Monday night fire at Cummings apparent hoax

by Steve Miller and Ted Rayburn

A fire reported in Cummings Hall Monday night was a "false alarm" set off by a prank telephone call, according to Associate Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake.

Acting on an anonymous tip that a matress was on fire in one of the rooms, eight firefighting units, along with members of the Murfreesboro City and university police departments rushed to the high-rise dorm at 11:10 p.m.

After the students were evacuated from the rooms to the lobby, police and firemen searched all floors, only to find no burning matress.

"It was definitely a prank," according to Isabelle Jones, head resident at Cummings Hall. "They (police and firemen) checked all the rooms and didn't find anything. But I did hear someone in the lobby mention something about smoke from the incinerator."

Attempts to determine the identity of the caller have so far been unsuccessful, Shewmake said. Though some emergency calls are recorded, this one, "unfortunately, was not," he added.

Fire department dispatcher Larry Roston, on duty at the time of the "prank," stated that "the caller sounded like a middle-aged female. She said there was a matress on fire at Cummings Hall and to "please hurry out here."

"I don't feel like it was a false alarm...she sounded scared to death," Rosten said.

The "false alarm" Monday was one of several since last fall that have been determined to be a prank. In addition occasional fire drills in several dorms, including Cummings, have added to students' confusion. Jones noted recent poor support from the dorm residents.

"We've had nine fire drills since August. At the last one less than 10 came down," Jones said.

Students' response Monday night may have been no exception, shewmake said. One person was thought to have remained in her room throughout the incident.

"I was even told one person slept through the whole blamed thing," Shewmake said.

Cummings residents were told to remain in the lobby after leaving

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Sarver may reapply as head coach

by John Pitts Sports Editor

One of the applicants for the job opening to be created by the dismissal of women's basketball coach Pat Sarver will probably be Sarver herself, Sidelines has learned.

Sarver, a first-year head coach who will lose her coaching job at the end of the season and her teaching position June 30, consented to an exclusive interview Thursday afternoon.

At the beginning of the session, Sarver noted "I made a statement that I didn't want to say anything about the situation until the season was over.

"But too many individuals have come to me and said they want the truth out in the open. The players are going to have to cope with it, and maybe by talking about it now, something can be done," Sarver explained.

The experience of losing her job just days before the season started, being reinstated the next day and then having her teaching contract terminated a month later has "put a personal drain on me...both mentally and physically," the coach said.

"I'm personally tired of going all over the state and hearing all about the reasons for why I was dismissed ...I was the black sheep of the program from the minute I stepped in. I was the scapegoat last year, the scapegoat this year and I will probably be the scapegoat next year," Sarver said.

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This saxophonist closes his eyes for emphasis at the Phi Mu Alpha Stage Show last night. [Photo by Robin Rudd]



Women's basketball coach Pat Sarver

Insecurity of contract may keep black faculty away

by Valorie Vaughn

Despite the opinion of some department chairmen that higher salaries are luring black instructors to schools other than MTSU, resident black faculty members disagree.

Statements appearing in the Jan. 31 issue of Sidelines by mass communications department head Edward Kimbrell and accounting and information systems chairman Harold Wilson claim that black professors are in such demand that they are able to accept positions at larger universities.

The larger schools can offer higher salaries with which MTSU "can't compete," according to Vice President for Administration Lynn Haston.

However, black instructor Rhynette Hurd feels the problem is contractual rather than financial. "I think the salary at MTSU is competitive for the state of Tennessee," Hurd said.

Hurd was offered a one-year non-tenured temporary assignment when she applied for a job here. The contract stipulated that after one year of teaching at MTSU, she could either be dismissed or reappointed to another one-year con-

"I almost did not come to MTSU because of that kind of a contract... it gives you such a degree of insecurity," Hurd said.

Hurd, an assistant professor of English, decided to accept the position after she found she could do comparative analysis research as part of the job.

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ASB gives proposals for longer library hours

Late closing for one week trial sought by rep

by Steve Miller

ASB House members voted in Thursday's meeting to continue to urge officials to extend library hours.

A suggestion by house member Danny Dunkelberger to request the library extend its hours for a one week trial basis was considered, but not included in the final vote.

Dunkelberger's comments came after House Speaker Joy Heath reported the results of a meeting with library director Don Craig Jan. 30. Heath said Craig felt there was not a "demonstrated need" to extend the hours.

Craig's findings came as the result of a headcount that is made in the library every night at 10:30 p.m., Heath said. The figures show there are not as many people using the library during final exams as there are during the middle of the semester.

According to Heath, Craig said the library is open 91 hours a week and that students should be able to budget their time to use the facility.

Craig has asked the House if they still feel there is a need to extend the hours, Heath said.

"My intent is not to make an enemy of the administration," Dunkelberger said. "I'm not disputing Craig's figures but it's possible he could be misinterpreting the results," he added.

They assume that, because the numbers decline, there is no need to keep the library open, Dunkelberger said. "I feel it is possible attendance is down because the students know the library is not open past 11 p.m., so they don't go," Dunkelberger said. "I don't think he (Craig) has enough information yet to make a conclusion," he added.

"91 hours might seem like a lot but that is out of 168 hours," Dunkelberger said.

"If there is no need, then why do the ASB and library employees get requests from people saying they need longer library hours?" Dunkelberger said.

"If they tried it (extending hours) for one week and it didn't work, I

Rep. Gore to meet

Tennessee Fourth District Rep. Albert Gore, Jr. will hold a public meeting Saturday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rutherford County Courthouse.

Anyone who has advice or suggestions for improving the federal government is urged to come by and voice their opinions.

Gore also urges anyone who is having a problem relating to the federal government to come and "see if my office can help solve it."

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Members of the ASB House vote in asking the library to extend its hours. [Photo by Thom Coombes]

would be perfectly happy to drop it," Dunkelberger added.

The House passed a resolution sponsored by Denise Bowden calling for a bicycle rack to be placed close to the Stark Agriculture Building and the Art Barn.

