

ASB presidential candidates speak out

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

Candidates for ASB president addressed current ASB issues, reviewed their experience in student government and pleaded for votes during the speakout in the grill annex yesterday.

Eric Steinberg, the first candidate addressing the group, was mainly concerned with ASB funding.

"I AM in favor of trying to make the ASB somewhat more financially independent of the administration," Steinberg said.

Steinberg proposes to do this by asking the administration to allow the ASB to have a revenue producing system, as *Sidelines* is allowed to produce their own revenue through advertising.

Much of the ASB legislation is denied due to lack of funding, according to Steinberg, and he favors having video games in the University Center to produce ASB revenue.

ONE OF the projects Steinberg would like to see these funds go toward is a large screen television in the UC.

Steinberg said he would also like to see more cable television on campus.

"I worked hard to get cable for married housing, and would like to see it spread throughout the campus," he said.

THE ASB also needs to take the lead in pushing for changes in the University Bookstore's policy on buying and selling used books, Steinberg added.

"I would like to see the bookstore more receptive to student needs, and that involves basically money," Steinberg said.

Mark Ross was also concerned about direct benefits for the students.

"I WOULD like to see more direct student services in student government," Ross said.

An example of a project which directly benefited the MTSU student was the discount card, which included discounts from 18 businesses for students, according to Ross, who coordinated the project.

"That is a direct student benefit; that's what the ASB ought to be doing," Ross said.

ANOTHER idea Ross has to benefit students is an emergency loan program.

Ross said that student government should represent the student body as a whole, which involves going to meetings, being involved in the committee structure and letting the administration and faculty know what the students want.

The greatest advantage Ross said he has is experience in student government.

"I HAVE served on all three branches . . . and I am the only candidate who has done that," Ross said.

"I think that's probably one of my biggest selling points—my experience," he said.

Vic Larned's experience with the ASB as public defender has convinced him that there have been different directions taken by the executive, legislative and administrative branches and the media.

"IT TAKES just as much effort to be constructive as it does to be destructive," Larned said.

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Effectiveness candidate's main concern

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Editor

Having an effective student government was the dominant concern of those candidates for speaker of the two ASB legislative bodies during yesterday's Speakout in the grill annex.

In the race for speaker of the house, Geoffrey Herring zeroed in on "a lack of participation in student government," Richard McClary criticized the "lack of aggressive leadership in the ASB," while Calvin Howell cited his experience as proof of his ability to efficiently run the house.

LATER, as candidates for speaker of the senate spoke, Ronald Malone told of his plans to run the upper house "smoothly," and Joel Brown promised to have a "working senate."

Leading off, Herring said the House needed more participation just like any organization.

"More people, meaning more talent, gives a greater opportunity and more possibilities to reach a success in any organization," Herring said. "Everyone who contributes in some way, shape, fashion or form to a successful organization is self-rewarded for that particular contribution."

McCLARY, who said he has watched the ASB "from the point of view of an outsider," said his "great expectations" for the student government "have in a number of instances turned into great disappointments."

"The system as a whole can be blamed for some of these disappointments, but also the lack of aggressive leadership in the ASB can be blamed," McClary said.

"I feel that with proper leadership—that is, leadership which is aggressive and unafraid—the House, because of the large number of students it represents, can become a great moving force for the advancement of student-

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Correction

Sidelines was not supplied with a complete list of candidates for sophomore senator for an article which appeared in the Feb. 18 issue.

The six candidates for sophomore senator are: Connie Harris, John Thomas Turner, Jr., Barry W. Harlan, Dede M. Hayes, Marty Watt and Amy S. Boles.



Photo by Lynda Tewell

Going once, going twice...

No, High Rise is not for sale to the lowest bidder. A practical joker, with the aid of a "misplaced" for sale sign may have given High Rise residents reason to do a double take last week with his prank.

Campus may get new Frisbee golf course

By RONDA KRUMALIS
News Editor

A Frisbee golf course on the MTSU campus was approved for recommendation to the administration yesterday by the Building and Grounds Committee.

The committee, however, determined that the exact location and layout of such a course would require further study.

THE IDEA for such a course was proposed by ASB President David Kessler. Kessler, also president of the MTSU Frisbee club, suggested to the committee that the club be allowed to mark off a course on campus, utilizing trees, light poles and other structures as goals and boundaries.

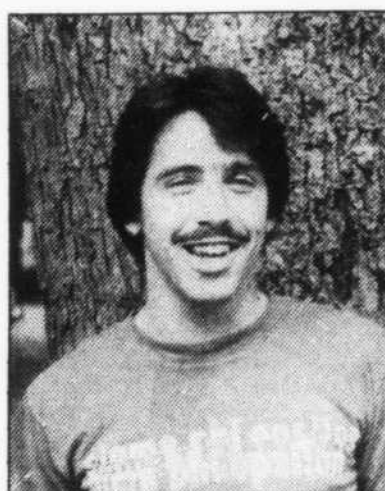
Spray paint on tree trunks,

ribbons and chalk would be used in marking the field.

The course would not only be open to Frisbee club members, but to the entire student body, according to Kessler. He projected that, if approved and constructed, the course would be used by "two or three dozen students a day, depending on the weather."

FRISBEE "disc golf" is a game played with similar rules and objectives as that of the traditional game of golf. The same terminology, such as "par," "hole," "tee" and "green" are used.

Kessler told the committee about several tournaments of which he has been a part on college campuses all over the country, including one at Tennessee Tech.



David Kessler
ASB President

The cost of construction and maintenance would not come out of the University budget, according to Kessler, but out of Frisbee club funds.

GLENN Hanley, director of

Alexander plan to bring money to universities

By DAN BATEY
United Press International

NASHVILLE — Money will flow into the state's colleges faster than any other area of state government in the next four years if his proposals are approved, Gov. Lamar Alexander said yesterday.

But the money will be spent if the state's high schools don't start producing better quality graduates, Alexander said, as he addressed the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees in another pitch for his Better Schools and Master Teacher programs.

ALEXANDER hinted at parts of his budget message, to be delivered to the General Assembly Tuesday night.

"We are going to be very conservative in our budget estimates this year," Alexander said. "So there will likely be no impoundments like we have had for the past few years and have been so miserable at each campus."

"While next year will be tight, over the next four years if my proposals are carried out, higher education will increase in spending faster than any other area of state government, including K-12."

THE GOVERNOR did not specify exactly how that would happen.

Alexander promoted his school improvement plan, praising the UT system for already giving merit pay increases similar to his Master Teacher plan.

"I applaud what you are doing. It is not easy to choose

who gets the raises, but they do it in business and you can do it in education," he said. "It makes no sense to pour millions of dollars into universities when we have to give high school students proficiency tests five times to pass a sixth grade exam."

ON ANOTHER point, Alexander and UT president Ed Boling agreed that all of Tennessee's vocational education schools should be placed under control of the State Board of Regents. Alexander said the vocational schools amounted to a post-secondary system and ought to be run by a higher education board.

ASB requests school funding for secretary

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

A resolution requesting the salary of the ASB secretary be established as a part of the university budget passed the House of Representatives yesterday.

The bill previously passed the senate and will be given to administration officials if approved by ASB President David Kessler.

CURRENTLY, the ASB secretary's salary is paid from the ASB student-activity fund.

Also passed by the House was a bill creating a six-member committee to recommend to the House and Senate whether or not to amend the constitution for the purpose of abolishing the ASB House of Representatives.

This bill stemmed from poor attendance of House members to meetings.

Also, as Speaker Pro Temp of the House Eric Steinberg stated, MTSU is the only university in the state with a bicameral system.

The committee is to look into the pros and cons of this issue and make its recommendation at the earliest possible meeting of the House or Senate.

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Campus Capsule

TODAY

WESTERN WIND will be presented by the music department at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. For ticket information call 898-2469.

THE OVC TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

"OF MICE AND MEN" will show in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Arena Theatre at 8 p.m.

A **TALENT SHOW** will be sponsored by the Black Student Association at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. The BSA will also sponsor a dance at 9 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

SATURDAY

THE OVC TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUE at noon in Murphy Center.

"OF MICE AND MEN" will show in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Arena Theatre. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

A **CHESS TOURNAMENT** will be held in Keathley University Center from 7:30 a.m. until midnight.

THE MTSU WALDO KARATE CLUB will host the Southern American Championship from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

SUNDAY

A **SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT** will be presented in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building at 3 p.m.

A **GOSPEL CONCERT** will be sponsored by Students United for Christ at 3:30 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Arena Theatre.

THE CHESS TOURNAMENT will continue in Keathley University Center from 7:30 a.m. until 7 p.m.

MONDAY

THE IDEAS AND ISSUES COMMITTEE presents David Matthews, "An Evening of Broadway," at 7:30 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Arena Theatre. This event is free and open to the public.

"PINK FLAMINGOES," a fine-arts film, will be presented at 3:30 and 7 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. This week's films are free and open to the public.

TUESDAY

"THE BICYCLE THIEF," a fine-arts film, will be shown at 3:30 and 7 p.m. in the University Center Theatre.

