Cut-em-loose Bruce' and 'Let-em-go Joe' judges," he said.

"A good judge today is one who moves cases through as fast as possible," according to Sorrentino. "If a judge takes time to evaluate each case, he is considered inept."

Because of lax laws and lenient judges, Sorrentino predicts collect-

ive self-defense groups will develop in communities. "This has already taken place in the form of posse committees in California," according to Sorrentino.

"These posse committees, much like old west posses, seek out criminal offenders and enforce their own justice," Sorrentino said.

Sorrentino sees a reversal of the loose justice trend by the year 2000. By 2000, he expects mandatory sentencing for felonies.

"I don't think the Hearst case will be important by the year 2000," he predicted. "F. Lee Bailey has stacked the deck and has developed a science of choosing the jury. Patty Hearst will most likely be acquitted."

Because of stacked juries that are so prevalent, Sorrentino sees an abolition of juries in the future.

"The increase of bombing will cause a reinstatement of the death penalty," he says. "This has already happened in some states."

"Petty crimes are covering the courts and don't allow judges to be free on major offenses," Sorrentino

said. "Judges have too many responsibilities."

The former prisoner hopes to see massive changes in the penal systems. "They have to change," he said. "They aren't working now. Rehabilitation is a failure."

Massachusetts is a forerunner in penal reform, according to Sorren-



Joe Sorrentino

tino. Prisoners are being sent to private schools and the ancient "warehouse jails" are being dismantled in that state.

"Prisons will become more scientific and will use more chemical therapy and electronic treatment," he said. "However, people will always be apathetic on prison reform."

Sorrentino describes his life story as "one in a million" but still feels people can get ahead with guts and determination.

The Harvard valedictorian is an award winning author of *The Concrete Cradle*, *The Moral Revolution*, and *Up From Never*. He has presided over hundreds of trials as a juvenile court referee and as a municipal court judge pro tem.

By age 20 he had failed out of high school, was unemployed and had received a bad discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps.

He has served time in a New York reformatory, the Raymond Street jail, a Marine brig and Parris Island padded cell.

Sorrentino later re-entered the Marine Corps and then received a law degree from Harvard. "It was harder to get into the Marine Corps after a bad discharge than to get into Harvard," Sorrentino said.

## SUB vending machines rifled

Vandals entered the Student Union Building during the weekend and made off with an undetermined amount of money from the vending machines, according to Cpt. Gary Miller of the security department.

SUB cafeteria manager Jack McCormick left his office around 11 Saturday morning and when he returned at 5 that afternoon, the safe had been tampered with, according to SUB manager Avery Smith.

Vending machine thefts have been going on for some time but "in no specific area," according to Miller.

"As of yet, we haven't been able to develop any suspects," Miller said.

"We aren't really sure," Miller said, "but we don't think students are involved. Students may be involved in some of it, but we just have a 'gut' feeling that they aren't doing it all."

"These thefts are an expense and inconvenience to students," Miller said. "Students should help by watching out for their own things and helping watch everyone else's things."

"We depend quite heavily on students reporting anything that looks suspicious. Even if it is unfounded or a mistake, we would rather check it out than have a theft," Miller added.

## AAUP to discuss peer evaluations

Peer evaluations will be the topic of discussion when the American Association of University Professors meet at 7:30 tonight in the faculty lounge of the Student Union Building.

MTSU faculty and personnel Donald South, Edwin Voorhies, Roy Shelton and Paul Hutcheson will lead the panel discussion.



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# 'No further action planned in teachers' cases

by Trina Jones

No further action will be recommended in the cases of two university professors who were not reappointed for the 1976-77 academic year, it was announced in a meeting of the Faculty Senate yesterday.

After extensive investigation of the non-reappointment cases of sociology professor Sun Ho Kim and education professor Juana Burton, committee spokesmen suggested that no further action by the Faculty Senate would be justified.

No evidence of racial discrimination could be found in the non-reappointment of Kim, June Anderson, spokesman for the three-person committee investigating Kim's grievances, told the

faculty senators.

Kim, who has been with the university since 1969, charged that his non-reappointment by department chairman Donald South was discriminatory and that evaluations made by the chairman were "inconsistent and arbitrary."