Locking up records would make extension easier, Franceson says

"Locking up" certain records in the university library would require fewer employees and enable the library to extend working hours, ASB President Bobby Francescon told student senators in a meeting Tuesday.

Francescon said he had looked through the building and thought most of the records could be locked up. "I still think we can pursue it (the resolution) a little bit more," he said.

Jim Craig, library director, said in a Jan. 30 meeting with ASB representatives, it would take at least nine employees to guard the records for the facility to stay open later.

The Jan. 30 meeting was set to discuss an ASB resolution to extend library hours during the week of final exams.

No legislation was introduced or passed at the senate meeting.

By-laws committee chairman

Kent Syler said his group had examined the by-laws before last Christmas. "They are vague and only about one page long," Syler said. The committee will make recommendations for revising the by-laws at a Feb. 28 meeting.

Food committee member Valerie Norris reported on the recent events regarding the use of hair restraints by ARA Food Service employees.

Senate Speaker Mike McDonald told the senators they needed to sign a schedule for selling tickets to the University of Evansville Benefit Basketball Game. ASB members will be selling tickets to the Feb. 8

game in the basement of the UC.

McDonald said the game is "a
worthwhile activity that doesn't
cost us anything."

There will be a special mandatory senate meeting Tuesday at 4 p.m., in the ASB conference room, Mc-Donald said.



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State senator favors complete ratification

by Ben Eubanks

Passage of all 13 proposed amendments to the state constitution was urged by Victor Ashe, state senator from Knoxville.

Speaking before the Pre-Law Society Thursday, Ashe said that voters should not consider the manner in which the laws were made but the changes they will make in the constitution.

Ashe, a 33-year-old Republican, said that while some proposals would merely bring the state "in line" with the existing U.S. Constitution, some amendments could affect the growth of the state.

The proposed lifting of the 10 percent interest rate and the state spending limit effect the growth of the state, according to Ashe.

"If the 10 percent limit were removed, it is a reasonable proposal that interest rates are not going up to 18 or 20 percent," Ashe said.

Ashe said allowing the state legislature to raise the rate when the interest rate nationwide rose above 10 percent would help insure that banks continue to lend inside

"The people who would be hurt are low- and middle-income people who won't be able to get credit," Ashe said.

Gov. Ray Blanton came under sharp attack from Ashe, who said that Blanton should never have become governor.

Ashe rated Blanton's handling of the governor's office as "very poor" and said Blanton was a "country politician."

"Blanton practices small-town politics," Ashe said. "He thinks the governor's office is a place to reward your friends and punish your enemies."

Ashe said that Blanton's problem was that "he has people around him who will not tell him his mistakes. They sit up there and blame their troubles on the evil news media and the Republican party."

Transportation Commissioner Eddie Shaw and General Services Commissioner Leon Smith were both unfit for their posts according to Ashe. Ashe said that if the state senate had the power to confirm a governor's appointees a higher caliber of persons would be selec-

Ashe admitted that Blanton had not committed any criminal acts but had abused and misused his authority as governor. The proposed pardoning of Humphreys was Ashe's example of Blanton's

"According to the state constitution, he (Blanton) could pardon anyone he wants to. He could turn out the whole prison if that's what he wanted to do," Ashe said.

An early opponent to the pardon, Ashe said since Blanton had Samuel Butler Brown extradited for 1970 prison charges, pardoning Humphreys was an abuse of power.

Ashe said he hoped the proposed amendment allowing the governor to succeed himself would pass. He said that he was sure Blanton would run if he could. Ashe also predicted that if Blanton were to face Lamar Alexander, Alexander would be the next governor.



Victor Ashe

Day care center proposed

by Cathy Wood

Plans for an emergency day care center for children of MTSU students are being discussed in a committee headed by Robert La-Lance, vice president for student

The center will be open when bad weather forces school closings, according to committee member June Anderson.

"I've found great enthusiasm for this project," Anderson, a chemistry professor, said in a meeting Wednesday afternoon. "I've asked about 15 female students and they all approve." She added she had no record of how many MTSU students had school-age children.

Other committee members include Joy Heath, ASB house speaker, and Judy Smith, associate dean of women.

Plans for the center are "still up in the air," LaLance said. "We're talking about next year at the earliest," Anderson added.

Although all committee members agree there is a problem, none are sure yet how they can solve it.

stro Nashville schools have been closed for about two weeks due to snow, Anderson said. "Kids get bored at home," she said, "and television is ot the answer."

Regularly-operating day care centers, (or ongoing centers), do not accept children over six-years old, Anderson said.

of five or more children at the same

time must have a license, which can be costly and detailed, LaLance

None of the members, however, knew where to get the license or if regulations applying to ongoing centers also applied to temporary emergency centers.

Facilities for the proposed center were discussed. "But we can't do much about a location until we find out what kind of liability the university will have," LaLance

Suggested sites included the basement of the Campus School and various church-sponsored day schools. "We could use the University Center third floor," Smith said, "but that would put too many temptations in front of the kids."

Staffing and food preparation were also problems the committee faced in its meeting. Most parents would work at the center for a couple of hours, Anderson said.

"I don't think they'd mind fixing their children's lunch to take to the center, either" she continued.

An alternative would be a list of other students willing to stay with children in their homes. LaLance

A list of qualified student babysitters is available from the Women's Information Service for Education, Anderson said.

Committee members agreed to Any person or group taking care do further research. They did not set a date for the next meeting.

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Editorial

False alarms are not jokes

Monday night's "fire" at Cummings Hall apparently was someone's idea of a joke.

Someone thought it would be funny to have the fire department rush to MTSU. When they arrived they found no fire but a lot of girls in the lobby who thought there was a fire.

The Murfreesboro Fire Department responded well to the alarm and sent eight fire fighting units to battle a non-existent fire at the seven-story complex. Perhaps the recent fire which killed several girls at a New England college was on their minds.

So while the fire department was out fighting a "non-fire," someone was having a good laugh.

Pranks are an ugly part of this university. Last week at the MTSU-Western Kentucky basketball game, play was disrupted because of ice being thrown on the floor.