WEDNESDAY

"ERASERHEAD," a fine-arts film, will be presented in the University Center Theatre at 3:30 and 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

"KING OF HEARTS," a fine-arts film, will be shown in the University Center Theatre at 3:30 and 7 p.m.

CROW JOHNSON IN CONCERT will be presented by the Special Events Committee at noon in the University Center Theatre. This event is free and open to the public.

NOTICE

THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST for admission to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, in the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building.

New award established; honors late English professor Frazier

A new award for writing is being established in honor of the first chairman of the MTSU English department, the late Neal D. Frazier.

The award, along with a check for \$300, will be made to the student submitting the best original essay on some aspect of the humanities with emphasis on the literature of the Bible.

ANY MTSU student may compete for the award. An essay of 1,000 to 2,500 words is the basis for the award. Judgment of the essays will be based upon the appropriateness of topic, quality of attainment and writing. Judges will consist of a panel from the English department. Applications must be turned in at the English department, Room 302, Peck Hall, by April 11.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the Academic Awards Banquet on April 25.

The Frazier Award is being established by two of his former students, Paul and Kate Gore Farmer. The Farmers

were enrolled in Frazier's course, "The Bible as Literature."

THE FARMERS expressed their desire to establish an award in honor of Frazier because "Mr. Frazier introduced us and many other students to the Bible as literature through one of his English courses."

"The Bible as Literature"

was one of many courses Frazier taught. An ordained minister of the Methodist Church, Frazier received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts Degrees from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville.

In 1923, he began his career at MTSU as a professor of English.

Frazier died in 1944.

Frisbee

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ALTHOUGH the committee unanimously approved the concept of the course, Kessler will have to report again at the next meeting, probably within the next three to four weeks, with alternatives and relocations.

After the final site of the course has been approved for recommendation by the Building and Grounds

Committee, the proposal will go to Vice President Otis Floyd, and then on to President Ingram for approval.



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Miss Black and Gold

Barbara James, senior, was crowned Miss Black and Gold Saturday night in a pageant sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. She was sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma.

Valentine message nets beating from irate mom

TRACY CITY, Tenn. (UPI) — Gail Bray says she was just trying to tell her boyfriend she missed him by printing a Valentine's Day message in a newspaper but wound up with her head pounded into the pavement by the boyfriend's mother.

"I reckon she thought I wasn't good enough for her son," Mrs. Bray said Thursday as she left a hospital after a week's treatment for a concussion and internal injuries.

MRS. BRAY, 28, a divorcee, said she has been dating Roger Phipps, 20, on the sly and paid for publication of an anonymous Valentine's Day message in the Grundy County Herald.

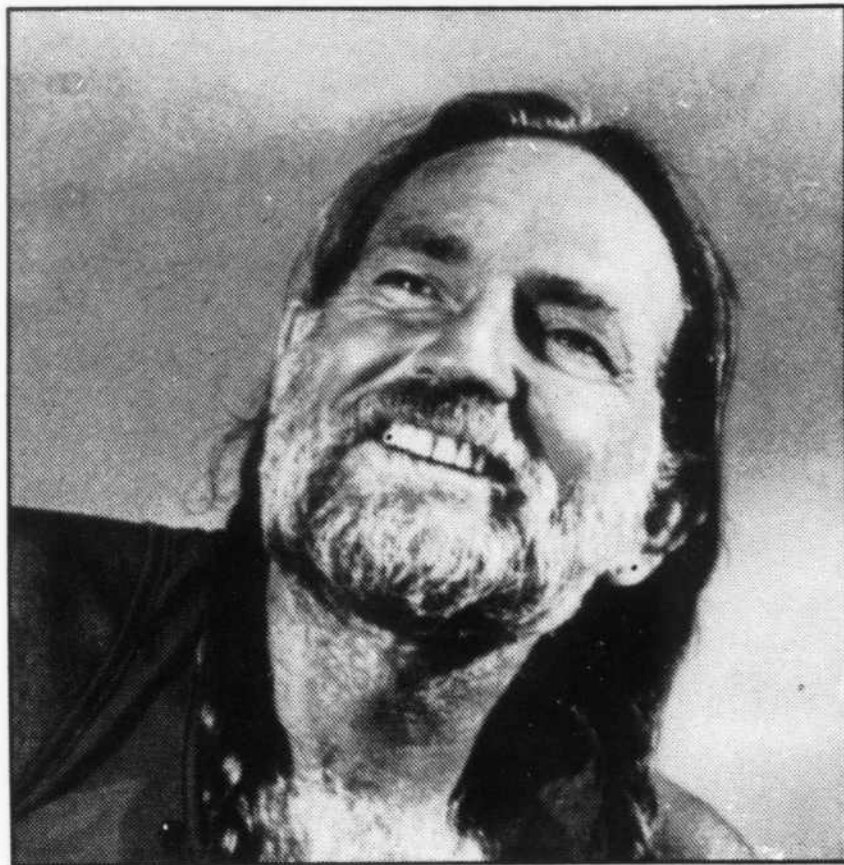
"I just wanted to show him I missed him on Valentine's Day," Mrs. Bray said.

The message read, "Roses are red, violets are blue. Thought I'd let you know, I'm

missing you. Missing you on Valentine's Day. I love you honey and love me."

PHIPPS' mother, Shirley Phipps, 39, went to the newspaper's office last Thursday and demanded to know who paid for the message. She grabbed the paper's general manager, Dawn Brothers, by the hair, threw her to the floor and began hitting her until she got the information, authorities said.

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news at a glance

By United Press International
WASHINGTON — The White House says the ouster of two more top Environmental Protection Agency officials will give the agency a "fresh start." The administration disclosed the firings of EPA Inspector General Matthew Novick and Assistant Administrator John Horton.

CHICAGO — Harold Washington, the odds-on choice to be the first black mayor of the nation's second largest city, is stepping up security because of death threats. Washington won Tuesday's Democratic primary and is favored to win the April 12 election.

WASHINGTON — President Reagan is frustrated that foreign armed forces remain stationed in Lebanon and says the Middle East nation's fragile chances for peace are endangered by the continued military occupation. Reagan said "there is no reason why" foreign forces "can't get out."

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Five Persian Gulf oil states, including oil giant Saudi Arabia, vowed to undercut renegade OPEC producers unless they accept a unified price cut. The new price could be as low as \$29 a barrel, which could translate into a 10-cents-a-gallon saving at American gas pumps.

WASHINGTON — The

\$165 billion Social Security rescue package survived its first congressional hurdle, but only on a party-line vote. The Democratically led House Social Security subcommittee Wednesday repeatedly rejected attempts by the panel's Republicans to raise the retirement age as a means of reducing the system's longterm costs.

LOS ANGELES — Toto, a group of suburban studio musicians who toiled in obscurity for a decade, won six

awards including record and album of the year at the 25th annual Grammys show. Willie Nelson's "Always on my Mind" and composer John Williams' score to the movie "E.T." won three awards each.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — A grand jury investigating a series of deaths at a San Antonio hospital prepared yesterday to call a doctor and nurse who worked at the hospital. *The New York Times*, quoting sources, said as many as 47 babies may have died between 1978 and 1982.

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Presidential candidates

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Being an effective communicator and a good personnel manager are two things to be considered in selecting an ASB president, according to Larnerd, and he said he possesses both abilities.

"I've been wearing this 'vote for me' button for a month now; hopefully, with the right outcome, a vote for me can become a vote for us," Larnerd said.

Following are questions to the candidates and their responses:

Question: What outside interests do all of you have that might impede your effectiveness in running the office of president?

Steinberg: I have absolutely no outside interests.

Ross: I have no outside interests that would impede my ability to serve as president either. I'm governor of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, and I think that would actually be an advantage to my serving as president. The TISL organization represents all the colleges in Tennessee. It's the only statewide student organization. I think this is going to help our communication.

There's a lot of things that need to be done that the MTSU ASB can't do alone. We need to get other people to work with us on it. I'm in contact with student leaders across the state and, surprisingly enough, they've got a lot of the same problems we do.

We've got a lot of solutions, and I think if we pool our resources in a lot of these things, particularly in things where we need to approach the state or the state legislature... we need a unified effort. I hope that through the contacts we have with those, that can be maintained.

Larnerd: I'd like to get back to the thing about popularity of the whole thing. This is a general election. This is an election for the students by the



Eric Steinberg

students. The person that gets the most votes wins. Evidently, if that's the way the people feel about it, well, hey, let's go for it, you know.

I've been actively involved in the Association for Recording Management Students. In the past seven or eight years since the RIM program has been here it has grown from about 30 to about 300 students and it's one of the most effective groups on campus. We have the Mass Communications Department here which is one of the largest in the country. One of the top ten, I would say, in the country as far as quality goes.

I'm also on the Special Events Committee. For anybody's interest, I'm not really into country music, so please don't blame me when Alabama comes back four times in a semester. But, I do believe that it is very important for the people to get out and vote. Last year, for a school of about 10,000 people, approximately, give or take a few, we only had, I guess, less than 2,000. I guess about 1,500 that voted in the last election.