"The committee found no procedural violations," Anderson said. "Kim was caught up in unfortunate circumstances, in that the department has changed its purpose and he (Kim) no longer serves that purpose."

In the committee's report, it was noted that South's decision was reached after informal consultation with the tenured faculty in the department and the majority did not recommend the granting of tenure to Kim.

Anderson told the senators that

the report noted Kim had been led to believe that he had been doing well in the previous six years he had been with the university.

The committee report suggests that staff members should be notified long before they are eligible for tenure if their performance is inadequate, Anderson said.

The committee investigating charges made by Burton filed their official report with the Senate, stating that they did not feel it in the Senate's competence "to pass judgements on the merits of a given department's decision."

Burton charged that the evaluation of her performance by the by the department chairman, Ralph White, was arbitrary and inaccurate, and that White's decision was formulated without "appropriate consultation" of the department's tenured faculty.

Headed by Merrill Pratt, the committee charged with examining Burton's case reported that it could find no evidence to support the allegation that the input of the education department's tenure and promotion advisory committee was not given due consideration by White.

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# Assistant VP's confirmed by Regents

by Janet Basse

The State Board of Regents confirmed the appointments of Dr. James K. Huhta and Dr. Mary Tom Berry as assistant vice presidents for academic affairs last week, according to an announcement Friday by Jack Carlton, academic vice president.

Carlton said the assignments are for two or three years and then will rotate to other qualified faculty members.

"It has been recognized since the time of my arrival that this office needed this kind of assistance," Carlton said.

Huhta and Berry were chosen "from a number of qualified people on campus interested in academic administrative experience," Carlton said.

The vice presidencies are half-time positions, with both professors retaining teaching loads, according to Carlton.

Although areas of responsibility for each assistant could not be specified by Carlton, he said Berry is gathering materials for the university catalog and Huhta is involved in the faculty evaluation program.

"As different things come up, they will be assigned duties," Carlton said. "I feel that by participating in overlapping functions both will gain a more complete experience."

Berry, a professor of education, earned her BA from Blue Mountain College, MA from the University of Southern Mississippi and PhD from the University of Alabama.

A native of Mississippi, Berry joined the MTSU faculty in 1960.

Huhta, a professor of history, joined MTSU's faculty in 1965 and directs the university's sequence in historic preservation.

A native of Ohio, Huhta earned his BA from Baldwin-Wallace College and his MA and PhD from the University of North Carolina.

## Acts eyed for spring concert

The Eagles, Paul Simon, Art Garfunkel and the Beach Boys were some of the names listed as possible entertainers in a spring concert by the Special Events Selection Board at a recent meeting.

Various entertainers placed on a list for spring concerts in Murphy Center also included Barbara Streisand, Bee Gees, Spinners, Average White Band, America and Billy Joel.

A series of mini-concerts for the UC theatre was also discussed at the meeting.

The concert series will start in

the early part of March and continue through the semester.

Mini-concerts will provide students with entertainment at a low price by featuring some lesser known talent.

## Legal aid refunds

Students who have not picked up their legal aid refund should come to the ASB office this week between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., President Ted Helberg said.

Twenty-four students have not picked up their refund, he said.

## Campus Calendar

Today

Movie: "Alice in Wonderland;" 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.; UC theatre  
AAUP: 7:30 p.m.; Faculty Lounge, SUB  
Fun Night: "Cock Robin;" 8 p.m.; Tennessee Room, SUB

Tomorrow

GED Test: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; UC 314  
Movie: "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid;" 3:30, 6 & 8:15 p.m.; UC theatre  
ASB House of Representatives: 4:30 p.m.; UC 322

## VP approves change in job description


A change in job descriptions for the associate dean of students in men's affairs and the assistant dean of students was approved by Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance last week.

The associate dean will handle problems of handicapped students and theft on campus, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said.

All aspects of the Inter-fraternity Council will be assumed by the assistant dean, Cantrell said.

The changes will be effective when the assistant's post is filled, Cantrell added.

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# Lawyer denounces TVA state damming operations

by John Pitts

Someday in the future, the Tennessee Valley Authority could decide to dam and flood the entire Middle Tennessee basin, placing Nashville and MTSU under 100 feet of water.

Worse, nobody could stop them.