The referees had to threaten to send the teams to the locker before the ice-throwing ceased. Even then someone could not resist the urge to throw more ice on the floor.

MTSU is not alone in committing pranks. Vanderbilt's orangethrowing exhibition at Monday night's UT game was another potentially harmful prank. Vandy coach Wayne Dobbs had to plead with the home crowd to stop throwing oranges and let Vandy beat UT

Discharging fire extinguishers, while not achieving as dramatic



results as pulling a fire alarm, is also a common "joke" of this university. Safety director Archie Sullivan has stated that the university spends over \$700 each year replacing fire extinguishers that have been discharged. While \$700 is not a large amount of money and discharging fire extinguishers is not a serious offense, it is the image of MTSU students that is damaged most.

Hopefully, MTSU students will realize that they are adults and act

Open Forum

Passage of canal treaty is not a political issue

by Charles Bowen **History Instructor**

As the debate over the proposed Panama Canal treaties intensifies, a few random observations may be in order. My acquaintance with Panama, the Canal Zone, and the treaty issue rests on 28 years of living in the Canal Zone, teaching history in the Canal Zone College, and particular interest in both the current and the historic relationship between the United States and Panama.

In the U.S. the treaty issue has become so emotional, so involved with personal-interest politics and distortion of historic facts that it is difficult to bring objective analysis to bear upon treaty content.

The context in which 13 years of negotiations produced these treaties is extremely complex. It taxed the abilities of excellent negotiators. The draft treaties which have evolved from this painstaking process can not be tossed casually aside. It is not simply a matter of starting all over again to come up

with a package which will give us all that we could hope for, and more. The Treaty of 1903 did that, but it had to be modified in 1936 and again in 1955 to accommodate changes affecting both nations. The time is now at hand for these entirely new treaties.

Statements to the effect that "The canal is ours. We bought it, built it and paid for it", or that "There is no Panama Canal. There is only the American Canal in Panama," etc., are a great disservice to rational efforts to deal with the issue in an objective, equitable manner. This should not be a political issue, but it has become one. These are treaties between the United States and the Republic of Panama...not between their chief executives or their respective vested interests or their political factions. The negotiations were undertaken, on the part of the United States, as a bona fide bi-partisan effort. In Panama the treaties have been approved in an open, un-rigged plebiscite and it now remains for the United States Senate to debate and to vote on the ratification of the treaties.

With so great a need for public education on these complex treaties in the U.S., it was unfortunate that the memorable two-hour debate between conservatives Ronald Reagan and Willian Buckley shared television prime time with the Super Bowl. It taxes one's courage to inquire about the relative percentages of people who watched the debate and those who sat through another bowl game. The debate was a public service of the highest order.

Treaty ratification would provide the United States with 23 years in which to prepare for the assumption of full responsibility for the administration and operation of the canal by Panama. Well-trained Panamanian citizens should have little difficulty keeping the canal functioning at full potential. Specialized technicians, pilots, etc., can be hired outside of Panama if the need develops.

During the transition period the United States will have majority representation on the bi-national board overseeing the canal. Canal defense will be the joint responsibility of the two republics with the full resources of the U.S. military available should crisis situations develop. Panama will have a full share of the net profits from the canal. U.S. taxpayers will not be paying Panama to take the canal.

The justifiable pride with which Panamanian nationals gradually assume full responsibility for the operation of the canal is something which the U.S. should find reas-

suring. The time has come for the emergence of a new image for "Tio Sam" in Latin America. The opportunity is at hand as those nations stand united in their support of the aspirations of Panama.

Whatever the fate of the treaties in the United States Senate, we shall have to cope with the "going" situation involving our two nations. With that in mind, we should look at a very serious problem which has received far too little attention by those who profess to be so deeply concerned with our national security. If canal blockage, from any cause whatsoever, were to create a security crisis in the U.S. why do we continue to run that risk? Why do we not resort to obvious alternatives to the Canal? Why are we not well along with the planning of the super railroad system of the 21st century...one entirely within the United States? Furthermore, why are we not building a major pipeline system, coast-to-coast, and from Canada to Mexico through the U.S.? These are vitally necessary alternatives to a canal 1,2000 miles from the United States...a canal upon which we have long been to dependent.

Existing technology can provide us with an internal transportation system which could carry anything now moving in ships through the canal and at acceptable costs. Our national security should no longer be so dependent on an appallingly vulnerable canal far removed from our national boundaries. I would suggest that the Panama Canal is a technological trap that could snare us yet if we don't keep our wits about us and move quickly to provide viable alternatives to it.

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State legislators declaring war with porno bill

His name is Larry Parrish. He graduated from the University of Tennessee and later received his law degree there as well. He was the young assistant U.S. district attorney who prosecuted the "Deep Throat" case. During this case, a witness testifies that according to Playboy, Parrish stated that he would rather see dope on the streets than pornography. Heroin just hurts the addict but obscenity hurts all of society. Now he is attempting to pass a 50-plus page bill that would declare war on obscenity and pornography in Tennessee.

Parrish's proposal would make it illegal to transfer, distribute, dispense, lend, show, display, exhibit, send, transport or broadcast obscene material to anyone 17 years of age or younger or which has been declared patently obscene or contraband. Also, anyone that buys obscene material is violating the law. Anyone that has anything to do with a pornographic movie is guilty of an offense. Further, anyone that

owns land on which obscene material is being disseminated is guilty of an offense. Also, advertisement of obscene material would be illegal.

What is obscene under this bill? Anything written or visual that portrays a sexual act of any kind is obscene. Also obscene would be anything which "focuses on and tends to concentrate the attention of a viewer..." on certain parts of the anatomy, "so as to stimulate lustful thoughts, cravings, or desires." Further fitting the definition of obscene would be material that would make the "average person" embarrassed or disgusted and anything that lacks serious artistic, scientific, literary or political value.