That's a sign of apathy. And let me tell you, folks, apathy will kill anything faster than—I don't know what. So, what I've been stressing is, even if you don't want to vote for me, please get out and vote. The majority of the students have a right to be heard, so, on March 2 and 3, go for it and get out to



Mark Ross

the polls.

Q: The ASB took a poll recently regarding alcohol on campus. How does each candidate feel about this issue?

Ross: I personally would like to see a modification of the alcohol policy.

I don't reasonably think it's going to happen, particularly if the Legislature raises the drinking age to 21, which looks on the verge right now. If you raise the drinking age to 21, what you do is make less of the student body legal anyway, so I think you're going to have a lot less chance of that.

I would like to see students allowed more treatment as adults. We come here as adults, and I'd like to see us have it. There needs to be some restrictions on it. For example, you couldn't take an open beer on campus, well, if you did that in the city of Murfreesboro it would be a violation of city and state law anyway.

So, I would like to see students get some of the privileges they deserve as adults. I think we deserve the chance to prove we're responsible enough to conduct those, and that involves things other than alcohol. There's a lot of other things you can apply to that.

I don't think the alcohol policy is going to change. We have a meeting with the Board of Regents on March 15 and 16 in which a number of student leaders from across the state



Vic Larnerd

that are representing Regent schools are going to go to the Board. Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay, East Tennessee State, MTSU and some others are going to ask the Board of Regents to consider changing the alcohol policy.

I don't think it'll be changed this year, but if we start asking for changes now, maybe a little later on down the road we can get some modification.

Larnerd: Regarding the alcohol policy, I'll be quite frank with everyone in here. As we all probably know, everybody on the State Board of Regents, alcohol and education just doesn't get it together.

As far as raising the drinking age to 21 across the board, I'm not really in favor of that.

But, there can be, as Mark said, some kind of a modification. I don't think there's a want to raise the alcohol age to 21, I think we could modify it somewhat. Say, 19 for beer and wine and 21 for hard liquor. It's successful in other states across the country.

But, once again, these are things that happen with the administration and the state board of regents.

In this campaign, I would like to stress academics, that's what we're all here for. Granted, I do enjoy getting out every once in a while and socializing and everything like that.

But like I said, if you raise even the beer and wine to 21, the people here on campus are going to get their beer and wine anyway. That's just gonna make them illegal, and heaven knows there's enough things that we can get into out there to be illegal anyway.

I guess, in a nutshell, as far as the drinking age goes, I don't see it [drinking on campus] happening. I wouldn't really lose too much sleep if the hard liquor age went to 21. It's like that in most states across the country.

Steinberg: I was really drunk the other night and I thought about this.

I think we've got here a very basic difference, and I want to take a minute to point it out. What we have here is a conservative, a moderate and a liberal. I'm the liberal.

I think the students want drinking on campus, and I'm not going to presuppose that it can't be done. I'm going to presuppose that it can be done. I'm going to fight all year for

it. I don't know if this is right, but I've heard this through the grapevine. I was told that a few years ago Dr. LaLance made a proposal before the Board of Regents that MTSU or other schools be allowed to have alcohol on campus.

I was told that the decision was a very close vote. I think it was one vote that changed whether it would happen or not. I think anything that's that close can be maybe turned around, you know, a little bit of lobbying, a little bit of trying. If that's what students want, that's what I'm gonna go for.

[Editor's note: Dr. LaLance approached Sidelines, asking to have this statement clarified. He said he did not make a proposal, but served on a task force appointed by the system chancellor to study the question. LaLance said he was only one of a 12-member board.]

Another speak-out will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the grill annex.



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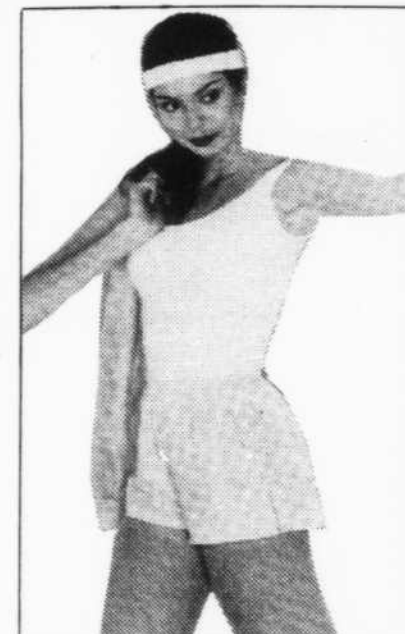
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Speaker candidates

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backed ideas," McClary added.

HOWELL cited his experience—three years in the senate, one year as speaker pro temp, knowledge of parliamentary procedure and work on university committees—as proof of his ability to do the job.

"I know how the ASB office runs. I also know this campus inside and out. I believe this will enable me to work real

well with the administration," Howell said.

In particular, he said the new electoral act was an example of the legislation which he has sponsored.

WHEN the candidates for speaker of the senate spoke, Ronald Malone said his past experience in student government would be an asset. He is currently chief justice of the Traffic Court, has served as a senator here and was a senator and speaker pro temp at the

College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.

Malone said the "big challenge" was to replace Speaker of the Senate Mark Ross.

"I think everybody knows that the Senate was run very smoothly this year. I think that's a great thing, and I really want to run things that way," Malone said.

BROWN, who is in his first year as junior senator and chairs the Senate Bookstore

Policy and Procedures Committee, said he was offering "effective leadership to

promote the student welfare and to insure the students get a fair shake."

"I don't claim to know all the answers, but I do believe in hard work," Brown said. "I

can assure you we will have a working senate if I am elected."

Panhellenic Council officers set

By DEBBIE KELLER

Staff Writer

Panhellenic Council officers for 1983-84 were installed last week.

Inducted as president was Teresa Walker of Kappa Delta. First vice president is Keita

Hemphill (Alpha Gamma Delta), second vice president is Cynthia Youree (Chi Omega), secretary is Vickie Adecock (Delta Zeta) and Treasurer is Kathy Solman (Alpha Delta Pi).

IN THE selection process,

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"Haven't ya heard?" exclaimed BUSCH Cassidy. Wyatt's got himself a piece of that new hotel in town. There hasn't been a vacancy there for weeks."

Rindance pondered this piece of information as he stepped up to the bar for another refreshing glass of ice-cold BUSCH Beer. Returning, he asked BUSCH Cassidy:

"Anything else I should know?"

"I think I've covered everything," said Cassidy, "but I'll give you two last clues. Of the 25 cards dealt, there are just two 9's and one trey."

"I'll be horn-swoggled if I can figure it out," said the Kid, scratching his head.

"Heck," said BUSCH Cassidy, "I've told ya everything ya need to know. By now you should be able to name the winner and the exact five cards in the winning hand."

The Kid shook his head. "I guess," he said, "I should of gone to college."

Once you believe you can answer the two questions, call the following toll-free number: 800-453-4100. Note: This number is only in service on date of this publication between the hours of high noon and 6:00pm.



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Political 'dogfight' seen; race awareness urged

In two articles in this issue, *Sidelines* is presenting statements made by Associated Student Body candidates in order to keep students abreast of the issues and stances of each candidate.

Several of the contests for ASB offices could prove to be rigorous and interesting races. The election of ASB

president gives every indication of being a political dogfight as Eric Steinberg,

Mark Ross and Vic Larnerd and are all vying for the ASB's top position.

IT IS necessary that students be informed about issues pertaining to the ASB and the stances of prospective candidates in order to make wise choices

during the upcoming elections.

Sidelines feels an obligation to insure that the student population is aware of problems facing the university and the various candidates' ideas for correcting these problems.

Many students do not vote in the ASB elections as they believe it really does not matter who is representing them.

STUDENTS of this opinion have no reason to complain about the kind of representation they are getting.

It is up to each individual student to insure that the best possible people are elected to ASB offices. Thus, the candidates' positions and the issues are being published for the students' scrutiny.

Endorsement policy explained

Yesterday we were informed of rumors that *Sidelines* already plans to endorse a particular ASB presidential candidate and is trying to "shaft" another.

This is untrue.

In order to clear up the confusion, here is our endorsement policy:

TO DECIDE who we will endorse, each of the presidential and speaker candidates has been invited to be interviewed today by the *Sidelines* staff. While we cannot compel every office-

seeker to attend, we sincerely welcome the opportunity to discuss the candidates' views.

After the interviews, those staff members who are present will decide, first of all, if we wish to endorse a candidate for a particular office.

If we decide to proceed, we will then vote on who we will endorse.

Our decision will be published in Tuesday's issue.

Prytula's work praised; efforts should continue

Even now, the death of Robert Prytula is still being mourned by students, friends and colleagues. Prytula was an important part of the university community, and his death is a great loss to all who were influenced by his hard work and tender compassion.

But the influence of Robert Prytula went far beyond the scope of the university. He helped establish and direct the Rutherford County Rape and

Sexual Abuse Center and was an active leader in the Boy Scouts of America. He also assisted the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy, the Metro Nashville Police Department, and local law-enforcement agencies.

PRYTULA was a man of high ideals who practiced what he preached. He felt a commitment to his chosen vocation which compelled him to go above and beyond the call of duty. His work with the sexually abused stands out as an example of his concern for those who had been psychologically battered by forces beyond their control.

