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Tight market causes campus interview lull

By PHIL WILLIAMS
News Editor

A decline in the number of employers conducting interviews on campus is indicative of the "tight" job market, the director of placement said yesterday.

This semester, 90 employers have conducted interviews through the University Placement Office, compared to 115 recruiting visits last spring.

"If they go out unprepared, they will certainly wash out"—Martha Turner

"As a result of the economy, there are also fewer available jobs with those employers who are still recruiting," explained Martha Turner, director of placement and student employment. "That will cause more competition among the graduates."

TURNER ATTRIBUTED part of the decline to fewer school systems coming to the university.

"But the market is pretty tight right now," she explained.

In view of the tight conditions, Turner suggested that prospective graduates concentrate on developing good job-seeking skills.

"If they go out unprepared, they will certainly wash out," she said. "The student who is well-informed, who is ambitious in seeking a job and who has some skills in seeking an employer will usually be the one who gets the job."

TURNER SUGGESTED that students develop the following job-seeking skills:

- ability to write a good resume;
- good interview techniques.
- "Even if they practice with a friend, or in front of a mirror, it's worth the trouble," Turner said.
- good verbal communication skills;
- knowledge of the job market;
- being informed about the jobs and their requirements;
- having a realistic assessment of one's own skills.

TURNER EMPHASIZED that students, who are unsure of their plans after graduation, should consider working through the placement office.

"It's not too late," Turner said. "Even though most of the interviews are over, we do continue to have employers listing jobs with us."

In contrast to the job market for May graduates, Turner said

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MTSU muscle, aid move records

By PHIL WILLIAMS
News Editor

An MTSU-sponsored project, initiating the development of a Rutherford County archives, began Wednesday with the removal of more than 100 volumes of county records from an underground vault beneath the County Court Clerk's Office.



A Sidelines reporter examines one of the hundreds of Rutherford County records which have been stored in an underground vault for four years.

Assisting in the effort were members of MTSU Associate Professor Jim Neal's archival management class, who recorded the date and type of each book before it left its four-year resting place.

MTSU's ROTC Forrest Rangers—under the watchful eye of a dozen news media members and their cameras—then formed a bucket brigade, passing the dusty, decaying volumes through an earthen tunnel to the nearest means of exit, a manhole.

THE RECORDS were then loaded onto an awaiting pickup truck and whisked away to the state archives in Nashville for a fumigation process to rid the documents of insect infestation. At the end of the two-day process, the old books will be returned to a room in the county courthouse.

According to Susan Daniel, county genealogist and Records Commission member, there are at least four additional truck loads remaining in the underground storage area.



Shown is the excavated entrance to the subterranean storage vault.

In addition to the student volunteer help, the removal project was funded by the MTSU Public Service Committee, which "provides funds for projects where faculty can apply their expertise to local needs," according to Neal.

The funds were applied towards the transportation to and from Nashville, basic research on the methods of establishing an archives and other miscellaneous materials.

"THE AMAZING thing," Neal exclaimed, "is that the university, county government and just ordinary citizens are really working together on this—with no hope of monetary reward."

"It makes you feel good to be a part of the university and community," he added.

"I can't believe we're doing it finally"—Susan Daniel

Daniel said this effort is the culmination of years of effort to convince county officials of the need to do something with the records.

DANIEL SAID the records, which date back to the 1790s, first came to her attention when she discovered more than 1200 old wills in 1977.

"In finding those I found out there were these records being stored hither and there," Daniel said.

Daniel explained that the records, in various stages of disrepair, were being stored in

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Colleges establish alternative student aid programs

By LEE MITGANG
AP Education Writer

With students facing the prospect of rising tuitions and declining federal aid next September, a number of small liberal arts schools are sharply increasing loans and offering students novel ways to pay for their education.

Several, including Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, offer students a chance to pre-pay all four years of their schooling, with a

guarantee of no tuition hikes. Many others have dug deep into endowments, even into operating funds, to set up subsidized student and parent

loan programs.

ONE SCHOOL, Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., has set up a "moral obligation scholarship" fund—built on the premise that students on aid recipients henceforth are expected "morally," if not legally, to pay back that aid when they can after graduation.

The plans are mainly aimed at middle-class students who no

longer qualify for federal assistance because of President Reagan's student guaranteed loan cutbacks. Further, tuition increases next year are expected to average in the 14- to 15 percent range. This year, private four-year colleges cost an average of \$6,885, and similar public universities average \$3,873.

"Smaller colleges live very close to the edge, like managers of small businesses. They're coming up with creative ways to package tuition that families can afford," says Virginia Hodgkinson, executive director of the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities.

AT LEAST three colleges are offering tuition pre-payment plans guaranteeing four years of higher education with no tuition increases. Washington University of St. Louis pioneered the idea four years ago. Next September, Case Western and

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ASB election expenditures reveal candidates underspent

Final financial statements for the ASB presidential election have been filed with Election Commissioner Raleigh Green.