It is interesting to note that in prosecuting violators, the accused is not allowed to plead guilty. One reason for this if to stop plea bargaining. However, another more important reason is that during the trial not only is the accused on trial, but also the

allegedly obscene material. For, if the material if found to be obscene then it is declared contraband. All contraband items are subject to seizure except if it is located in a personal residence. In other words if you get away with buying two copies of an obscene magazine and are attempting to transport them to your home, you could be stopped and your magazines seized.

Another item of interest is the penalty for violating this proposed law. For first offenders the penalty is a fine of six months' income no matter what the source and a nonparoleable prison sentence of six months to five years. Second offenders will be fined one years' income and the prison sentence is 18 months to 10 years. Those unlucky people who are convicted for the third time will receive a fine of 3 years' income and will be in prison from three to 20 years.

A corporation that violates this law would find itself paying a heavy find and then making a report on every action it takes. However, for the third offense the corporation would be dissolved.

Interestingly, this law does not outlaw massage parlors or Printers' Alley-type shows. Instead, this law requires that these businesses be registered with the secretary of state and establishes zoning regulations for their location.

This proposed bill has several constitutional problems. One problem could stem from the bill's chilling effect on the First Amendment protection of freedom of the press. Another problem arises in regard to the vagueness of the terminology. Other problems in the bill deal with not allowing the accused to plead guilty or no contest, and the arbitrariness in the penalty.

Despite these problems and others it is quite possible that this bill could pass with several amendments. If it does pass, be careful with what you transfer, distribute, dispense, lend, show, display, exhibit, send, transport or broadcast to someone else.

Letters

Sarver and girl's team not given fair treatment

Ed. note—Hall's letter states that Jones wanted to replace Sarver with the women's volleyball coach. It was actually the women's volleyball coach's husband, Bill Neal.

To the Editor:

Well, congratulations to Pat Jones! She's done it again! How one person can completely "screwup" an entire basketball team and its coach I'll never know! How come Pat Jones is so sacred? She can't even own up to her own actions. Instead she refers you to Vice President Haston. When I was a little kid and I stole a cookie out of the cookie jar, I had to answer to my mother for it and be "reprimanded". However, Pat Jones can steal a job right out from under someone's feet and not even have to answer for it! What's going on here? Is Jones still mad at Sarver because Sarver happens to be a better coach and was chosen to replace Jones?

The last time that Sarver was fired, the woman's volleyball coach was chosen by Jones to replace Sarver. There were also rumors that Jones and the volleyball coach were "buddy-buddy," and that the volleyball coach was picked as a personal favor. The last time that Sarver was fired, Jones didn't even have the nerve to admit that she was fired, but Jones was "gutsy" enough to say that Sarver had resigned.

This season has been fairly tough

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on the women's basketball team, what with some injuries to some key players, etc., but remember this—Pat Sarver! We all have to remember that Sarver is only a "freshman" as head coach here at MTSU and has yet to have finished her "freshman" season. Look at

Jack Pardee. He was at Chicago as head coach of the Bears for three years and finally, on the third and final year there he "created" a "powerhouse" team. Is Jones afraid that Sarver will make a fool of her by having a "powerhouse" team from the same team Jones

coached only a year before?

This summer a major motion picture company ought to shoot the life story of Pat Jones, they would call it, "The Taming of the Shrew Part II."

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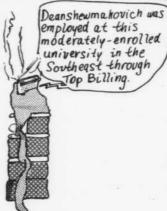
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When some of his writings were smuggled to the West, where they were published and sold to become an international best-seller, the Soviet Politburo arranged a world-wide tour for him.





He also tours with his booking agency colleague, Billy Carter, using his membership in the Soviet brickmason's Union-to act as foil to Carters peanut-oriented red-neckism...

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Graphic works on display, sale

An exhibition and sale of original graphic works will be presented Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the University Center.

Tomlinson Collection of Baltimore, MD., will display works by masters such as Durer, Mucha, Whistler, Renoir, Picasso, and Hokusai, plus a selection of etchings, woodcuts, and lithographs by contemporaries in all price ranges.

Robert Woodside, gallery representative, will be present during the showing to answer questions about the works on exhibit



Pianist Nelson to perform

Internationally known piano virtuoso Allison Nelson will be presented in concert at MTSU Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. in the Choral Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

As a partner in the former two-piano team of Nelson and Neal, Miss Nelson received world-wide acclaim. Together, she and her late husband earned praise from critics. The Vienna Express called their performance "phenomenal. The audience was fascinated by a tremendous performance."

During the summer months, Nelson devotes her time to practicing and teaching students from around the world who come to her home in Paris, Tenn. She is a lecturer, author and composer, as well as an authority on teaching problems. She is currently artist-inresidence at UT-Martin.

Eugene Ormandy conducted for Nelson in two appearances with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in 1944.

Tickets for her performance are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Further information is available by calling 898-2469.



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Insecurity

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"MTSU is going to have to make it more attractive to work here, and that does not mean more money, but more security in one's job," Hurd said.

In addition, there are not enough black faculty members in relation to the number of black students on campus, Hurd stated.

Black instructor Wilma Harvey, of the history department, agrees. When on leave to work on her Ph. D. at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Harvey had to return to Tennessee to relocate with her family. Under the non-tenured contract she has no security that she will have a job next year, she said.

The reason this kind of contract is offered may be that so many faculty members already have tenure, Harvey added.

A one-year non-tenured temporary contract is the "standard contract" given to new faculty, according to Edwin Voorhies, dean of basic and applied sciences.

Voorhies added that although a department is not supposed to have 100 percent tenure, some departments on campus do. However, those departments all have faculty members nearing retirement.

Fire

[continued from page 1] the upper floors, a practice not in accordance with normal evacuation procedures.

"We didn't send the women out because they weren't dressed properly, it was too cold and there were already so many people outside watching," Jones said.

Authorities will continue to search for the prankster, Shewmake continued. If caught, some penalty is likely to be placed on the caller. "The penalty will be up to the judge," Fire Chief Bobby Swan said.