A person of Robert Prytula's character deserves to be honored for his dedication to helping those in dire need of help. A fitting memorial to Prytula would be the continuation of the work he started. The work he began with the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center should be carried on as a living memorial to a man so dedicated to its success.

Now it is imperative that those who loved and respected Robert Prytula do everything within their power to see that his work is continued, so that distressed individuals might continue to reap benefits from his compassionate concern.



"TRUE, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS, YOU'RE ON THE MEND!"

From Our Readers

Reader denies right-to-know

To the editor

In the words of "M*A*S*H" 's Col. Potter, I say HORSE-HOCKEY to your editorial in today's *Sidelines*. I say the same thing to your editorial on the draft and grants.

If I mention the name, Gov. Ray Blanton, what does everyone say? "Oh, that crook." But let us say that all the publicity, slanted and otherwise, had never came out about him, what would people say? "Oh, a lovely governor!"

A newspaper article comes out on the front page and tells of someone being arrested for a crime. What happens afterward? The person is acquitted or let go for some reason and the newspapers print a small article on page 40 or not at all.

What I am saying is that one newspaper article can ruin a person's life; on a campus such as this, the embarrassment would never stop if you were allowed to print whatever you want about a person. And don't tell me you would stick to the facts, because you of all people should know how to slant an article to make a person look good or bad, as the case may be. It is done all the time.

SO, AS to your "right-to-know" litany, I say again, HORSE HOCKEY. We the public, do not always have the right to know. The law

referred to is a federal law and the university would be in trouble if they did not adhere to it.

So, a bit of wisdom. If those on the outside felt they should be on the inside, then there would be no need to have the inside because everything would be on the outside.

Do you want your life and everything that goes on at the *Sidelines* spread across the front page

N. Baker
Box 1549

Editor's reply: Richard Nixon had similar feelings.

Play review gets criticism

To the editor:

Reference *Sidelines*, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1983, features section, page 5.

I found the banner headline "Few Flaws Found in 'Of Mice and Men'" a shocking way to introduce a feature article about an outstanding production of Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men." In fairness, I read the article and soothed my ruffled feathers, until I got to the last paragraph, "To list the shortcomings . . ." I was once again livid.

THE shortcoming was really writing that comment and that headline in the first place. The "minute flaws" should never have been mentioned. They should simply be chalked up to any stage performance where those things happen.

"They hardly ruin the

show," indeed. The errors in the *Sidelines* hardly ruin the *Sidelines*, even with the misspelled words, bad grammar and incorrect spacing.

So to the cast, crew and drama department, I say do not despair. There are those of us, your audiences, that appreciate your efforts and talents. Your performances were excellent and little more (if anything) should be said about the tasteless remarks by Ms. Leonhirth.

Bill Moulder
Box 6731

Editor's reply: The article to which you refer was a review of "Of Mice and Men."

Webster defines a review as "a critical report and evaluation, as in a newspaper or magazine, of a recent book, play, etc., or of a performance, concert, etc."

Cartoon said blasphemous

To the editor:

I am writing in response to your editorial cartoon which appeared in the Feb. 22 issue.

I found the cartoon to be in very poor taste. It not only showed a lack of discernment, but I also found it to be blasphemous.

Cathy Matthews
Box 2318

Game stolen by officials?

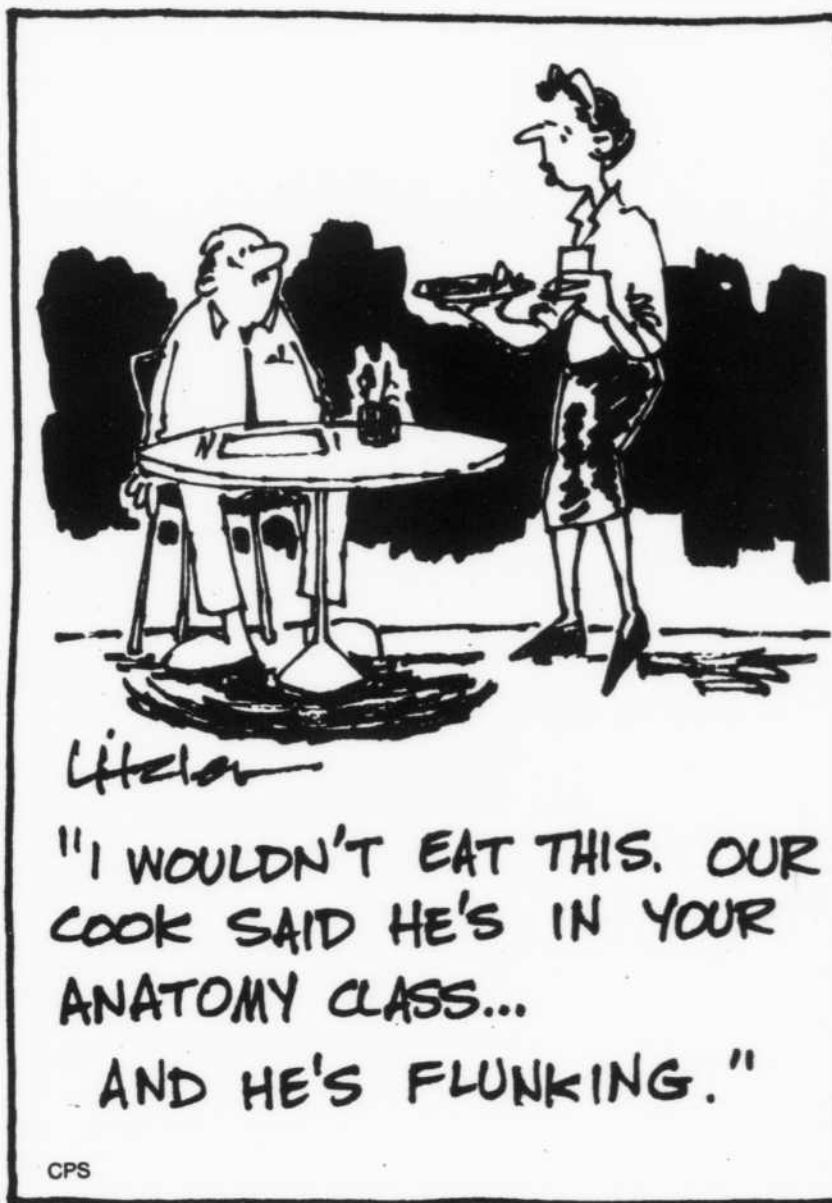
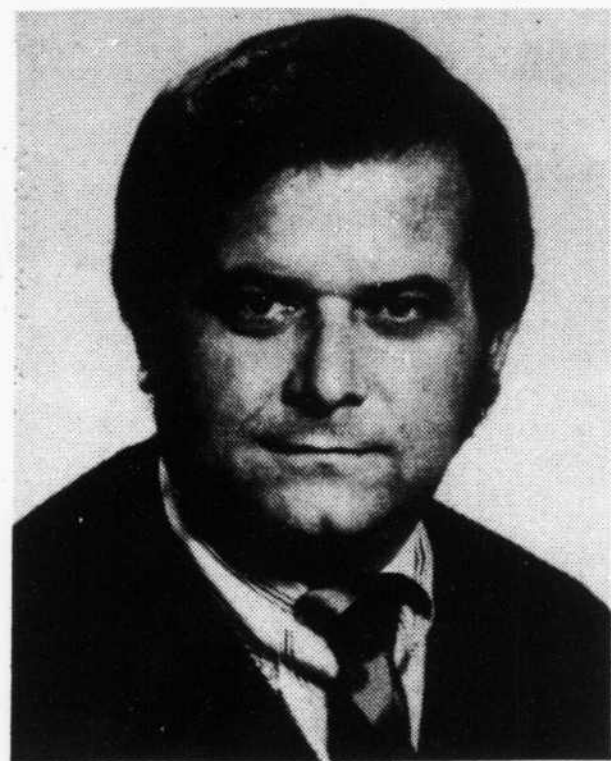
To the editor:

Where was Campus Security when we needed them? The most obvious case of thievery I've ever seen or heard about occurred Monday night in Murphy Center when two "officials" (?) blatantly stole a basketball game from MTSU's Blue Raiders and handed it to the University of New Orleans. Their actions constituted an obscenity, in my opinion.

I have been a season ticket holder for a good many years, and never have I seen anything to match the calls made Monday night—or, in the case of the New Orleans player who clearly traveled three times in the crucial closing moments of the game, the calls that were NOT made.

While it may be of little consolation to Coach Simpson and his valiant team, I want them to know that in the minds of some (most, I bet) who witnessed the game, the real winner was MTSU. Be proud of the game you played, fellows, and keep up the hard work. Your day is coming, and I am planning to be on hand to enjoy it with you!

Dr. Glenn Himebaugh
Mass Communications



Features

Cadet Commander gets good experience in ROTC

By ANTHONY PILLOW
Staff Writer

The opportunity to learn managerial skills in planning, to manage resources and time and to develop leadership capabilities are all available through ROTC.

James C. Hill joined ROTC, and things couldn't be better.