ASB President-elect David Kessler spent a total of \$224.15 on his campaign, while unsuccessful candidate Jeff White spent a total of \$220.72.

Eliminated in the first election was Laura Schrage, who spent a total \$190.90. No financial statement was available for Eric Steinberg, also eliminated in the first election.

The election rules stipulated

that candidates could not spend more than \$250 on their campaign. If they spent over the limit, they could be disqualified.

Women express sexual attitudes in survey

By MINDY TATE
Copy Editor

Sidelines recently conducted an anonymous survey dealing with the sexual attitudes of MTSU students. In a random mailing utilizing 600 campus mailboxes, *Sidelines* hoped to reach a cross section of the student body.

Unfortunately, because of an extremely poor rate of return, only 10 percent, the information we have does not reflect a true cross section. In the next two installments of this series, we will disseminate the information we were able to gather. The installments are by no means the final word on sexual attitudes on the MTSU campus.

Third in a series

ANSWERS to the survey indicate that 62.6 percent of the women responding are sexually active.

Questions asked ranged from "Are you sexually active?" to "In my opinion, the most important quality in a sexual partner is...."

Students were asked their personal status, such as not dating, dating, going steady, living together, engaged or married. They were also asked their age, gender, classification, whether they belonged to a fraternity or sorority and their grade-point average. They were also given the opportunity to sign their name and phone number. Surprisingly, a few students did volunteer that information.

Of the women who claimed to be sexually active, 47 percent belonged to a sorority. Those women who were sexually active and belonged to a sorority and also had a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher accounted for 66 percent of the responses.

FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT of the women responding were not members of a sorority and were sexually active. And 90.9 percent of the women not members of a sorority claimed to be sexually active.

One woman responded to a question about whether she was for or against abortion by writing, "The question on abortion is difficult to answer. I



am not really for or against it, but think women should have the right to choose."

A 20-year-old junior coed wrote a letter expressing her pleasure that *Sidelines* brought this subject up.

"I feel that college life promotes a very casual outlook on sex," she wrote, "which at times I take advantage of."

"RELATIONSHIPS on campus seem too 'high school'—campus 'want a snatch,' gloat on their successes, and act like kids who have found a new kind of game to play."

The question about the most

important quality in a sexual partner drew many different answers, ranging from love, mutual understanding, marriage and expertise.

One 19-year-old married sophomore wrote, "Their ability to express themselves sexually and tell their partner just what they want or like."

An 18-year-old freshman who said she was not sexually active wrote, "There can be—and are—close, emotionally fulfilling relationships that don't involve 'sex' and the pressures that go with it."

When asked where they met socially, students most frequently responded: the pubs and clubs of Murfreesboro. Fraternity houses, church fellowships and friends' homes were also mentioned as places where women met others socially.

In Tuesday's installment, we will discuss the same information, but use the responses of the men. As was said earlier, this survey received a fairly poor rate of return and therefore may lose some of its validity.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today with a 70 percent chance of thunderstorms, a high in the mid-70s and a low in the upper-50s.

Cooler Saturday with showers ending and a high near 70.

Winds will be from the southwest at 10 to 15 miles per hour and gusty.

Aid

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Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio are offering similar plans.

A freshman at Washington University could make a lump-sum payment of \$25,000—four times the \$6,250 annual tuition—in return for freedom from any further tuition hikes.

"This is really aimed at parents who earn \$35,000 or \$40,000—who have to pay full freight," says John Biggs, vice chancellor for administration and finance at Washington University.

FOR THOSE without that much cash, Washington University and Case Western offer an installment loan plan allowing students to borrow the four-year lump-sum payment from the school, with the same guarantee of no tuition hikes. The loan is then repaid monthly, with interest. That means an added advantage: the interest payments, 13 percent at Washington University, are tax deductible.

Washington University also allows students up to eight years to repay the loans. That means instead of paying a straight \$6,250-a-year tuition with no loans, a student who borrows and pre-pays would pay \$4,992 a year for eight years, with \$2,837 as tax-deductible interest.

Biggs says the university loses no money under the plan, since the pre-paid tuition is invested

in high-interest money market funds.

RICHLy ENDOWED schools like Harvard University have lent money to middle-class students for years. But starting next year, smaller, less affluent colleges will be greatly increasing the amount of money they are lending parents and youngsters.

A good example of how some schools are scratching around for extra student aid money is Mississippi State University, which is even diverting campus parking fines into scholarship funds.

Robert L. Jones, vice president of student affairs, says Mississippi State is trying to persuade local banks holding university deposits to grant more student loans.

"**WE HAVE** secured no promises yet, but I feel certain banks will listen to us eventually," Jones says.

At least a couple of colleges are taking the more direct, if less subtle, approach of holding the line on student tuition increases. Adrian College, in Adrian, Mich., held its tuition, room and board increase for 1982-83 to 4.6 percent to \$6,993.

And Antioch College, in Yellow Springs, Ohio, actually announced a tuition freeze for next year. Current rates for tuition, room and board are \$8,500.