Dance to benefit Peresa Yuk

International Students Organization and the ASB will sponsor a dance on Friday, Feb.3, in the Tennessee Room of the SUB from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Admission is 75 cents per person with the proceeds going to a fund being collected for Peresa Yuk, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident in December.

The event will involve music and

dances from different countries and an international talent show.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund can also buy tickets at 75 cents each at the International Students' building, East Main Street, room 208 in the Administration Building or from International Student/ASB members around campus.

Gospel-rock group sets concert

"Praise," a gospel-rock group, will present a concert Feb. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the University Center theatre.

"Praise" will be appearing all week, Feb. 6-10, at 2111 E. Main St. in Murfreesboro at 7 p.m. nightly.

The group also plans to present a special performance exclusively for the MTSU football team. Bob Weiner, author and director of the Maranatha organization, an international college-oriented group, will also appear each night with "Praise."

Part-time minister Joe Smith will speak at Friday night's presentation. Smith is also an industrial chemist in Paducah, Ky.

"Praise" consists of seven musians who perform at university campuses nationwide. The group has also toured overseas in Israel and Great Britain, international and national conferences and resort areas.

Teaching forms due

Student teaching applications for the fall, 1978 semester must be filed with the office of student teaching no later than Monday, Feb. 6, according to George Keem, director of student teaching and field experiences The group has been on radio, television and talk shows, and has also performed in two "outreach" films.

Their first album, released in June of 1974, was entitled, Praise.'' Their newest album, "The Son Will Arise," was released in January, 1978

The members of "Praise" include singers Bill McCaig, Dana Rothwell, and Jene Urfer; Fred Poston, bass guitar, pedal steel guitar, dobro and six string guitar; Randy Rothwell, guitarist and vocalist; Paul Cook, lead guitarist; and Robert Pierce, drummer.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY

PEPExam: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC 314 Art Club: Print Sale, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., UC Lobby

Dance: International Students-ASB, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

SATURDAY

Tennessee Elks Association: "Hoop Shoot Contest," 10 a.m., Murphy Center

Junior Varsity Basketball: MTSU v. Edmondson Junior College, 2 p.m., Murphy Center

Women's Basketball: MTSU v. Eastern Ky., 5:45 p.m., Murphy Center

Banquet: Kappa Alpha, 7 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

Men's Basketball: MTSU v. Eastern Ky., 8 p.m., Murphy Center Dance: Kool Klub, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., Woodmore Cafeteria

MONDAY

Doncert: Fellowship of Christian Athletes, "Praise," 11:30 a.m., UC Theatre

Junior Varsity Basketball: MTSU v. Cumberland Jr. College, 5:45 p.m., Murphy Center

Men's Basketball: MTSU v. Morehead, 8 p.m., Murphy Center Movie: "Casino Royale," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Kool Klub: Speaker, 6-8 p.m., Multi Media Room, LRC

TUESDAY

Job Interviews: Aetna Life & Casulty, signup in Placement Office .

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Black History Week to begin Monday

Black History Week is slated to begin Monday, and will be highlighted by the appearance of Nikki Giovanni Tuesday night at the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Giovanni is considered one of the foremost poets of the 1960's and 70's

Rev. Edwards will be a guest speaker at 6 p.m. in the multimedia room of the Learning Resources Center on the first day of Black History Week. Planning Corp., signup in Placement Office

Display: Delta Sigma Theta, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., UC Basement

Graduate Test: 1-4:30 p.m., UC 314 Movie: "Casino Royale," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre

ASB Traffic Court: 4-6 p.m., UC 318 and 322A

Fine Arts-Ideas and Issues: Nikki Giovanni, 8 p.m., D.A. Auditorium



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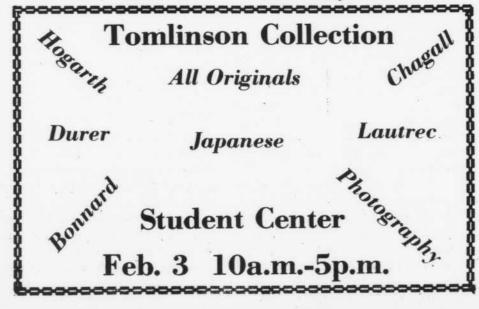
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Rested Raiders facing two at home

by John Pitts Sports Editor

Will a week of rest refresh Middle Tennessee's basketball team, or will seven days away from

competition ruin the momentum for a title drive?

Eastern Kentucky will help provide part of the answer to that question when the Colonels invade Murphy Center Saturday night to open the second half of league play.

On the strength of last Saturday's momentum-building 98-69 blitz of OVC leader Western Kentucky, Middle Tennessee now owns half of that lead, with a 5-2 league

Middle is 13-5 overall.

Jimmy Earle's squad opened the OVC season in early January with a pair of wins on the road against both Eastern Kentucky and Morehead. Now, with the OVC season half over, the Raiders must play both teams at home before a stretch that will see four of the last five conference games played on the road.

The Colonels stand in a threeway tie for the OVC's fourth place with a 4-3 record. The team is 9-8 overall.

Talented freshman forward Lovell Joiner leads Eastern Kentucky, averaging 17.1 points and nine rebounds per game. Aiding EKU's Joiner is Kenny Elliot, a guard averaging 15.3 points per game and



Mike Oliver

forward Mike Oliver, who led his team in its 93-86 loss to MTSU last month. Oliver scored 22 points in

that contest. For the Raiders, seven days at home should provide a chance for rest. "In coaching, we call it getting our legs back...the rest should be a benefit," Earle said Thursday.

Though Middle Tennessee's strongest asset is its defense [still rated in the nation's top ten], the MTSU offense has one of the best one-two punches in the conference.

Senior guard Sleepy Taylor paces the Raiders with an 18.7 points per

Herbie Stamper ...Hot shooters to challenge Middle's defense

game average. Junior forward Greg Joyner is close behind with a 17.8 average, but in the last two league games he has scored 61 points.

Bob Martin, All-OVC pick just a year ago, looked like a new man Saturday night, scoring 20 points and leading the team with 15 reboudns. "Playing a good game was better than therapy for Bob," Earle said. Martin averages 12.1 points and 8.8 rebounds per game despite a nagging knee injury.