A shocking look at the power of the TVA and its misuse at the expense of the environment was provided by 1975 "Conservationist of the Year" Frank Fly said during an interview in his local law office yesterday.



Frank Fly

Fly has concentrated a lot of effort into environmental law during his short career and was a major part of a lawsuit leveled last year at the TVA which is still under appeal.

Much of Fly's experience in the environmental area comes from a major battle over the damming of the state's Duck River, the longest river in the Eastern United States, a damming that is over half completed.

The TVA began research into the feasibility of damming the Duck River in 1966, and in 1968 concluded that the project was not worth the expense, Fly said. Suddenly, in 1972, the TVA began buying land to place a pair of dams, the Normandy and Columbia, on the 289-mile long river. An environmental impact study by the TVA revealed that the project could

be done without serious harm.

"What they did was flood 42,000 acres of prime agricultural land to create an unneeded flat water recreational site," Fly said.

TVA estimates put the loss of farm revenue at \$6.1 million per year, while incoming recreational revenue is never expected to rise above \$175,000, Fly said.

A number of miscalculations made by the TVA during the preparing of the impact statement were subsequently discovered but never officially corrected. Fly said these included an approximation of the population of adjoining land in the future, the demands for flat water recreational areas, the need for river canoeing facilities and water use estimates for industry.

A TVA study put the population of the four-county area the Duck runs through at 350,000 by the year 2000, but a census projection put the figure 100,000 persons below that, Fly pointed out.

Despite TVA claims that the newly-formed lake would be well-used, a Department of Transportation study revealed that one of every six cars to pass the lake would have to stop and put a boat on the water to assure proper utilization, Fly said. An upswing in demand for canoeing water was miscalculated by the TVA, resulting in over 100,000 potential canoes being left out "in the cold," Fly said.

Finally, the TVA miscalculated water flow demands and as a result, water flow in the lake would be only 25 per cent of what would be needed by most industries coming in the state.

When the TVA bought the land, they paid a maximum of \$325 an

acre for land that would normally sell for \$1000 an acre and up, the lawyer-conservationist added.

"There is no supervision" of the TVA, Fly said, blaming a lack of control on the TVA's seeming misuse of powers. "In the years since the TVA was formed, they have made 40 major impoundments amounting to 638,000 acres of water. That forms 11,000 miles of shore line (equivalent to more than all the Great Lakes combined), he added.

"They've got to be busy doing something to justify their existence," Fly commented about the TVA. "You're going to see a

change...the TVA must be reckoned with if the people of Tennessee are to determine their own destiny."

Fly, born a farmer's son on the Duck River in Maury County, sees the great river land as "irreplaceable." "It goes back to our forefathers, they found this land and farmed it, and we must deal with the abuses the TVA has heaped upon us," he added.

"I'm proud of the heritage (of the state) and I resent that the government has taken upon itself to alter our economy from primarily agricultural to primarily industrial," Fly concluded.

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# 'Odd man's poet' weaves lyrical tales for DA crowd

by John Pitts

John Prine is the odd man's poet.

Lonely old folks, alcoholics, junkies, marijuana smokers, scorned lovers, people in search of things that don't exist, even folks with upset stomachs—Prine sings his songs to all of these.

Supporting a concert single-handedly is no small feat, but Prine and front act Dick Feller did it and pleased the capacity Drama-

tic Arts Auditorium crowd in the process Friday night.

Prine ran madly onto the stage to open his set, pausing a moment to prime up his acoustic guitar, and drove right into "Spanish Pipe

## Review

Dream," a tale of a young man "on the road to alcohol." He meets up with a topless dancer "with something up her sleeve" and gets mar-

ried, finding happiness ever after.

Without a word, Prine sang another song, shifting his weight back and forth while playing like a five-year-old who needed to go to the bathroom. When he finally spoke, his low mumbling delivery amused the already laughing audience.

Prine then sang "Illegal Smile," a thinly-disguised tale of smoking marijuana and "Sam Stone," a sad look at a veteran "with a purple heart and a monkey on his back."

"Dear Abby" was probably the best crowd-pleasing number Prine performed. It is a clever tale of three maladjusted people who suffer from bewilderment, unhappiness, a noisy stomach and an early marriage. Abby answers all the letters the same:

"You have no complaint, you are what you are and you ain't what you ain't; so listen up buster and listen up good; stop wishing for bad luck and knocking on wood. Signed; Dear Abby."