Money to be given to Kidney Foundation

Stylists from the Charlie Pitts Hairstyling College will donate their labor for a Cut-a-Thon on Friday, April 19, to benefit the National Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

"This is the first year of any concerted fundraising effort in Rutherford County for the Kidney Foundation," said Bette Gibson, chairwoman of the foundation in Rutherford County.

ALL PROCEEDS from the Cut-a-Thon, to be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the college at 1509 E. Main St., will be divided 75 percent for the local branch and 25 percent for the national foundation, Gibson said.

Locally, 35 percent will be spent for patient assistance, including transportation, medication, food and general emergencies; 20 percent for administering the program, including the two staffers who cover 40 counties and the remaining for educating the public about kidney disease, dialysis and organ donation and for keeping doctors up-to-date on information.

National funds will be spent for research.

Campus Capsule

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTIAL DEFERMENT OF THE PRE-PAID HOUSING RENT for 1982-83 are available for persons who show a definite monetary need in the ASB Office.

Applications must be turned in to the ASB by 4 p.m. today. A final decision will be made by the ASB and the Housing Office.

THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION will have its spring meeting in the Women's Building at Tennessee State University tomorrow.

Deborah Richardson of the University of Georgia, will speak on the abuse of women.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD workshop will be held April 23-24 at MTSU.

Included will be practical activities designed to help adults understand the learning perspectives of the exceptional child and to aid teachers in planning environmental experiences for the exceptional child.

Special Education credit of one hour will be granted. A fee of \$10 will be required of all participants.

For further information contact the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2464.

THE KAPPA DELTA CHAPTER of Beta Beta Beta biological society is holding another plant sale.

The sale will be in the University Center basement Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The sale will consist of a large variety of house plants.

THE JAPAN CENTER announces a public lecture by Harold Parker, professor of philosophy at MTSU, on "The Philosophy of Zen."

The lecture will be held at 3 p.m. April 22 in the Faculty Lounge of the James Union Building.

Interested persons are invited to attend. Admission is free.

THE PRE-VETERINARY SOCIETY is sponsoring an animal wash Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Livestock Pavilion on the MTSU campus.

Prices will be \$6 for dogs, \$5 for cats and \$10 for livestock. Proceeds will benefit the Rutherford County Humane Society and the Pre-Veterinary Society.

THE FACULTY-BAG LUNCH will be Wednesday at noon in Dining Room B of the James Union Building.

Professor Thaddeus Ichniowski, a chemist on faculty at Illinois State University, will be the speaker. He will talk on the topic of cooperative education.

A WATER AWARENESS AND SAFETY CLASS for children from 6 months to 5 years of age will be offered here April 26 to May 7.

For further information contact the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462.

A SECRETARY AND PARLIAMENTARIAN are needed by the ASB Senate.

Interested persons should contact Mark Ross at 2464.

THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY AMERICAN RED CROSS is sponsoring The 1982 Health and Safety Fair tomorrow from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Stones River Plaza on Broad Street.

Several tests will be available—some free and some for a small fee.

Some tests will be for HDL cholesterol with risk factors analysis for coronary heart disease, glucose, potassium, kidney function, anemia and calcium require that persons not eat for 12 hours prior to the test.

For more information contact The Rutherford County Red Cross Office at 893-4272.

News Brief

CHICAGO (AP) — President Reagan unveiled to Catholic educators yesterday a proposal to gradually extend tuition tax credits of up to \$500 per child to parents "who bear the double burden of public and private school costs."

Records

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three locations, including a garage slated for destruction.

"**NO ONE SEEMED** to be concerned," she said. "They had survived the Civil War. It was a shame they couldn't survive longer."

In 1978, the County Commission approved the establishment of a county archives to be located in the new judicial building. The records were transferred and stored in their present site beneath the County Court Clerk's Office. The plans to transfer the books to the new building were never implemented, however, because of delays in construction.

"We were back to where we

were before," Daniel said.

Recently, at the insistence of Daniel, Neal and others, the space was made available in the courthouse.

"**I CAN'T** believe we're doing it finally," Daniel said ecstatically, while patting the truckload of dirty and moldy books.

Nancy Hawley, a graduate student in the historic preservation program and one of Neal's students who participated in the event, said the project broadened her horizons about her profession.

"I've learned a lot about archival management," Hawley explained. "I found out there is some really fascinating content to this subject."

Jobs

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the job opportunities for summer employment were "pretty good."

"**MAYBE NOT** as good in industries," Turner said, "but there are a number of opportunities in parks and camps—particularly in the

parks in the entertainment business."

She said that Opryland would be hiring about 2,000 employees for the summer, while the Worlds Fair would provide around 5,000 jobs during their season.

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'All-Sing' contest to be Tuesday

By LADONNA McDANIEL

Staff Writer

And the night shall be filled
with music,
And the cares, that infest the
day,
Shall fold their tents, like the
Arabs

And as silently steal away.

—Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

College life is often filled with
the tedious drudgery of term
papers, tests, class projects and
other such noxious tasks.

However, each spring some
students have the opportunity to
participate in an activity that
breaks this monotony and
provides both an emotional
and physical outlet for them.

WHAT IS it that provides this
escape?

It's "All-Sing," a campus-wide
choral competition sponsored by
Tau Omicron, the women's
honors society of MTSU.

And anybody can see and hear
it Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Murphy
Center for only \$1 admission.

ANY CAMPUS organization
that can carry a tune, except
those that do it professionally,
are eligible to participate, ac-
cording to Lisa Holt, president
of TO.

There are three categories of
competition in "All-Sing"—
female groups, male groups and
mixed groups.

Last year, Kappa Delta took
first place last year in the female
division with a dazzling salute to
Broadway; Sigma Alpha Epsilon
won in the male division with a
spine-tingling medley of cowboy
songs; and The Wesley Founda-
tion took top honors in the
mixed category with their
rendition of spiritual songs.

TAU OMICRON began
sponsoring "All-Sing" 16 years
ago, according to Buleah Davis,
a former TO member, sponsor of
TO for more than 20 years and
HPERS instructor at MTSU
until she retired in 1980.

"All-sing" was the idea of a



Chi Omega sorority sings Big Band music from the 1930s and 1940s in last year's "All-Sing" competition. This year's contest will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Murphy Center. Admission will be \$1 at the door.

former TO president who felt it
would be a service to the
community, Davis said.

Not only does "All-Sing"
provide an evening of en-
tertainment, it also benefits the
students, in other ways, ac-
cording to Davis.

"IT GIVES organizations the
opportunity to compete and put
on a type of activity that they
would otherwise not do," she
said.

Leadership capacities are
enhanced, she added, because
students must plan their shows

and organize themselves to
practice.

The "All-Sing" competition
provides students the op-
portunity to exhibit talents that
might otherwise remain hidden
as well as giving them a break in
their regimen as a student.

MTSU honors classes offer advantages to students

By JENNIFER WELLS

Staff Writer

Over 2,000 students at MTSU
have an average grade point of
3.0, qualifying for participation
in the Honors Program, ac-
cording to Ron Messier, director
of the program.

Based on what students have
told him and Messier's own
observation as an associate
professor of history, he said that
many GPA's go up when a
student begins to participate in
the program.

MESSIER said that students
are "stimulated by the challenge

and peer reinforcement to ex-
cel."

Even students who do not
intend to graduate with
university honors can take
honors classes, Messier said.

There are many rewards for a
student interested in the
program.

"I KNEW that the teachers
would be quality," said Lounita
Cook, president of the Honors
Advisory Council.

Cook, with 17 honors hours
under her belt, said that an
additional bonus was the small
size of the classes.

"You get a chance to know

your professor, and a chance to
get individualized instruction in
a class where the students are
aware of current events, and
that care," she said.

ANOTHER reason honors
classes are helpful is that they
give you a "competitive edge"
you might need for getting into a
good graduate or professional
school, Messier said.

Perhaps the best bonus, from
the student's point of view, is the
existence of a pre-registration
program.

"The fall schedule has been
completed and pre-registration
materials will be out the fourth

Leon Russell to open Oak Ridge Boys show

By NELLE NIX

Staff Writer

"One of contemporary rock's
commanding figures," Leon
Russell, will perform as the
opening act for The Oak Ridge
Boys concert Sunday at 8 p.m. in
Murphy Center.

Although Russell is best
known for his renditions of
country, rock 'n' roll and blues,
he has his musical beginnings in
classical piano which he began
studying at the age of three.

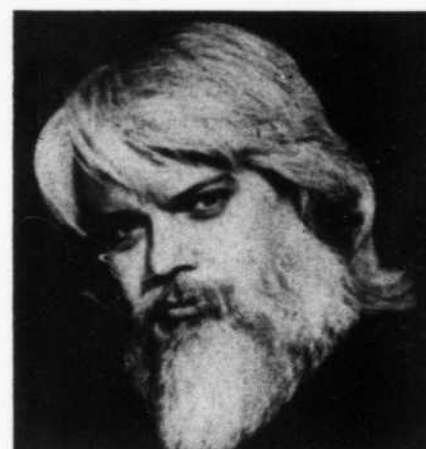
GROWING up in Tulsa,
Okla., he gave up classical piano
at 14 and formed his own band.

From playing nightclubs in
Tulsa, Russell toured with Jerry
Lee Lewis and ended up in Los
Angeles where he became a
session musician.

As a session musician, Russell
performed on the Righteous
Brothers' "You've Lost That
Lovin' Feeling," the Byrds' "Mr.
Tambourine Man," and Ike and
Tina Turner's "River Deep,
Mountain High" among others.

RUSSELL then built his own
studio and released two works
with Marc Benno as the other
half of the Asylum Choir duo.