Other starters for Middle will be point guard Greg Armstrong and either Julius Brown or Leroy Coleman at the other forward. Coleman started the Western Kentuck

RAIDER NOTES:

 Morehead State comes to Mu phy Center Monday night, boastin the conference's second leading scorer (Herbie Stamper) and th conference's worst record (0-6, 3-1

 Middle rocked Morehead 92-5 in the opening OVC contest of th season for both teams...In th game, Stamper shot his average but the MTSU defense expertly cu off all other shooters, outscorin the Eagles 50-25 in the secon half...Taylor was the leading score in the game with 27 points.

•There are only a half-doze reserved seat tickets left for th Eastern Kentucky game, but ticke manager Jim Simpson report "plenty" of tickets for the Monda night contest.

OVC standings

ГЕАМ	OVC	A
Middle Tennessee	5-2	13-
Western Kentucky	5-2	9-
East Tennessee	4-2	12-
Austin Peay	4-3	10-
Tennessee Tech	4-3	8-9
Eastern Kentucky	4-3	9-8
Murray State	1-6	5-13
Morehead State	1-6	4-1

Saturday's schedule: Eastern Kentucky at Middle Tennessee Morehead State at Western Kentucky

at Austin Peay

Tennessee Tech

East Tennessee at Murray State

On three-game OVC streak

Confident women face 'big' Eastern Kentucky

Middle Tennessee's women, winners of three straight conference contests and four of their last five games, face Eastern Kentucky in Murphy Center Saturday night to open the second half of the OVC women's race.

Pat Sarver's women, 10-8 overall, lost Monday night to Memphis State (101-86) then rallied the next night to dump UT Martin 86-61.

Middle and Eastern are two of the teams involved in a three-way tie for the OVC's third place. The teams are joined by Western Kentucky at 3-2, below league leader Tennessee Tech [2-0] and Morehead State [3-1].

"Eastern Kentucky is relatively big, with good shooters...they aren't quite as quick as Western Kentucky," a team MTSU defeated 74-70 last week in Murfreesboro, Sarver said.

Western defeated Eastern Ken-

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tucky early in the season.

Peggy Gay leads Eastern's attack with an 18.4 point average, aided by a pair of 12.5-points per game performers Cindy Lundberg and Gayle Freshwater.

Lundburg leads EKU in rebounding with 10.6 per game.

The Raiders are led by Liz Hannah, a senior forward who averages 17.9 points per game. Centers Patrice Amos (15.2) and Sherry McKinney (13.5) are other top scorers for the Blue Raiders.

Amos is the second leading rebounder in the league; pulling down 13.2 per game. McKinney, the 6-3 transfer, averages 9.1 rebounds per game.

"We've really developed more confidence in our shooting...I think we're out of the shooting slump now," Sarver said. Middle Tennessee is ranked second in the conference in field goal percentage,

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averaging 45 percent for the sea-

"We'll change our defenses during the game and run them as much as possible...physically, we're in good shape now," Sarver

"I've got a lot more confidence in our bench now-I'll go to the reserves with no hesitation in the upcoming games, the first-year head coach added.

Overton resigns at Murray

Fred Overton of Murray State has become the second OVC basketball coach to announce plans to resign at the end of the current season.

Overton is in his fourth year at Murray, and has posted a 41-55 career record. His present team has a record of 5-13 overall, 1-6 in the

Western Kentucky head coach Jim Richards announced his plans to resign two weeks ago.

At the time of his announcement,

Overton said he would continue his committment to the team through the end of the season. "I stil believe, and so does the team, tha we can win every game left on our schedule," the Murray coach said

A 1961 graduate of Austin Peay Overton played basketball for the Governors for three years.

Murray lost in the first round of the OVC post-season tournament to Austin Peay, but Overton shared "OVC Coach of the Year" honors with MTSU's Jimmy Earle.

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Joyner and Joiner: alike, different

by Chuck Cavalaris

There isn't a calander in Greg Joyner's dormitory room that attaches any particular significance to the ninth day of January.

It doesn't reveal, for instance, that the Raider forward was within a hair of getting his jaw broken by a viciously thrown elbow just 26 days ago.

The calander doesn't reflect the fact that the very same player who flicked the elbow in Joyner's face pinched him on the rear seconds later...and then tripped him in the wanning moments of a Raider win at Eastern Kentucky.

The blatant action, which somehow escaped a refree's whistle, could have easily ended the career of the best pure shooter in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The player who intentionally tried to ruin Joyner's facial features was Lovell Joiner, Eastern Kentucky's "prize" recruit of a year ago, who has rapidly gained the reputation around the league as heir apparent to Fly Williams' flambouant reputation.

Video-tape replays of the Eastern game clearly show that Joiner whiped out the elbow smash an instant after looking Middle Tennessee's Joyner squarely in the eye.

MTSU assistant coaches Stan "Ramrod" Simpson and Jan Stauffer jumped off the Raider bench. Both had to be restrained from the court when no foul was called.

Some Eastern supporters rationialized the move as "instinct" and pointed to Joiner's background on the playgrounds of Washington, D.C.

Similiar actions have accompained Joiner's play both in Richmond and on the road this season. From the start, this brash, multitalented athlete has made it clear he is not intimidated by the OVC.

Yet, Greg Joyner says the altercation is forgotten as far as he is concerned.

"I was upset then but we won the game and that's what basketball is all about," Joyner said. "I'm not out after any revenge. I'm gonna do my best to help Middle Tennessee win and that's it.''

While Greg may be willing to shake hands and play clean, aggressive basketball, history points out that Lovell Joiner uses different tatics to win.

What happens if there is another flare-up?

It appears that will be determined by officials Willard Smith and Ray Street, but in the light of some recent disorder in Southeastern basketball stands it should be hoped that control will be maintained on the OVC court.

That wasn't the case Jan. 9 at Eastern Kentucky.