HILL is the 1982-83 Cadet Battalion Commander for MTSU's ROTC program. He is also the first black cadet commander at MTSU since ROTC was first instituted here 33 years ago.

Becoming a cadet battalion

commander is not an easy task.

"You have to have outstanding leadership capabilities, military knowledge, military bearing and appearance and last but not least, intelligence," said Maj. Robert Gailbreath, military science instructor.

GAILBREATH said there are four basic areas that are considered when choosing a cadet commander: academics, advance camp performance, military science academic performance and leadership.

Hill got involved in ROTC because of the opportunity to

receive a scholarship, and because he wanted to serve in the armed forces.

"I thought the officer route would be the best way to go," he said.

ROTC is for one who seeks a mental and physical challenge, one who feels he can make important decisions and one who feels he or she has leadership potential, Hill said.

Gailbreath agrees.

"Leadership experience is one of the benefits Hill has received which will help him once he's on active duty," Gailbreath said.

THE MAJOR said another benefit of being top cadet commander is representing MTSU this spring at the George C. Marshall convention, a gathering of the top ROTC cadets in the nation. While there, the cadets are addressed by top military and civilian leaders in the United States.

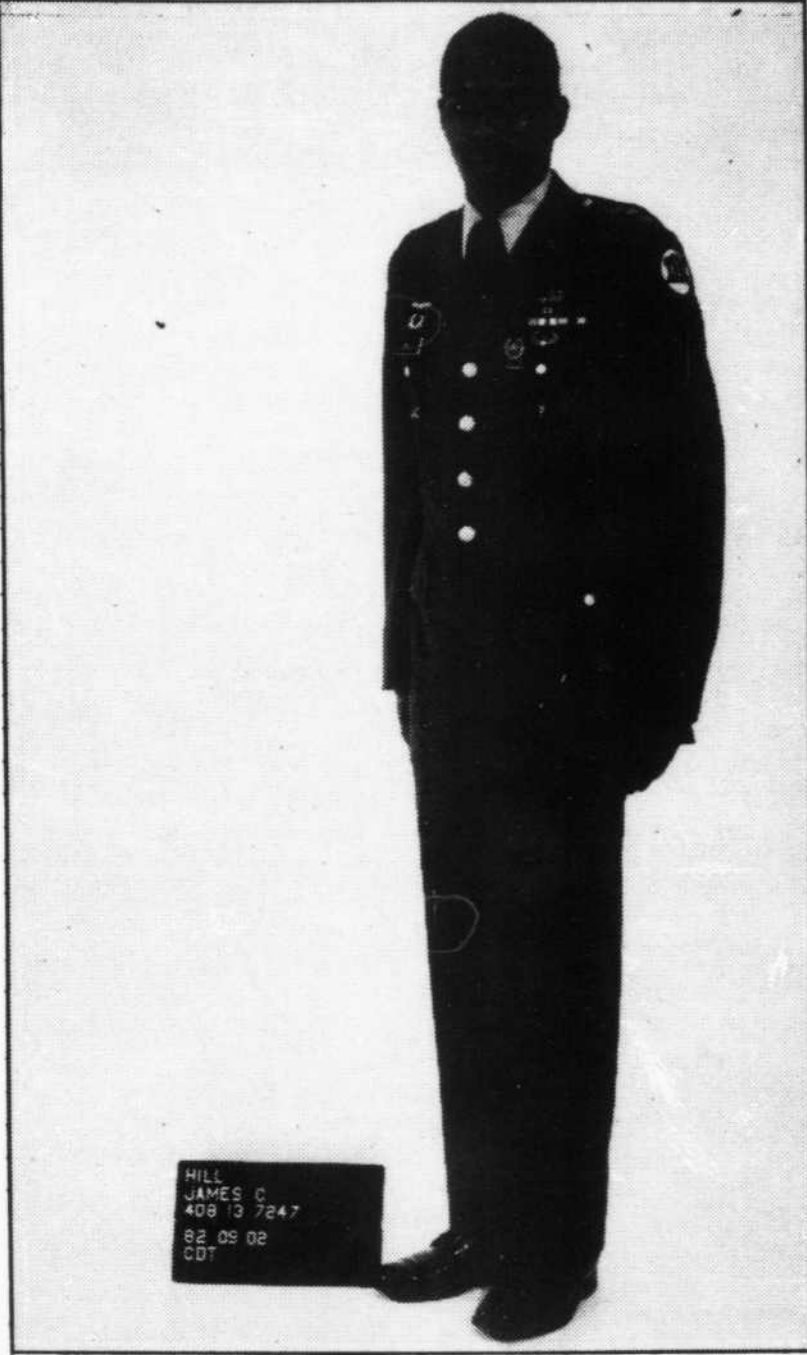
Hill has been in ROTC for only two years, which means becoming a cadet battalion commander in that time span is an achievement within itself.

"He was at a slight disadvantage," Gailbreath said. "He only had one year on campus to establish a good reputation."

HILL said what he likes the most about ROTC is that it teaches him different aspects about himself that he didn't know previously.

"The Army specifically deals with this because throughout your career as an officer you will deal with people," he said.

In addition to being cadet battalion commander, Hill has received other honors: distinguished military student, 1982-83; academic achievement, 1982-83; Association of the Army ROTC Award, 1982; and an ROTC Scholarship Award which he received at ROTC Basic Training Camp.



James C. Hill

Four free films to be screened next week at KUC Theatre

As a part of the annual Fine Arts Festival, MTSU will offer four free films to students and the public beginning Monday.

"Pink Flamingos," "The Bicycle Thief," "Eraserhead" and "King of Hearts" will be shown next week in the Keathley University Center Theatre.

STARTING off the week will be the X-rated "Pink Flamingos," starring Divine, Edy the Egg Lady, David Lochary and Mink Lacey.

Divine, living in a pink trailer outside Baltimore, holds the title of "The World's Filthiest Person." Connie and Raymond Marble are out to "outfilthy" Divine and take the title for themselves.

The Marbles's main claim to fame is their business of kidnapping hippie girls, impregnating them and selling the babies to lesbian couples. In a series of hilarious and disgusting adventures, Divine and her family finally capture the Marbles and execute them in front of the tabloid press.

"THE Bicycle Thief," an Oscar-winning foreign film, will be shown Tuesday.

This film is Vittorio De Sica's masterpiece story of an impoverished Italian laborer and his son, and the bicycle that is essential to their survival.

The father, dependent upon an exploitative society, is forced to steal from another as poor as himself to survive.

WEDNESDAY'S film will be "Eraserhead," a story set in a nightmare landscape. A pointy-head young man with an odd hairdo finds that his life

changes dramatically when his girlfriend gives birth to a premature chicken-baby.

Directed by David Lynch, who later directed "The Elephant Man," the central issue is the relationship of monster and man.

"King of Hearts," showing Thursday, finds World War I coming to an end as Alan Bates plays a Scottish soldier sent to

disarm a bomb planted by the fleeing German army in a small French town.

When Bates arrives, the town is deserted, except for the inmates of the local insane asylum. He is embraced as their king and the results are both lyrical and hilarious.

Each of the films will be shown at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on their respective dates.

Bee Gees found guilty of copyright infringement

By LESLIE GRIFFIN

United Press International

CHICAGO — The Bee Gees, convicted of stealing the hit single "How Deep Is Your Love?" from a suburban antiques dealer, must return for another tour of federal court to determine damages.

A federal jury Wednesday found the pop group guilty of copyright infringement for the 1977 hit, one of several from the movie "Saturday Night Fever." The soundtrack won a Grammy for Album of the Year in 1978.

RONALD Selle, 38, of suburban Hazel Crest, won the lawsuit against the Australian group for lifting parts of his 1975 song "Let it End."

Despite remarkable melodic similarities between the two tunes, the Bee Gees—brothers Maurice, Robin and Barry Gibb—insisted they had never heard Selle's song.

A jury of three men and three women decided in five hours of deliberation that—intentionally or not—the Gibbs infringed Selle's copyright.

WHEN the verdict was

announced, Barry Gibb slumped in his chair, stunned. After the jury and judge had left the courtroom Robin leapt to his feet and shouted, "That verdict was a lie. A lie."

Maurice Gibb was in Los Angeles to host the Grammy Awards.

Also found guilty was Paramount Pictures, which owned the rights to the "Saturday Night Fever" album that sold more than 30 million copies.

Auditions set for one-acts in BDA Mon.

Auditions for student directed one-act plays will take place Monday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 in the Green Room of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

Anyone is eligible to try out for Frank Gilroy's "Present Tense," which will be directed by Tricia Warren, or for William Inge's "The Call," to be directed by David Lee. Warren and Lee are students in the advanced directing class.

No prepared audition is required, however scripts for the two plays are available for perusal in the Reserve Room of the Library.

Presidential Concert set for Sun.

By LINDA WARREN

Staff Writer

The fifth Annual Presidential Concert, featuring the Symphonic Band under the direction of Joseph T. Smith, will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

This free concert will be dedicated to the administrators of MTSU.

THE PROGRAM will include "Grand Symphonic March," "Othello," "Chorale and Shaker Dance," "Celebration Overture," "Universal Judgement" and "La Belle Helene Overture."