Later, Russell formed Shelter
Records and recorded the album



Leon Russell

Leon Russell which gave him a
hit single "Roll Away the
Stone." This record brought him
recognition as a solo performer
and increased the demand for
his performances.

SINCE THEN he has con-
tinued recording sessions with
other artists including The
Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton,
Rita Coolidge, The Flying
Burrito Brothers and Willie
Nelson.

In 1976 Russell formed a new
record label, Paradise Records.

His most recent album, under
the Paradise label, is *Life and
Love*, on which he wrote,
arranged and produced all the
material.

week of April," Messier said.

IN ADDITION to the general
requirement courses offered
every semester for un-
dergraduates, upper division
courses are also planned for the
fall.

"Teaching as a Creative
Activity, an education course,
should have special appeal to
people planning to teach,"
Messier said.

The course, to be taught by
Race Bergman, will examine
teacher creativity in relation to
political implications, ethics,
socio-economic significance and
school curricula.

AMONG THE university
honors courses is Perspectives in
Third World Society, to be
taught by Marilyn Wells.

The course will touch on
Marxism, religion, literature
and art and nutrition and
economics.

An intercession course will
also be held this year. Language
and Culture, introduces students
to the study of language as a tool
of transmitting culture.

If you're interested in joining
the Honors Program, or wish to
pick up a class schedule
(available April 27) contact
Messier in Room 106, Peck Hall.

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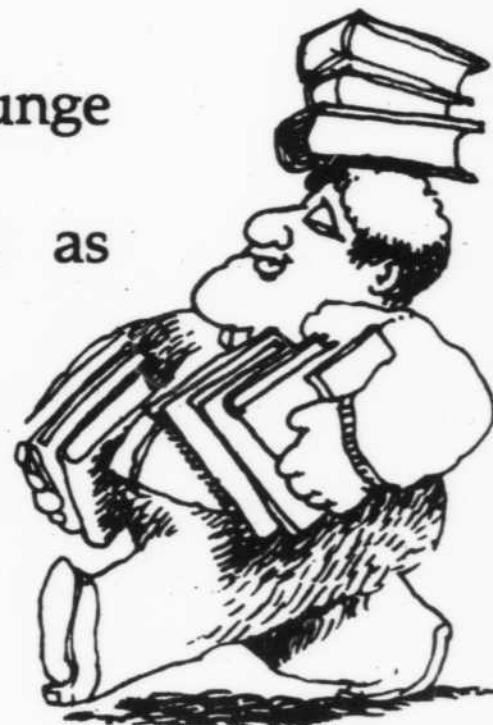
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On this date

On this date in 1889, actor-director Charlie Chaplin was born in London. "Of all the comedians, he worked most deeply and most shrewdly within a realization of what a human being is, and is, up against," wrote film critic James Agee. "The Tramp is as centrally representative of humanity, as many-sided and as mysterious as Hamlet, and it seems unlikely that any dancer or actor can ever have excelled him in eloquence, variety or poignancy of motion."

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Murfreesboro has a lot to offer; look around, become involved

On April 20, citizens of Murfreesboro will go to the polls to elect a new mayor and three new councilmen, among other city officials;

Revitalization plans have been made to restore downtown Murfreesboro;

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, with the help of an MTSU archival class, is working on setting up a county archives;

And a folk festival will be held here in the middle of May which is expected to draw between 20,000 and 60,000 persons to Murfreesboro.

Aside from the elections, and only because the number of campaign signs makes it difficult to overlook, MTSU students are probably not aware of what's going on in Murfreesboro.

GRANTED, IT IS easy to become so involved in classes and extracurricular activities like going to Faces and Motions that one doesn't have time to do anything else.

And when one goes home every weekend, as many MTSU students do, why bother keeping up with area happenings?

But there are some who do not go home every weekend, and the fact that students do become involved in certain issues

makes it important that they at least have a little idea of other issues and events.

REMEMBER, THE NOW comatose fraternity row will probably be revived again. Beer sales on Sunday and liquor by the drink also spark interest among the campus community whenever they are brought up.

If students wish to have any impact in whether or not these issues are resolved the next time they come up, they need to continually keep informed in Murfreesboro happenings.

It's not difficult to find sources of information on campus.

Both *The Daily News Journal* and *The Murfreesboro Press* have boxes by the University Center.

SEVERAL RADIO stations exist in Murfreesboro. And for those who have cable television, Murfreesboro Cable television carries highly informative programming about the city.

Murfreesboro has long been the butt of many jokes—most of which suggest that it has nothing going for it.

If students would just take the time to look around, they might find that their jokes are unjustified.

—JANENE GUPTON



Barking watchdog loses teeth, freezes to death in El Salvador

Conservatively Speaking

By JIM SEIGNEUR

A portion of a letter in this week's *TV Guide* should be made into plaques and hung in every press room of every newspaper, magazine, and television news department. The letter from Shirley Bauhs of Ethan, S.D. says:

The press must be free to function in its role of watchdog, but a watchdog that barks constantly and attacks everything that moves is no damn good!