Prine wrapped up his concert with several favorites: "Pretty Good," "Hello in There" and "Paradise," a tale of Prine's Kentucky hometown and how it was destroyed by strip mining.

Songwriter-composer Dick Feller was really the surprise of the concert. "An unknown songwriter and all-around crazy person" by his own admission, Feller delighted the audience with his

fancy guitar work and funny-sad lyrics.

Feller sang such songs as "Uncle Hiram and His Famous Homemade Beer," "A Little Bluesy Kind of Song" and a favorite "I'd Like to Meet the Man Who Invented the Coin Machine."

Feller's lyrics are great. How



John Prine

about "Life is just a rat race, but the damned old rats are gaining everyday."

A former member of what he called "Red Rectum and his Bad Ass Band and Anal Tabernacle Choir," Feller ended his part of the concert with "a weird thing," a driving, emotional song about the city late at night.

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# King brings 'natural woman' glow to Vandy gym

by Lisa Marchesoni

"She can be sweet and she can be mean but she can never be had."

The ads promoting Carole King's concert Saturday at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym left the impression of a willful woman with a diversified personality.

## Review

But Carole King provided her audience with a tremendous concert most listeners only dream about.

Some artists perform on stage with an air of routine. But King gained immediate rapport with her capacity audience with colorful quips and comments.

King opened with "Song of Long Ago." The entertainer dedicated the second selection, "Beautiful," to the "people who want to talk while I'm singing."

During the first set, King and her piano soloed in well-known favorites like "Tapestry," "So Far Away" and "Been to Canaan."

King promoted her latest album, "Thoroughbred," by mixing older selections with new cuts like "Alabaster Lady," "There's a Space Between Us" and "Daughter of Light."

In "Smackwater Jack," novice guitar player King strummed "the only three chords I know."

Much to the audience's delight, King and her band of "seven

crazies" "got down" in the second set by performing with less formality.

Selections of the set included "Music," "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?" and "Locomotion."

King's last selection, "I Feel the Earth Move," was coordinated with an outstanding light show.

Following a standing ovation,

King returned with the band to encore with all-time favorite "You've Got a Friend" and "Only Love Is Real."

With the audience demanding a second encore, King reappeared alone to sing "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman."

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We played our hearts out—Earle

# Austin Peay stops MTSU giant killer act 79-77

by Chuck Cavalaris  
Sports Editor

Scrappy throughout but battle-worn and weary at the end, Middle Tennessee tried desperately to pull out a second straight cloak and dagger upset in as many games only to fall 79-77 to conference leading Austin Peay last night.

## SIDELINES

### SPORTS

It was the Govs' first win in Murphy Center, witnessed by an active throng of 10,200, and came on the heels of the Raiders' shocking 71-65 upset of Western Kentucky Saturday night.

"I thought we fought our hearts out," Jimmy Earle said after the loss to APSU. He added that no one should "hang their heads low" after the loss that "could have gone either way."

On three different occasions in the second half the Raiders fought back after trailing by seven, six and nine points to get within a whisker of the Govs but could not gain the lead.

That was mainly due to the outside shooting and inside alertness of APSU freshman Sam Drummer who finished with 25 points.

He was supported by Otis Howard with 15 and Charlie

Fishback's 14; including a pair of free throws which iced the game with :12 to play.

High point honors in the game went to the Raiders' needle-sharp Tim Sisneros at 26. In his last two outings Sisneros has totaled 58 points.

"We attacked their zone with crisp passing and Drummer's long range shooting was really a shot in

the arm," winning Coach Lake Kelly said afterwards. He added the difference in the game was the Governors' "shot selection and our play under the boards."

The taller and more muscular Govs controlled the errant shots to the tune of 42-25. Peay's hatchetman Gary Green led all rebounders with nine. Otis Howard was next at eight and Sisneros paced MTSU

with six.

The extra rebounds helped APSU take ten more shots from the field, connecting on two more than MTSU who hit 33 of 58 for 56.8 per cent.

At the charity stripe, the Raiders were 11 of 15 while Austin Peay made nine of 14 foul shots. The Raiders committed 12 floor mistakes to Peay's 15.