The Symphonic Band has toured throughout East and West Tennessee and presents frequent concerts in the Middle Tennessee area.

T. Earl Hinton, professor of music at MTSU, will be the guest conductor during "Celebration Overture."

HINTON came to MTSU in 1960. His teaching responsibilities have included music theory, music education, conducting and private instruction in voice and percussion.

Past honors include president of the Tennessee Music Educators Association

and two terms as chairman of the Tennessee Alliance for Arts Education.

As director of band and professor of music at MTSU, Smith has served as guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. He is the founding director of the nationally

televised Contest of Champions.

Smith has recently been selected as national patron of Delta Omicron and has been initiated into the Band of Blue Club Hall of Fame.

A reception will be held in the Instrumental Rehearsal Hall following Sunday's concert.

Poet, author to speak at BDA Monday

As part of MTSU's Black History Month celebration, author, poet and musician David Matthews will appear Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

A graduate of Urbana College in Urbana, Ohio, Matthews was discovered by poet Nikki Giovanni. He is the author of two books of poetry, "The Feel of FEELING" and "Time Brings About a Change," as well as the winner of two National Poem of the

Year Awards from the Los Angeles American Poets Society.

Matthews has taken his Broadway-flavor performance of costumes, lighting effects, music and props to some 19 different states and more than 200 college and university campuses over the past eight years.

The show is free and open to the public and is a presentation of the Ideas and Issues Committee.

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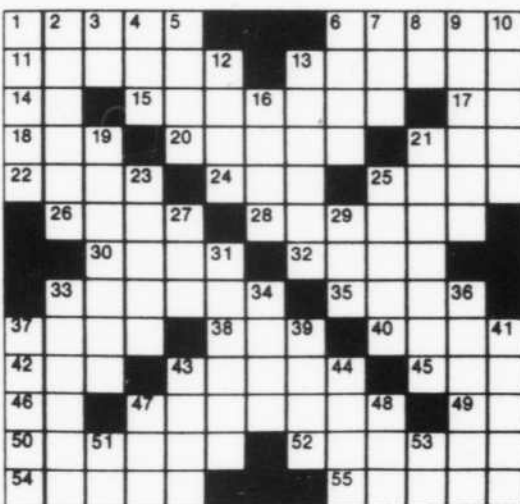
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Two Fingers is all it takes.

Sports

Trackmen host Championship

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

With the OVC Indoor Championships this weekend at Murphy Center, MTSU's track men will seek the conference crown and to qualify members for the NCAA, according to Coach Dean Hayes.

"The biggest thing is to try to get ready to give our best performance to be the OVC champion both individually and teamwise," Hayes explained. "Our other goal is to qualify for the NCAA."

HAYES HAS already had one of his units qualify for the NCAA championships, as the mile-relay team of Perald Ellis, Gary Mitchell, Kenny Nesbitt and Tim Johnson met the qualifying standards during their last meet with a time of 3:12.13.

MTSU appears to be the strong favorite in this weekend's championship, but Hayes added that Murray State will be a challenger because they have their biggest strength in distance events, the area in which MTSU is the weakest.

"Really, nobody in the league has good distance runners," the veteran track mentor said. "We have three or four that I think can score some points. If Eastern and us can chop Murray up a little bit in the distance events, hopefully we can keep it from being too close."

UP UNTIL last week, Hayes and company had been fortunate in that they had only one serious injury. That was to Billy Porter, one of the top distance men on the team. Porter had not run since Oct. 18, but returned two weeks ago to take a fifth-place finish in the 1,000-yard run.

The major injury that hit the team last week was the loss of triple-jumper Eddie Loyd, who suffered a hyperextended knee and has been unable to get any real practice recently.

"I hated to see Eddie get hurt," Hayes said. "It cost us a lot of points, plus it cost him two weeks of good training that he could've used for the NCAA."

"WE HAD planned on doing some experimenting with what we were going to have to do in the NCAA, like the short run of 108 feet [for the takeoff] instead of the usual 130."

Hayes listed Loyd's triple jump of 53-3 in the season's opening meet as one of the high points for the year.

"It was a good start for him," Hayes noted. "I think that one will get him in the NCAA. I don't think there is any question."

HAYES ADDED that the injury should not keep Loyd from competing in the OVC championship.

"Jumperwise, we are better off than we were last year, plus we've picked up Dwight Johnson, the freshman," he said. "He's tough and he had football in the fall, but he's coming along nicely right now. So, with him to go with Orestes Meeks, Andre Kirnes and Eddie Loyd, that gives us four good jumpers."

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Lady Raiders take undefeated record to lowly Austin Peay

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders continue their domination of the Ohio Valley Conference women's race and look to increase it by another game tomorrow against Austin Peay in Clarksville.

Tip-off is set for 5 p.m. at Peay's Dunn Center.

COACH Larry Inman's Lady Raiders are first in the league with a 7-0 mark. They increased their overall mark to 19-4 Monday night with a win over UT-Martin, 86-65. MTSU was led by Holly Hoover with 23 points. Eva Lemeh had 20, while Jennifer McFall had 16.

The Lady Raiders shot 58 percent from the field in that contest, and are the league's best in field-goal percentage, with an overall mark of 47.5 percent. Hoover, McFall and Lemeh are among the league leaders in scoring, while Hoover also ranks second in the league in rebounds, fifth in field-goal percentage and first in blocked shots.

Austin Peay, on the other hand, ranks among the league cellar-dwellers, shooting only 39.2 percent per game. They are winless in conference play at 0-8, and have won only once all year.

The Lady Gobs have only one player among the league's scoring leaders, Amy Davis, who is averaging 11.8 points per game. Melony Waller is

among the league leaders in assists.

MTSU will be on the road again next week, facing UT-Chattanooga on March 1.



Photo by Marty Lawrence

Cyndi Lindley (43) awaits a free throw in action against UT-Martin Monday night. Lindley and the rest of the Lady Raiders will be on the road Saturday night to face Austin Peay in Clarksville with tipoff set for 5 p.m.

Rugby Saturday

The MTSU Rugby Club hosts Western Kentucky Saturday at the Greenland Drive field across from Kwik-Sak. Action gets underway at 1 p.m.

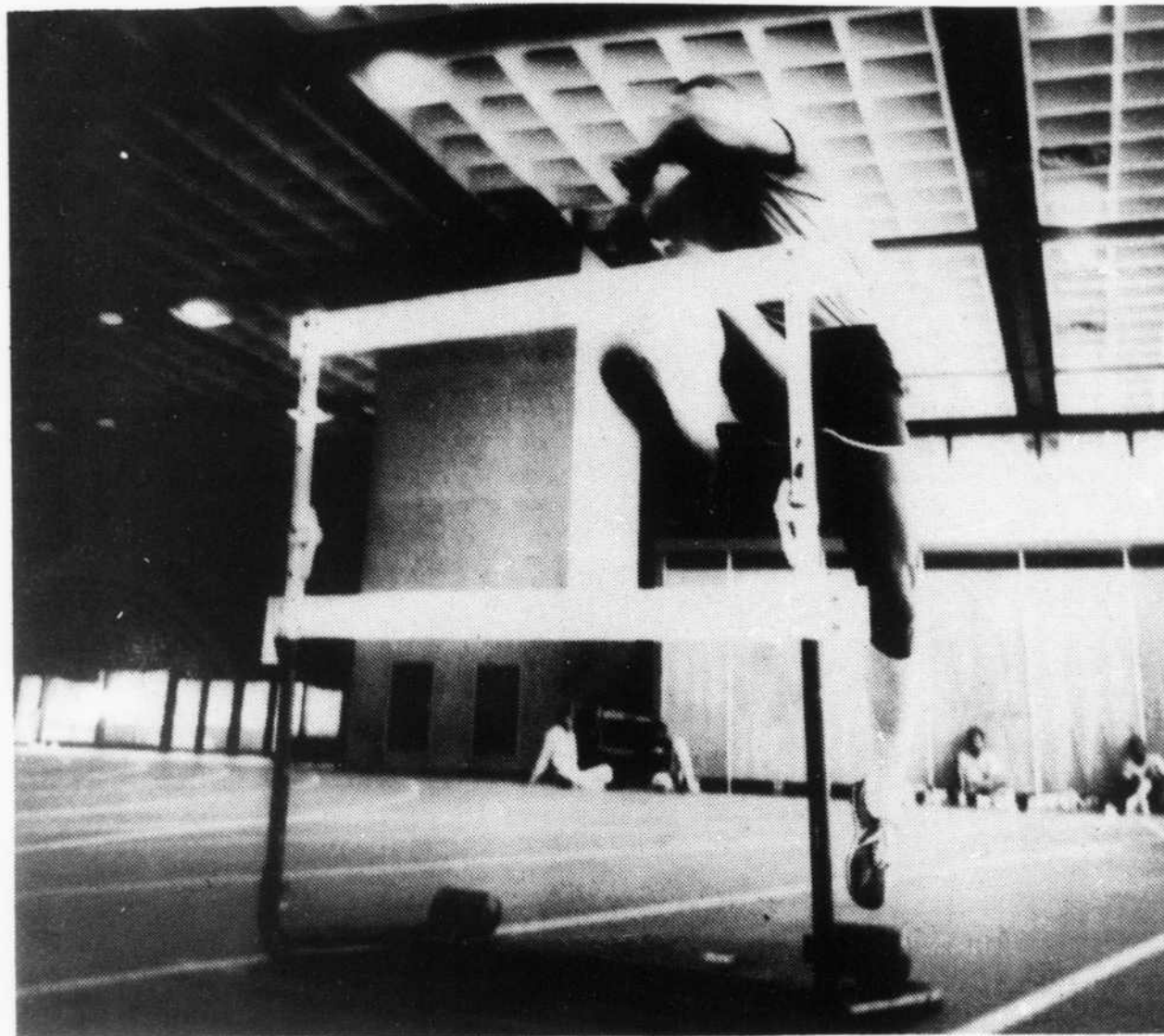


Photo by Keith Tippitt

Up and over

A member of the Blue Raider track team soars during practice for the OVC Championship meet this weekend at Murphy Center. Action gets underway Friday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. and continues Saturday, beginning at 12 noon.