AS WE HAVE seen most recently in the case of the media's reporting of the situation in El Salvador, the press cannot and should not always be trusted to present a true picture of what is going on in the world. While most of the media is trying to ignore the egg on their faces there are a few outstanding media members who freely admit their mistake and will take with them through the rest of their careers a memory of how they fell for the lies and propaganda of the Communist guerrillas.

There are others who are either so wrapped up in self-admiration that they are unable to admit their mistakes, or who are simply too stupid to realize the inconsistency between their predictions and the outcome that they go on acting as if nothing unusual had happened. It is not unusual, they suppose, that on Thursday Jose Napoleon Duarte was a right wing fascist military dictator and on Monday he became a moderate reformist.

There are lessons which should be learned from the El Salvador presscapade. One that comes to mind is that sometimes, perhaps even often, the press is full of bull. A media which is made up of men and women trying to sell to the American public stories that have no basis in fact—stories which are written to sell newspapers—serves no one. Increasingly today the American press, in an attempt to profit itself, is turning to tactics previously used only by such rags as the *National Enquirer*. These stories also predominantly carry an unmistakable leftist slant.

ANOTHER LESSON which should be learned is that President Reagan is not a war-crazed lunatic trying to create hostilities where none exist and neither is he trying to start World War III. Those people who a few weeks ago were carrying signs denouncing U.S. involvement in El Salvador are now carrying signs calling for an immediate freeze of nuclear weapons.

While the idea of such a freeze has universal appeal, such an agreement is only as good as the parties who sign it. Considering the aggression that has characterized the Soviet Union since its creation, not even Pollyanna would trust the Russian dictators. Still it seems that these kooks with their signs and a majority of the national media have less savvy than Miss Polly.

They operate on a logic which says, "That which is too horrible for me to believe, cannot be true." They cannot believe that a dictatorship, comparable only to Hitler's, could have for so much of this century ruled the largest country on the planet.

They continue to call the Soviet dictator a president: there is more to this than semantics. They refuse to acknowledge or admit to themselves the goal which the Soviets have continually reiterated. That goal is to dominate the world.

THE SOVIET ARMIES which followed the retreating Nazis into Eastern Europe stayed. Locked under Communist rule are the people of Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, East Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. Stalin later commented, "The reason why there is now no Communist government in Paris is because in the circumstances of 1945 the Soviet Army was not able to reach French soil."

Since 1974 Angola, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, South Yemen, Mozambique, Laos, Cambodia, South Vietnam, and Nicaragua have all been brought under Communist domination. Over one hundred million people in less than eight years!

The Soviet dictators have no concept of peace as we understand it, or of coexistence as we define it. To them an equal is a rival to be eliminated before he eliminates you. Yet because of the twisted reporting presented to the world by the liberal press there appears to be a growing number of those who believe that the Russians can be trusted.

Those who believe that the United States has the intelligence capability to monitor such a nuclear freeze are hopeless optimists. Those who believe that the Soviets would consent to an adequate open international monitoring of their forces are hopeless fools.

From Our Readers

Exception taken to ad editorial

To the editor:

For someone who "appreciates the university's purchase of a full-page ad in Friday's *Sidelines*," you certainly have a strange way of showing your appreciation.

Honesty compels me to inform you that your editorial on Tuesday, April 13, was an exercise in frivolous futility.

To begin my constructive criticism I would like to point out that your editorial unnecessarily mixed and muddled together four issues, each of which taken by itself could have been the subject of a calm and reasoned editorial. These issues are:

(a) Should the university publish advance listings of the course offerings even though times are not yet available?

(b) Should the trial schedules be taken out of the schedule book and distributed through the advisor?

(c) Should the faculty even attempt to advise students as to their choice of courses?

(d) Should we have an advance computer registration and thus avoid many current problems?

As to point (a) above I would like to point out that advisors do not, or at least I certainly do not, approve any particular

schedule of classes and times. I approve what classes are appropriate for a student following a certain curriculum and not the "convoluted jigsaw patterns of the trial schedules" you refer to.

Approval of course choices can take place now without a detailed schedule because the conflicts you refer to which would make it impossible to take a course are not frequent, unless, of course, you are trying to arrange your schedule around *All My Children*.

Skipping to point (c), it seems to me that the university has some obligation to provide advice in appropriate course selection, even if that advice be ignored. Courses are increasingly more expensive to take, and in fields such as pre-professional majors the faculty is in a position to advise on the basis of some experience with the professional school.

Perhaps in some majors a student can operate without benefit of any formal advising mechanism. I don't think it is unreasonable for the university to provide a mechanism which assures a concerned student of advice. Unconcerned students can ignore this mechanism, and believe me they often do.

The mechanism being tried out in (b) above is an attempt to route students more surely to their advisers. We would like to

say "Hi" once a semester whether you take our advice or not. If you would like to avoid your adviser please feel free to come by my office and I'll give you a trial schedule with absolutely no advice attached.