"One thing that mystifies me," Earle said, "is how Austin Peay can play a pressure man-to-man full court press and not foul, but we can in a zone."

Coming of age with each game as the floor general, according to Earle, guard Lewis Mack scored eight points and tossed a game high six assists before fouling out with five minutes to play.

Sleepy Taylor and Freddie Allen hit 13 apiece each, sharing a spree during the second half.

John Bonner was the Raiders' second leading scorer at 14 as MTSU put four players in the twin figure area.

Against Western Kentucky Saturday night, the Raiders opened up an 18-point lead early in the second half but had to cash in foul shots late to fight off the 'Toppers.

It was the second MTSU victory in a row on the Hilltoppers' home floor after a 42-year win drought.

Saturday the Raiders hit the road to face East Tennessee before going against Tennessee Tech in Cookeville Monday night.

Tickets to the Tech-MTSU clash will go on sale in the ticket office at Murphy Center Wednesday at 8 a.m. They are \$2 each.



Sleepy Taylor gets a step on Austin Peay's Calvin Garret on his way to a lay-up that cut the Governors to 62-60 in the second half. Peay won to stay atop the OVC race with an 8-1 record. Tim Hamilton Photo

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# Four consecutive mat wins pleasing: Connell

## Party planned for Pizza Hut balloters

Coach Gordon Connell is happy. His Middle Tennessee matmen chalked-up four matches in a two-day span over the weekend to up the season mark to 16-8.

The next home match for Middle Tennessee will be on Feb. 19, with another quadrangular. The Raiders will be pitted with Chattanooga State, Memphis State and Tennessee Tech.

"We are very pleased with the weekend," Connell said smilingly afterwards. "Our guys did a fine job considering some were tired. They will get a couple of well-deserved days off."

At Eastern Kentucky Friday, the Raider grapplers stung the Colonels 32-22.

In quadrangular action at Murphy Center Saturday afternoon, Middle Tennessee managed a 29-17 win over Georgetown and rolled to a 36-7 crushing of the University of the South and a 33-12 romp past Southern Tech.

In the Georgetown match, Frank Simpson at 134 pounds and 142 pounder Mike Kuziola scored major decisions as the Raiders swept, as has been the case several times this season, the first six weight classes.

Triple winners for the Raiders were Mike Osborne, Pat Simpson, Frank Simpson, Kuziola, Scott and Jeff Adcock.

In the other matches, Southern Tech dropped the University of the South 27-24, and lost to Georgetown 33-16. Georgetown ripped the University of the South 44-12.

MTSU's grapplers return to action in the SEIWA Tournament at Chattanooga on Friday and Saturday.

The pattern of six straight wins was kept intact for the match against the University of the South as well.

WMTS AM-FM and Gamma Beta Phi are sponsoring a ballot marking party for Tim Sisneros this Thursday from 6:30-10 p.m. in the TV studio of LRC.

An all-out effort is being made by the two radio stations and GBF to get people to mark ballots for Sisneros, according to Bob Mather of Stereo 96 and Barry Thomas, program director of WMTS AM.

Albums will be given away every 15 minutes along with other prizes donated by local merchants. The prizes will range from free meals to a raquetball raquet.

In addition, Stereo 96 will provide Disco music during the ballot-marking session.

Campus organizations and Murfreesboro residents are invited to attend and have a chance at any of the prizes.

"We feel that this should be a different and more enticing approach to give Sisneros all the help we can," Thompson said.

"We hope everyone will come out and have a lot of fun marking ballots," said Thompson.

At this point in the season, Sisneros is leading the Raiders in scoring with a 19.7 average and in rebounding with a 9.1 average.



Mike "Superstar" Kuziola concentrates on a pin in wrestling action this weekend at Murphy Center. Kuziola was successful as he managed one in a mere 47 seconds.

The Raiders swept four matches over the weekend, hiking the season record to 16-8 in the third year of wrestling at MTSU.

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**Co-Rec Innertube Water Basketball Meeting:** A required meeting will be held at the IM office on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 4:15 p.m. for all representatives of co-rec water basketball teams. Teams will be signed up and there will be an explanation of playing rules given at the meeting.