The similarity between the two players is amazing, although Joyner has a healthy edge in the most recent conference stats.

The Philadelphia, Pa., native is averaging 17.8 points and 7.1 rebounds per game. Joyner is also the leader in field goal percentage (140-237) at a dazzling .591 clip.

Joiner is eighth on the league scoring chart (17.1) and 15th in field goal percentage.

Add to the statistical comparison the fact that both players have similiar builds and sport healthy afros and you have the makings for an exciting matchup...as long as a "no holds barred" atmosphere does not prevail.

• The OVC does not furnish assist statistics, but Joyner's 35 has to be among the top 10...Greg says he takes just as much pride in crisp pass for a score as he does for making a 20-foot jumper.

• Hopefully, another ice-throwing outbreak will not occur from the MTSU student section, as it did before halftime against Western Kentucky. Such action should not be condoned or permitted by university officials.

A piece of ice on the court could easily ruin a knee or ankle in an instant. MTSU students, also, should not lower themselves to childish reactions that are frequent among the Vanderbilt student body.



All that is accomplished by throwing ice is possible injury to a basketball player and disrupting the game. Those who have refrained from such actions are to be complimented.

● If Middle Tennessee's Joyner can continue the pace he has established, it is difficult to perceive him not being named the conference's outstanding performer at season's end.

• Monte Hale will obviously have his hands full with the game broadcast trying to describe which Joyner (Joiner) is doing what during the contest.

Freddie Overton was apparently doomed at Murray State by the failure of his coaching philosphy. Overton, it has been said, recruits

Earle, incidently pick Kentucky as the "Comparent of the beginning of the bea

more players from prison than high school. His "free-style run-andgun, forget about defense" approach never quite got together at Murray.

A wall leading from the Racer dressing room, however, sounds more like one of Earle's posters: "Enthusiasm makes the difference," it reads... Earle has a signed picture of Indiana's Bobby Knight in his office...strange how times change, isn't it?

• Don't be fooled by Eastern's 4-3 league record and 9-8 overall mark. The Colonels press from buzzer-to-buzzer and have on one of the top inside-outside games in the OVC... Earle, incidently picked Eastern Kentucky as the "OVC's darkhorse" at the beginning of the season.

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Woodbury's distinctive coach

Speaker 'weaves' luncheon yarns

by Chuck Cavalaris

What would you get if you mixed the wit of Mark Twain, the humor and style of W.C. Fields with the slow, drawling voice of John Wayne?

Add just a pinch of a country boy turned football coach and the answer is simple: Woodbury high school coach Mike Mayfield.

A noted banquet speaker who has a story for every minute, Mayfield has a seemingly endless arsenal of yarns that has left audiences' sides hurting and faces smiling from one end of Tennessee to the other.

Mayfield was a guest speaker at Thursday's Faculty-Press Luncheon and was greeted with an overflow crowd—the largest in the last three years—to hear his humorous tales and bask for the last time in Saturday's win over Western Kentucky.

"I was afeared no one would show up when they found out I was coming," said Mayfield, who has guided Woodbury to the state high school playoffs the last two seasons.

He promptly told the crowd of about 500 that his coaching career has been tremendously influenced by a class he took from MTSU coach Jimmy Earle four years ago. "Coach (Earle) really fired me up in that coaching class," Mayfield recalled. "I went back to Woodbury and painted the dressing room blue. The only problem with that is our colors are maroon and gold."

The Blountsville, Ala., native is preparing for his ninth year at Woodbury and is infamous with sportswriters across the state for his stories about "home."

"Blountsville is so small it's just there two days a week," Mayfield joked. "But we take a lot of pride in our four-way stop sign. Really only two of the four ways work...the other two are for show."

Two years ago Mayfield said his family made a "great event" out of going to see a LSU and Vanderbilt football game in Nashville.

"It's 50 miles one-way," Mayfield said with a twitch of his eyebrows. "That's a long ways from home for a country boy. We planned for months. I went out and got some Traveler's Cheques, a bunch of one's, with some two's to impress them city folks."

On the way to Nashville, Mayfield recalled seeing a motel sign off the interstate that caught his attention. "It said singles was \$8.95. I went in and asked the lady behind the desk how much she'd pay for a home run." Most of Mayfield's stories were about his high school days back in Blountsville.

"We had two of the ugliest cheerleaders in the state," May-field said. "Our Homecoming Queen was so fat they had to reinforce the float. I took her out one night to a pizza parlor and she ordered an RC and a Gainesburger.

"Our basketball team was terrible. People would rather have played us in the district tournament than get a bye. When we played we always left the bus running. One time the team we was playing left at halftime, but we were so far behind we still couldn't catch up."

The Blountsville gym was just as lousy as the team, Mayfield added.

"Our court was so narrow that part of the foul line was out-ofbounds."

Mayfield also claimed the football team had its share of difficulties. "One night the punter had to call for a fair catch on the snap. We would rather snap with the wind and kick against it."

Perhaps Mayfield's funniest story was about a 5-11, 340 pound defensive lineman at Woodbury named Jody. "He was so slow," Mayfield said in Johnny Carson style, "that when he ran wind sprints the grass died from his shadow."

The dressing room at Woodbury is "about 200 yards from the field," Mayfield explained. "It would be the end of the first quarter before Jody could make it to the sideline and then he'd have to turn right around and go back at halftime. When we put him in we had to call two timeouts."

With Woodbury ahead 14-7 and the opponent about to score a



Mike Mayfield

touchdown, Mayfield said he put "Jody in and told him to blitz.

"It was fourth and goal with just a few seconds left," said Mayfield. "Jody blocked the extra point."

Despite all laughter, Mayfield turned the talk to a serious note when he professed a deep "and renewing love for Jesus Christ." Mayfield is also a dedicated worker for the Fellowship of Christian Ahtletes. That story, he says, is better than all the others.