Finally, as to advance registration, I think a bit of investigation, plus some reading of previous *Sidelines* would show that this has indeed been seriously considered for several years by Dean Gillespie.

I suspect that this issue is not as simple as you seem to think. I suggest an interview with Gillespie and perhaps a story in *Sidelines* to inform your readers of the facts, not rhetorical gaspings like, "Is anybody up there listening?"

They are.

Roy W. Clark
Box 130

Reader agrees with, praises editorial

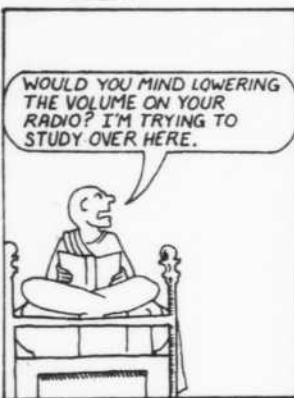
To the editor:

I want to commend you for the excellent editorial in the *Sidelines* of April 13 (Fall semester course listings exercise in frivolous futility).

It was cogent and to the point. Maybe with a few more suggestions of this sort some improvement will be made.

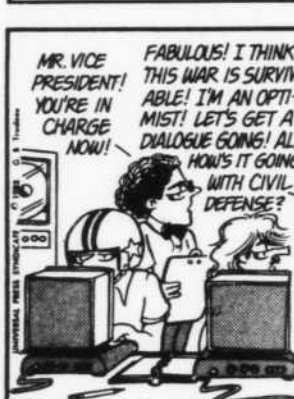
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by Garry Trudeau



Raiders sweep Tech in twin bill

By SCOTT HOLTER

Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee rose up out of the dust of a disappointing loss to Vanderbilt Tuesday night, moved on to Cookeville, and rubbed Tennessee Tech's noses in that same dirt yesterday afternoon.

Behind the bats of Jeff Perkins and Kenny Gerhart, the Raiders swept Tech winning 13-7 and 5-4 in 9 innings.

LARRY BRUNO went the majority of the game picking up the win. His record now stands at 3-2.

The highlight of the day for coach Stanford and the team was the fact that they tallied four homeruns in that first game.

RANDY GOFF began the barrage with a three-run blast in the top of the first inning, his fourth. Gerhart followed with an inside-the-park two-run shot in the second.

In the third stanza, Buster Keeton hit his third, a solo homer, and Perkins rounded out the day with another solo round tripper in the fifth inning.

Gerhart went two for four in that first game, scoring three runs, while Perkins scored four times while going three for four. Doug Birkhofer also ran in the parade, getting two hits and scoring twice.

IN THE second game, sophomore pitcher Marty Smith continued his marvelous pitching as he went the entire nine innings in MTSU's 5-4 thriller.

Smith, a Chattanooga native, scattered seven hits while striking out four batters, including pinch-hitter Scott

Larison, to end the ballgame.

Gerhart again starred at the plate, leading off the game with a homerun. Randy Goff also hit one out of the park, another solo shot in the top of the ninth to put the Blue Raiders in the lead. Middle Tennessee scored another run in that inning when

catcher Ronnie Vaughn knocked in Scott Turner from second base with a single.

THAT RUN turned out to be the game winner as Tech scored a run in their half of the ninth on a sacrifice fly, before Smith whiffed Larison to end it.

The Blue Raiders travel to

Bowling Green tomorrow for an afternoon double-header against Western Kentucky.

Middle is 7-2 in OVC play, just a half game behind the Hilltoppers who stand at 8-2. Murray State is in third at 5-2 with two make-up games yet to play.

Vanderbilt upends Blue Raiders 5-4

By BILL WARD

Staff Writer

MTSU's baseball game with Vanderbilt here Tuesday night was like a replay of the Raiders' tilt with TSU the night before.

In both contests, the winners came from behind to earn a one-run victory: a freshman hit a key home run over the "Green Monster" in centerfield; errors by one player led to all the loser's runs; a freshman relief ace picked up a key save with some clutch late-inning hurling;

and the winners picked up their second victory of the season over the losers.

Freshman third baseman George Flower powered a towering three-run shot over the centerfield fence in the top of the sixth for the game-winning blow, not long after his two errors had provided MTSU with all of its runs.

FLOWER'S dinger had almost the exact same trajectory and landing point as a tater by Blue Raider freshman Brad

Story the night before which brought the Raiders back into a tie with Tennessee State. MTSU went on to win that one, 6-5.

Coach John Stanford used the exact same strategy against Vanderbilt, sending the stocky Story up to pinch hit for short-stop Ralph David with two outs and a runner on in the bottom of the eighth. It was a different story (Story?) against Vandy, though, as the Burns, Tn., native looked at a called third strike.

Lady netters down Murray 7-2

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sports Writer

In their final tune-up before the OVC tournament which begins this weekend, MTSU's Lady Raiders blasted Murray's Lady Racers, 7-2 on the Murphy Center courts Wednesday.