**Men's Volleyball Meeting:** The organizational meeting for men's volleyball will be held on Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the AM Gym, room 202. All representatives of teams interested in playing in the volleyball activity are required to attend the organizational meeting to sign up their teams.

**Women's Flag Football:** All women interested in fielding a team in the women's flag football leagues are required to have a representative attend the organizational meeting on Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m. in room 204 of the AM gym.

## Go 2-2 at Memphis State

### Raiderettes split in tourney

by Ed Arning  
Assistant Sports Editor

Posting a 2-2 record, the MTSU women's basketball team placed fourth in the six-team field in the Memphis State Invitational Tournament this weekend.

Opening against the Memphis State JVs, the Raiderettes were never in doubt as they whipped the host's junior squad, 77-35, behind Bonnie Angus' 14 points.

Mississippi State beat Murray State 58-43 in the only other first round action. Memphis State and Mississippi University for Women both drew byes.

In second round action, MTSU lost to MUW 72-63. The Raiderettes were led by Angus with 15 points, Sharon McClanahan 13, Jan Zitney 12 and Stephanie Johnson 11. McClanahan also picked off 19 rebounds.

"I knew we would play one of the two tough Mississippi schools before it was over," Jones said. MTSU ended up playing both of them.

Memphis State downed Mississippi State 79-58 to move into the championship match against MUW.

MTSU was paired with Murray

State in the first round of the consolation bracket.

The Raiderettes moved on to a 64-57 victory over the Racers behind McClanahan's 20 points. Johnson added 18 and Angus 10.

Mississippi State beat the Memphis State JV 72-51 to advance opposite the Raiderettes in the consolation finals.

"We played real good offense during the tourney, but we are still inexperienced on defense," Jones said.

Mississippi State beat the Raiderettes 78-73 in the battle for third place. Angus ripped the nets for 24 points to pace the team. McClanahan added 14 and Zitney 10 to the MTSU cause.

Memphis State won the tourney with a 83-74 victory over MUW.

"I feel like we learned a lot," Jones said, "and our reserves did a great job."

Angus and Zitney represented MTSU on the All-Tournament Team.

Stephanie Johnson was named Player of the Week for her effort in the victory over Murray State at Murray last week.

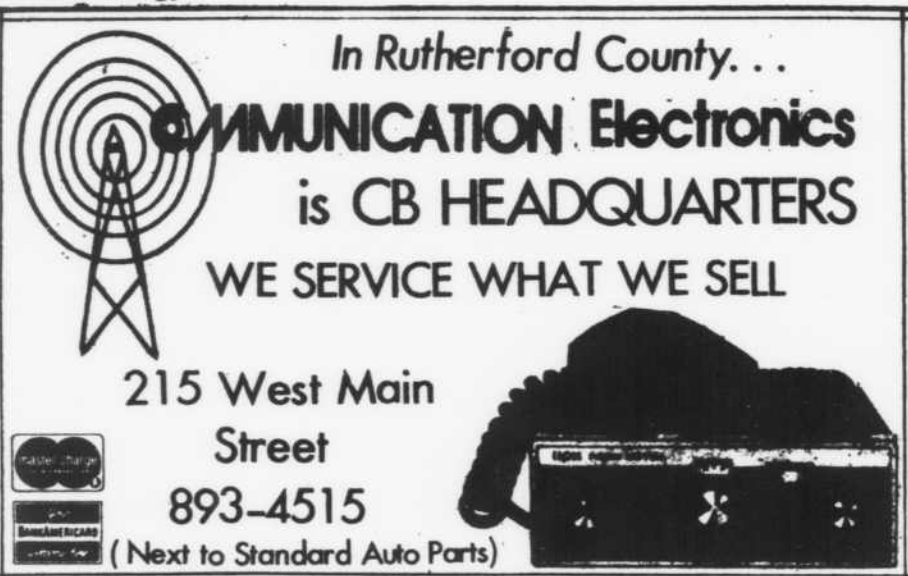
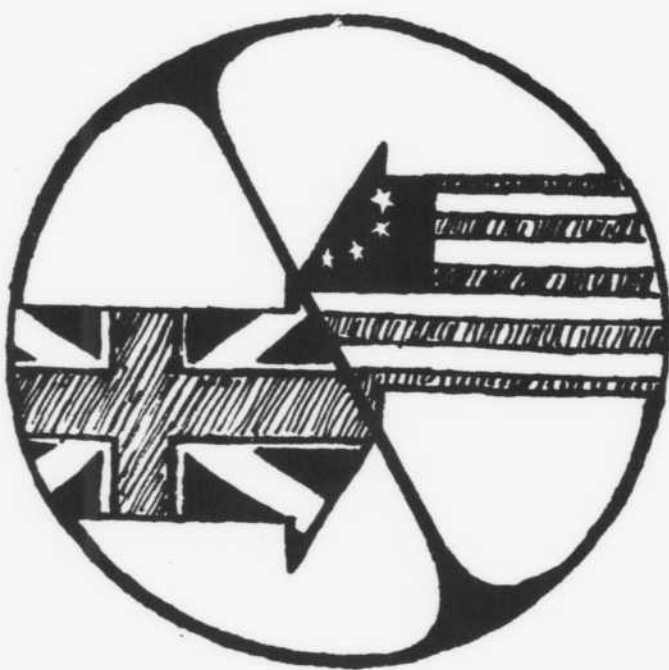
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# Many variables decide home hardwood supremacy