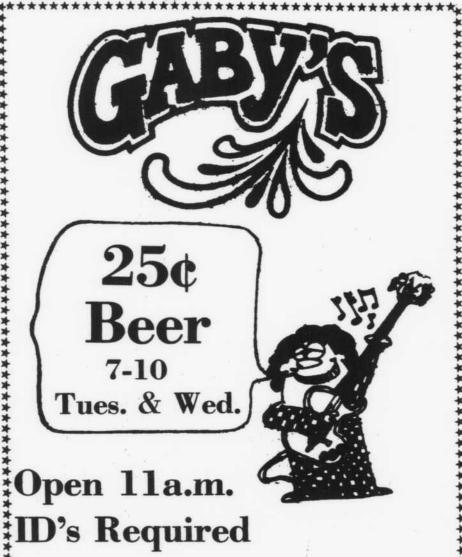
Road tickets available

Tickets are now available for all four of MTSU's remaining OVC road games, according to MTSU ticket manager Jim Simpson.

The games are: at Tennessee Tech on Feb. 11 (\$2), at East Tennessee on Feb. 13 (\$3), at Austin Peay on Feb. 20 (\$3 reserved and \$2 general) and at Western Kentucky on Feb. 25 (\$2.50 reserved).

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Sarver acknowledged that the prime reason for her dismissal is a personal conflict between her and Women's Athletic Director Pat Jones.

"I am going to reapply for the position...my only stipulation will be that the present women's athletic director not be allowed to remain as women's athletic director," Sarver revealed.

Sarver, daughter of the man who suggested that Middle Tennessee's athletic teams be nicknamed the "Blue Raiders" 43 years ago, came to MTSU from Motlow State in 1976 and assumed the jobs of assistant basketball coach and head volleyball coach.

"When I left Motlow, I was promised by Jones that I would serve as assistant for one year and then be promoted to the job of head coach." Sarver said.

According to Sarver, her personal disagreements with Jones began while she was still an assistant coach. "I got the blame when we lost," she recalled.

When Sarver took the head coaching job, "it was with the understanding that I had complete control of the basketball team... then she took away two half-scholarships to be used elsewhere in the budget," she said.

According to Sarver, that was the

first of many incidents in which Jones interferred with her work as head coach.

"I didn't set up the schedule, or the travel arrangements...she told me who could try out, who had to be cut, who could be on the gym floor...who was on the bench, who could be in the dressing room, at the scorers table—she even told me who could not be in the gym during the games," Sarver said.

"At the beginning, I was given a duties list that had at least 12 different things on it...one day she (Jones) called me and told me I was relieved of any duties except coaching," Sarver recalled.

When she received notice of her dismissal in November "the only explanation I ever got was that the team was split because of me," she said.

A meeting of university officials, including Jones, Vice President for Adminsitrative Affairs Lynn Haston Athletic Director Charles M. Murphy and HPERS department chairman A.H. Solomon preceded the announcement of Sarver's dismissal.

"Jones told me they voted unanimously for my dismissal, though no reasons were given. I received no word of that meeting," Sarver said.

Later, Sarver said she "learned from some of the committee members that no vote was taken at all—Jones just talked to them and explained why she was dismissing me."

The day after Sarver learned of her dismissal, a group of players went to university President M.G. Scarlett asking that she be retained as coach. "A lot of people have talked to me and told me that I had their support...but they didn't have the guts to do anything about it. The girls had the guts to do something about it," Sarver said.

Since Sarver was reinstated by Scarlett, Jones has not spoken to her, she said. "No, I take that back—one time, she told me to go to hell," Sarver said.

Sarver received notice in December that her teaching contract would not be renewed after June 30. "I had all Christmas to think about it...I was told I'd turned the players against Jones," she recalled. She informed the players on Jan. 7.

"Since the dismissal became public, I've had calls from high school coaches who say they can't send their players to Middle Tennessee...the present circumstances are going to hurt recruiting," the head coach noted.

She admitted there have been times this season when she considered quitting the job. "When I was given the job back, I thought about telling them to keep it...but these girls could have quit after any game and they didn't," Sarver said.

"The girls have handled it well, and they are the ones who are really being mistreated...I owe it to this group to stay," Sarver added.

Elk's state free throw contest here Saturday

State finals for the Tennessee Elks' Association free throw contest will be conducted Saturday in Murphy Center prior to the Middle Tennessee-Eastern Kentucky basketball games.

The contest finalists are boys and girls ranging in age from 8-12 who have already competed in school, Elks Lodge and district contests.

In the state finals, the contestants will shoot 25 free throws using a regulation basketball.

The state winners will advance to the southeastern regional contest, sponsored by the Elks in Atlanta on Feb. 25 in the Georgia Tech Coliseum. Regional winners will advance to the national finals, to be held March 12 in Kansas City.

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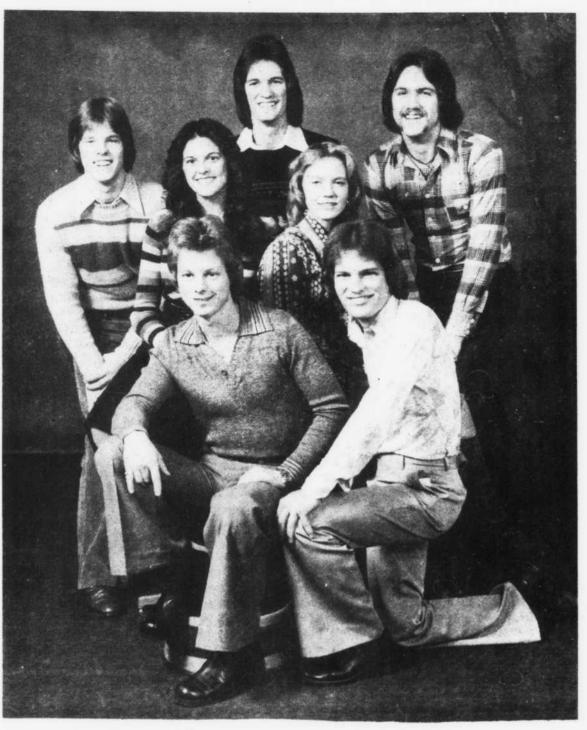
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