"This was a very important win for us going into the tournament," coach Sandy Neal said. "We'll need all the confidence we can get this weekend."

MTSU SWEPT all but one of the singles matches and all five of those wins came in straight sets. Laura Martin started it off with a 6-3, 6-3 win over April



Pam Haskin (l), and Laura Martin in doubles action against Murray State Wednesday afternoon.

Horning at number one and Pam Haskins followed suit with a 6-2, 6-1 over Sheryl Rouse at number two.

At number three singles Carolyn Newgreen downed Jorunn Eid 7-5, 7-5, Glenys

Wilson got by Carla Ambrico 6-2, 6-0 and Tarja Ojala picked up a win at number five with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Cheri Simmons. Lynn Swindell lost to Kathy Outland 6-2, 6-3 for the only singles loss.

"The whole complexion of the thing changes after you win your fifth match," Neal said. "That always makes doubles a lot easier to play."

The Lady Raiders take an undefeated conference mark into this weekend's tournament to be played at Murray, Ky., but that doesn't include a win over Morehead State, who could be the team to beat in this year's tourney.

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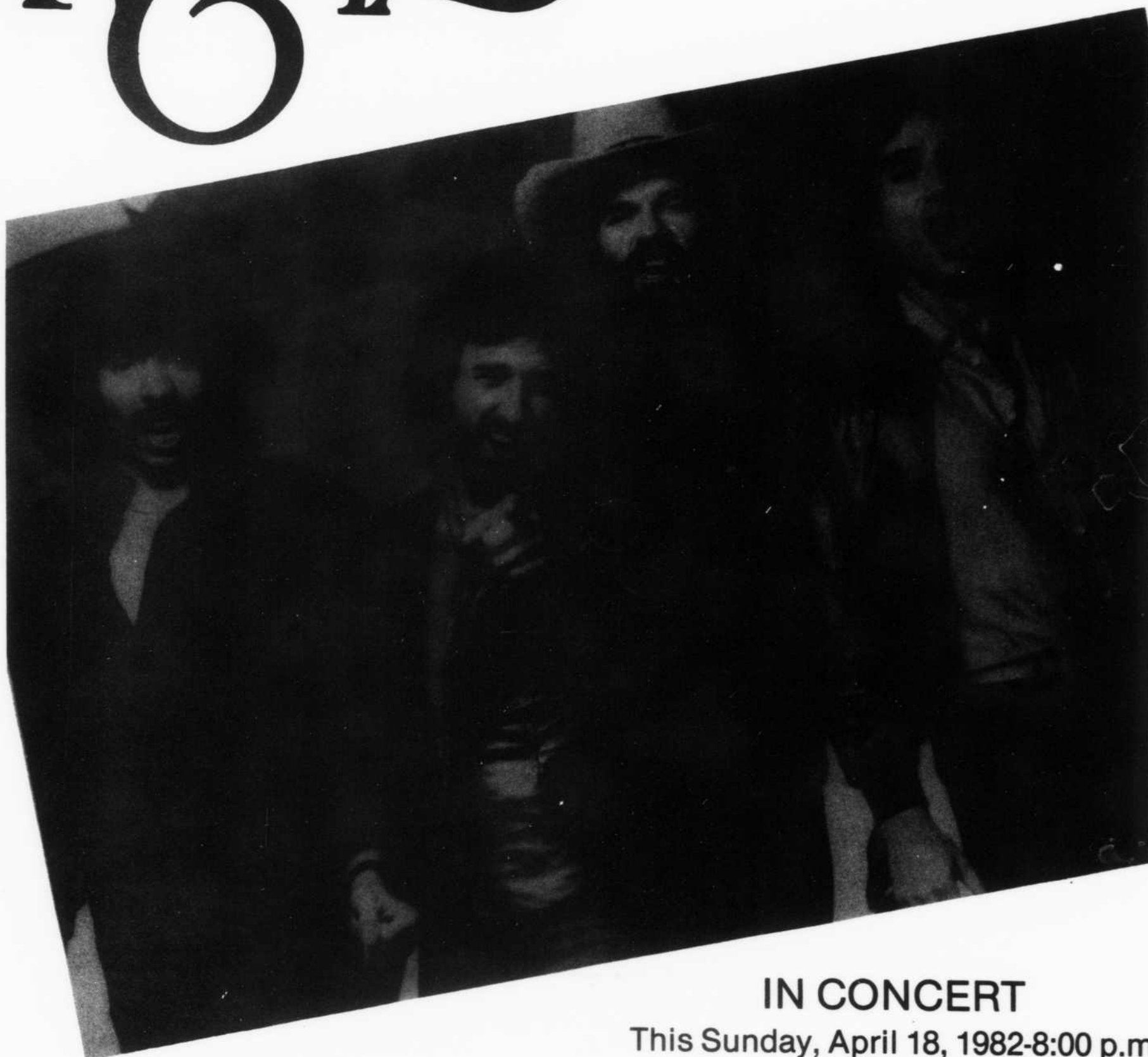
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