by John Pitts

The Homecourt Advantage: Myth or fact?

Hardly a season goes by in basketball that someone doesn't mention the mysterious thing known as "homecourt advantage," and it seems that every team has it, from Notre Dame to Sewanee, from Vanderbilt to Junior Pro squads.

And yet every season some team slips into the confines of a huge opposing gym and pulls off an upset victory. Western Kentucky and Austin Peay both came into Murphy and rolled back the Raiders, yet the Raiders beat Western at their lair.

Perhaps it's not a homecourt advantage as such but the mental attitude of the players involved. At least one Ohio Valley Conference coach has some opinions on the mysterious things that can happen to a basketball team.

"I've heard a lot of things said about the homecourt advantage," commented Raider coach Jimmy Earle, whose Raiders had a 33-game win streak at home broken recently by UT Chattanooga.

"The crowd being there can really get the team cranked up," the head coach said. "There is a mystique there, but I don't know if the home court really provides a great advantage," Earle said.

Although teams invading Murphy Center may have a tough time beating the Blue, the Raiders have to go on the road to other teams' gyms as well, Earle noted. A "mental toughness approach" helps gear a team for the verbal harassment it will receive, he added.

"The homecourt advantage is really great in the small gyms," Earle said, using the old "Red Barn" of Austin Peay as an example. An ancient structure, the concrete steam bath accommodated only about 3,500 people, most of them Peay fans.

"Some coaches just keep drilling 'on the road' into their players," Earle noted. "I think that some coaches, myself included, use the road as an excuse. It's overemphasized."

Earle conceded that officials' calls sometimes were harder on the



A near capacity crowd at last night's MTSU-Austin Peay contest played a major role in helping the Raiders to almost upset the conference leading Govs.

visiting team. "You have to alter your style of coaching on the road.

"I don't think you prepare any differently" for an away game, Earle said. "Playing on the road does offer its challenges."

While working as an assistant coach at MTSU, Earle worked with a player who "was super" when playing at home, but not effective on the road. At the same time, he has coached men who "played their best basketball on the road."

Possible homecourt advantages are "discussed everywhere you go," and in many cases they would seem to exist.

"Two years ago when we were

getting ready to play Austin Peay in the Little Red Barn," Earle recalls, "I decided to practice with the players in the Old Gym here. We had a good workout and I thought everything was fine, and we went up to Peay and got blown out.

"I thought we had simulated the little gym well," Earle said sheepishly.

Crowds often throw taunts (and solid objects) at the opposing players, and Earle complimented the Murphy Center crowd for "being under good control." "I don't think our crowds get too involved," Earle said, comparing the local crowd to others around the

league and pronouncing MTSU's crowd to "be like angels compared to them."

Earle admits that the bus trips to faraway conference locations like Murray and ETSU can take a toll on players, adding to the advantages of the team at home. "You can tell the effects on a Monday night following a Saturday road trip—their legs are nearly gone."

Raider center Tim Sisneros "knows the crowd is there," but he tries to let it have "no effect." "People yell all kinds of things at you when you are warming up," he said, "but once the game is started you concentrate on it."

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