Third meeting this season

Peay Gobs host MTSU

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

MTSU seems to have Austin Peay's number.

The Blue Raiders two victories over Austin Peay this season are like shining needles in a haystack of defeats, a positive part of the 6-17 record that MTSU has compiled. The two meet again Saturday in Clarksville, but it will be the first meeting on the Governors' floor between the two.

MTSU captured their first win of the year against the Gobs, downing Coach Ron Bargatz's club 87-82 in second-round action of the Tennessee Classic, held at Murphy Center last November. Senior Ed "Pancakes" Perry had 19 points in the win, his

highest outing of the year.

In the second meeting of the year, MTSU downed Peay 81-68 behind Doug Lipscomb's 26 points.

It could be that the Raiders have had their best luck of the year against Peay, or it could be that MTSU has shot the ball better against Peay than at any other time during the year (excluding Wednesday's Georgia State game), but Peay (2-10, 9-16) still has a good basketball team, according to Raider Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson.

"AUSTIN PEAY has probably had as many bad breaks as any team in the country," Simpson said.

"I think they have one of the best basketball teams in the

conference. I just can't believe how much bad luck they've had."

MTSU has had trouble shooting the basketball this season, currently ranking last in the league in field-goal percentage, while Murray State ranks first. In both games against the Governors, the Raiders have shot the ball better than their average. That's what it will take this time.

"Both times we've played Austin Peay, we shot the ball well," Simpson continued. "We'll surely have to do that again this weekend in Clarksville."

The game gets underway at 7:30 p.m. in Austin Peay's Dunn Center.

Earlier signing date wanted by Donnelly

By MAT "CHILI" WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

An earlier signing date for high school football players would be beneficial to smaller schools, according to MTSU Coach James "Boots" Donnelly.

"I favor one signing date, and I'd like to see it moved up to Jan. 20," Donnelly said.

DONNELLY said he thinks the present signing date in mid-February favors the bigger schools because they have more money to spend and can afford to be more selective in their recruiting.

"The later signing date favors the bowl teams," the coach noted.

Bowl teams need more time to recruit because of the added length of their season, but Donnelly explained that this shouldn't be a factor in the signing process.

"BY DECEMBER, most athletes know where they're going to go to school," he said.

Donnelly said he felt that Herschel Walker made a wise decision by signing a contract to play with the New Jersey Generals of the new United States Football League (USFL).

Walker's contract calls for a guaranteed \$1.5 million for

signing and an additional \$5 million to be paid over a three-year period. The original amount was earlier misreported as \$16.5 million to be paid over a five-year period.

"IF THERE is a player that comes through here and is offered a million dollars, I will tell him to take the money," Donnelly said.

The coach said that the situation could have been handled with more discretion, however.

"It [the negotiations, signing and announcement] could have been done more professionally," he said. "There should be some more regulations in the USFL."

"THIS IS a young man that had a lot of pressure."

The Raiders have added Linwood Harris from North Carolina to bolster their recruiting rewards. Harris is 6-3, weighs 185 pounds and is nationally ranked in the high jump, having leaped 6-10.

Donnelly said the Blue Raiders coaching staff hopes to sign one more player to wrap up the recruiting season and is also preparing for spring practice, which begins March 28.

Raiders grab first road win

FROM STAFF
REPORTS

ATLANTA — MTSU captured their first road win of the year Wednesday night as they downed the Georgia State Panthers 76-69.

The win snapped a 10-game road-losing streak and marked only the third win of the year against non-conference opponents for the Blue Raiders.

MTSU fought off a second-half comeback attempt by the Panthers, who had beaten the Raiders in Murfreesboro earlier this year, to cruise to the win in the closing minutes. The loss closed out the season for Georgia State, who had not won a game since that win against MTSU on Feb. 1.

"I thought the guys played a very hard game," MTSU Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said afterwards. "I thought overall they probably played smarter tonight than they have all year long. I know that when it counted, we shot the ball better than we have all year long."

MTSU shot their best for the year from the field in the victory, hitting 34 of 55 shots for 61.8 percent. A strong performance in the second half from several individuals sealed the win.

"I THINK we deserved to have a good shooting second half, after all the agony of the poor shooting we've been through all year long," Simpson said. "I am very proud of everyone who played, and I thought it was a total team victory."

"You're gonna win ball games when you shoot that well—it's long overdue. We're due for a 75 or 80 percent half in the next couple of weeks."

Doug Lipscomb, from Gainesville, Ga., led the scoring attack for the Raiders, hitting for 19 points.

"DOUG played really well; he played strong," Simpson noted.

Senior big man Wardell "Boh" Perry came off the bench and exploded for nine quick points, including three slam dunks late in the ball game to help inspire the win. He also blocked several shots and played aggressive defense in the closing minutes.

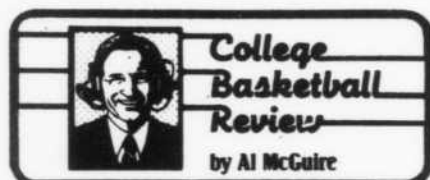
"The dunks are exciting and what the people like to see, but I was really pleased with Wardell's defensive effort," Simpson explained. "I thought two or three times he made some big plays defensively that if Georgia State had been able to convert to a bucket, might've given them some momentum late in the game."

JUNIOR Maury Mapes had 13 points for the game, and showed more confidence and strength than he had all year, according to Simpson.

"Maury had a good offensive game, as far as production goes, but I thought he was most valuable in executing the offense on the half-court," the Raider mentor added.

Georgia State was led in scoring by Tony Graham, who had 26 points. Joe Brown had 14 in the losing effort.

The Panthers closed out their season 9-19 overall. MTSU's record goes to 6-17 on the year, and sets up tomorrow night's battle with Austin Peay in Clarksville.



Some people claim there's no possible way you can say which conference is the best in college hoops.

But anytime you say "impossible" to me, it means "let's go. It's crush time." So, what we'll do is pick five conferences that I believe are the five best in the country.

OUT OF the gate, it should be said that independents are in the minus pool this year. They're adequate, but have no chance of getting a sunburn in Albuquerque, N.M., in April.

Remember now, we're evaluating every team in a conference, not just the few teams that make the covers of magazines or national TV. The last-place team in a conference is considered as much as the first. Now for the thoroughbreds.

The center, the aircraft carrier, the man in the paint, numero uno, is the Southeastern Conference. It is led by the Secretariat of the game, the University of Kentucky, a title the Wildcats deserve even without the second best player in college ball today, Sam Bowie, who came up with a bad wheel.

FROM TOP to bottom there are more athletes and stronger clubs in the SEC than in any other conference. They don't receive the publicity they deserve because they aren't close to the key media cities.

Tennessee and Alabama belong in the top ten and are being pushed by Louisiana State. How would you like to play the Tigers in the first round of the NCAA on a neutral court?

Auburn and Vanderbilt are also highly respected. There are no basket cases, no automatic W's in the SEC. So, from top to bottom, they get my nod for the 1982-83 season.

THE NEXT best horse on the conference merry-go-round is the

Southeastern 'numero uno' in college basketball

Big Ten. The Big Ten has returned to prominence after a drought season last year. Their preconference schedules have been softened, which is now getting to be a tradition throughout the country. But, one of the top three—Indiana, Iowa or Minnesota—should definitely make the final four.

Bobby Knight, Lute Olson and Jim Dutcher all have relatively long benches and play physical games, which is a tremendous asset in tournament play because you have back-to-back games scheduled every weekend.

Indiana looks strongest, mainly because of its two five-year players, Randy Wittman and Ted Kitchel, and because Bobby Knight has the physical grunt players to make his offense accelerate. The Hawkeyes have the height and maturity to make their triangle post play down low and keep them ranked throughout the season.

THE SECOND wave of the Big Ten consists of the Buckeyes, the Boilermakers and the Fightin' Illini, and is enough to give this conference a clear-cut second spot.

There isn't a major drop-off (like in the Big East) when you go down the list and touch the Michigan schools, Northwestern and Wisconsin. Buckets are nudging noseguards for encores in this conference, and it is loaded with freshmen and sophomores that will be first-round draft choices in the NBA later on.

When March comes in like a lion, Georgetown will be clawing—and the team will be starting to shave by then. St. Johns is no fluke, and how would you like to play the Syracuse Orangemen at the Carrier Dome? Plus, the blue-collar toughness of Villanova limits the amount of teams that want to get on their schedule.

THE MIDDLE teams of the Big East are adequate, above average, but the Boston College tie-in is the neck of the bottle, the

pinch in the hour glass that connects good and bad. That's the reason this conference is in the third position. The tail end is a relatively soft touch with Pitt, Connecticut, Providence and Seton Hall.

In spite of what Billy Packer might think—they gave him a brain scan and found nothing—the Atlantic Coast Conference is number four. The ACC has NCAA champion North Carolina returning, led by the most visible coach, Dean Smith, and the condor, Sam Perkins. They're trying to fight off Ralph (Sampson) and his band of Cavaliers at Virginia. They are definitely the 1-2 punch of an ACC whose overall team talents have weakened the last few years.

Other ACC clubs to be reckoned with are North Carolina State and Maryland. But Duke, Georgia Tech, Clemson and Wake Forest are in the also-ran bracket. There's quite a gap between the dominant twins—North Carolina and Virginia—and the rest of the family.

There are some good features in the Metro Conference. Denny Crum's Louisville Cardinals, along with Memphis State and those Hokies of Virginia Tech, almost led this conference into the big four—but it has too many Achilles' heels.

The Pacific 10 Conference is a two-horse race, with the Bruins and Coach Larry Farmer trying to skin the Beavers of Oregon State.

In the Southwest Conference it is a push between Arkansas and Houston, and in the Big Eight Conference the Missouri Tigers are going for their fourth title, but could be pushed by Oklahoma.

Remember the name Wayman Tisdale. Underline it.

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Basketball fun for Lady Raider Hoover

By TERRY MORROW

Sports Writer

Sports Editor's note: This is the first of a series profiling members of the Lady Raiders basketball team.

If Holly Hoover misses her free throws at Saturday's Lady Raiders game, it may be due to the jinx she thinks she's under.

"I know I must be under some sort of jinx," the 6-3 center laughed. "There's just a lot of things that happen that make me think, 'why me?'"

"I'M TERRIBLE at free throws, and I know when I miss them that it's partly due to this jinx."

Even the Ohio Valley Conference has been affected by her spell of misfortune. A transfer from Tennessee Tech, the jinx helped Tech win the OVC last year, she joked.

"The time I was at Tech, Middle won the OVC," the physical education and health major said. "But, when I came here to play ball, Tech won the OVC. I just can't win."

BUT HOOVER is a winner by many people's standards. She averages 17 points a game and constantly tops the statistic charts as leading scorer and rebounder. In the field, she hits around 50 percent.

women's basketball will come into its own popularity and support soon enough, though male-dominated sports have the upper hand at the moment.

"There are other sports here, that aren't doing as much, that are getting more support," she said. "It makes me mad to open up the paper and see that Vandy's men can lose by 20 and that's on the front, but women have their best game of the season and are buried on another page."

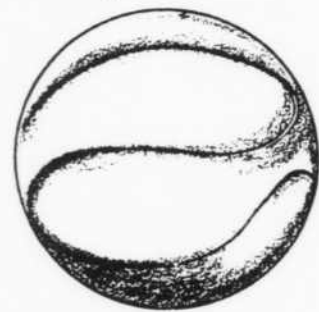
"Sometimes, you just can't win."



Four for Holly

MTSU's Holly Hoover has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Women's Player of the Week for performances against Murray State and Vanderbilt last week.

The 6-4 junior from Ringgold, Ga., totaled 37 points, 31 rebounds, 7 blocked shots and three steals in the two Lady Raider victories.



"I couldn't buy a layup at Tech," she said. "But, I've improved on it here. They still aren't my favorite things, though."

Hoover's "favoritething" is basketball. The Ringgold, Ga., native has been playing basketball since the eighth grade, and hopes she'll end up as a coach for a high school or college team.

"BASKETBALL is not work," she said. "It's fun. It's a lot more relaxed here than it was at Tech. Coach Inman likes for us to use our own minds."

Teamwork is the best part of the team at this point, Hoover said. In fact, the team is reaching a peak.

"If we can keep on playing the way we're playing now," she explained, "we can go all the way, because we play good team ball. I just don't want us to get too anxious or bored."

THE WORST part about playing at MTSU is the lack of publicity and support that women's basketball gets, Hoover said. Still, she feels



Holly Hoover

Photo by Marty Lawrence

Trackmen

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FOR THE OVC championship, Hayes said the weight events (shot put and discus) will be in good hands with West Johnson and Jim Fitch.

"Jim Fitch is having a little trouble coming back [he laid out last year because of an injury], but it's there, you can see it in practice. I think he'll be all right, too."

HAYES SAID that his team has also shown strength in the hurdle events.

"Indoors, Miguel Williams has been placing consistently, and he made the finals at the Indiana Relays, which is a good, quality meet. Kenny Nesbitt is coming along very well, as is Ron Davis."

Perhaps the strongest field for MTSU is the sprint events, in which Hayes has four capable speedsters in Kirnes, Meeks, Kenny Shannon and Mike Farris.

The versatility of Ellis—out of Murfreesboro's Oakland High School—will probably enable him to compete in the 600-yard run as well as the 440-yard run, Hayes added.

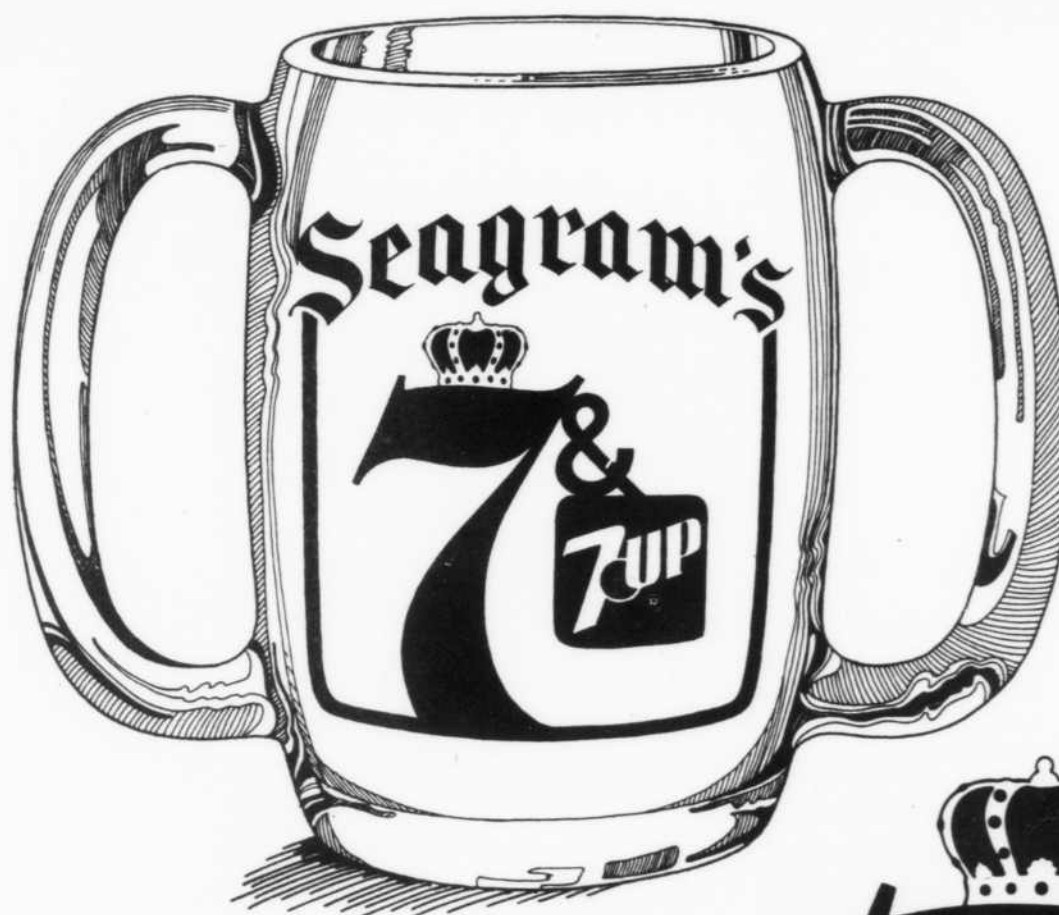
However, Hayes still points back to his team's biggest weakness, distance runs.

WE'VE BEEN up against two teams that have outstanding distance running programs," Hayes said. "We think that has hurt us some."

"We think in the OVC, our guys, even though they've been getting low places, are strong enough that they will get some places and will help us. They will have their chance to come through and really do something for us."

Even though one of the biggest things on the team's mind this weekend will be to qualify for the NCAA, MTSU will have another chance to do so in the Last Chance Meet, set for March 5 at Murphy Center. As the name implies, it will be the final opportunity to capture a place to compete in the NCAA Championships, which will be held March 11-12 in Detroit.

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