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Keys aid in defense

By EVE WEST
Sidelines Staff Writer

A woman's car keys could be her best weapon against a possible rape.

A good habit is to have them clenched in the fist with the keys pointing out from the knuckles, according to Ricky Keyt, Murfreesboro public information officer.

KEYT, ALONG WITH Dr. Keith Carlson, MTSU psychology professor and secretary treasurer of the board of directors of the Rutherford County Crisis and Rape Center, and Deputy Virgil Gammon of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department, conducted a Rape Awareness and Self Defense program Friday night at the MTSU Family Housing Community Center.

Carlson explained the purpose of the program and offered valuable tips in the event of an attempted assault.

The four-year-old organization provides two main services, Carlson said. The first is a 24-hour crisis hotline. Counselors receive calls concerning battered spouses, child abuse and molestation, loneliness,

possible suicide victims, homeless and hungry people as well as calls concerning rape. The number for the hotline is 890-7998.

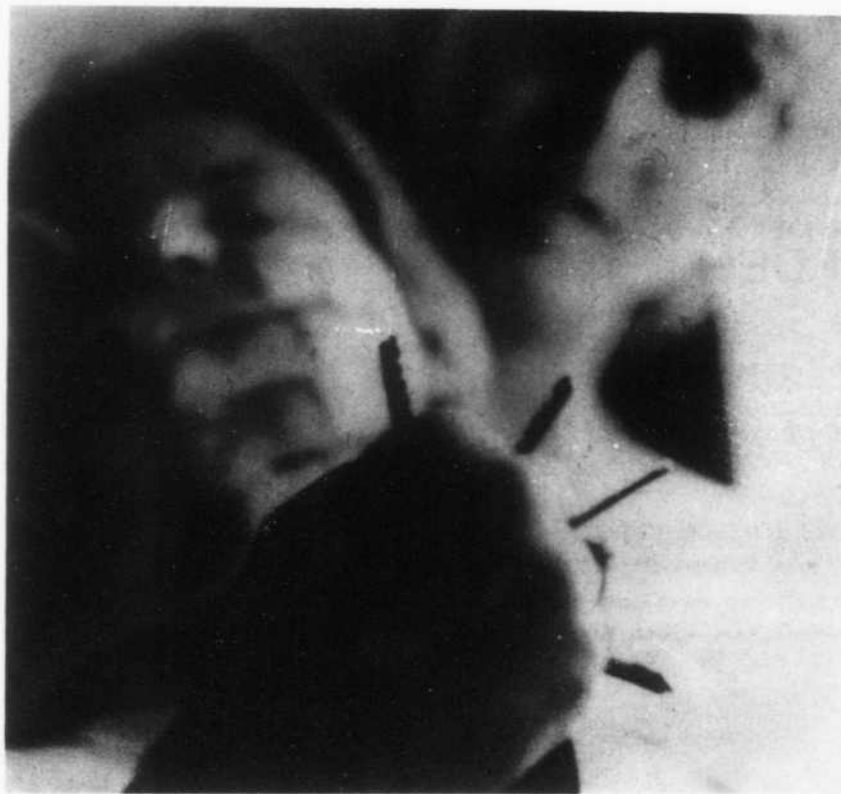
THE FUNCTION OF the crisis center is to work within the community to educate and provide information. Awareness is the key to prevention, Carlson pointed out.

"Logical precautions are sometimes neglected," Carlson said.

Carlson suggested the following safety tips for the home: lock all doors and windows, keep shades closed and install a peep hole. A single woman should not list her first name on the mailbox or in the telephone directory. If anyone comes to the door, always ask for some identification.

NEVER HIDE SPARE keys outside in obvious locations. Leave lights on when away from the residence and pretend not to be alone in the home. Vary routine as much as possible and have keys ready when approaching the door. If you are being followed, detour to a populated, well-lit area and attract attention to the person following you.

When driving, keep car doors locked and check the



backseat before getting into a vehicle. If followed, drive by a police station or crowded area and lean on the horn. If using public transportation, sit near the bus driver and stay awake. When taking a cab, ask the driver to wait until you are safely in the home.

If walking, don't walk alone. Walk near the curb, plan the route in advance and don't take shortcuts. Never get on an elevator alone with a man. Dress for freedom of movement with low heels for running and arms free. If waiting for a bus or ride, be alert and confident.

Rapists can recognize vulnerability and hesitation. If approached, scream, whistle, yell "fire" and most importantly, flee.

MANY WOMEN ARE harassed by acquaintances when socializing at a party or night club. Don't drink excessively because judgement can become impaired and alertness decreases. In 48 percent of reported rape cases, the victim knew the assailant.

According to Keyt, the main objective when attacked is not

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Pay raise in budget

By LOUNITA HOWARD
Sidelines News Editor

The recent reclassification of clerical positions in the MTSU staff has resulted in raises varying from 15.4 percent to 27 percent being included in next year's budget.

Approval of the 1984-85 \$49.5 million budget is included on the agenda of the State Board of Regents, meeting today and Friday on the Roane State Community College campus in Harriman. This is an increase of 20 percent over the current \$41.1 million budget.

THE RECLASSIFICATION has come about in reaction to the Washington Decision in which "the state of Washington has been charged several million dollars in suit damages and wages because they had identified that their classification plan had problems," Linda Mason, director of personnel, explained. She added that she does not know if the Washington situation has been resolved.

"We felt that we had some similar problems, although not anything to compare to what they had," Mason said. "But we [the personnel managers

committee at the State Board of Regents] felt serious enough about it to look at it."

IN THE reclassifying of positions, the personnel office began last August by looking at the titles that cross departmental lines—"that are not peculiar to one area," Mason explained.

The result was that "some clerical classifications were raised one skill level in an effort to treat skill the same way in the clerical area that skill is treated in the maintenance and technical areas," she added.

Some revisions were made last July 1, but most were in the technical and maintenance areas. Since few people were involved, "nobody got excited about it," Mason said. "This year it created quite a stir" because so many people were involved, and some people felt "skipped over."

THE INTENT OF the personnel managers committee is to continue the reclassification study by looking into other specialized areas, such as financial aid clerk, that have not yet been studied, Mason said. Approximately 135 employees fall

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Housing management reorganization planned

By EVE WEST
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU is planning to implement a reorganization of housing management policy beginning the first week of July, according to Ivan Shewmake, director of University Housing.

"A two-tiered system of supervision and counseling has been proposed," Shewmake explained. "The first level will consist of five area coordinators hired by the university to supervise groups of dormitories and to function as senior counselor to about 700 students.

THE 11 FEMALE dormitories and 10 male dormitories on campus are managed by the University Housing Office. Female residences are currently supervised by full-time employees of MTSU, and male residences by part-time graduate students or coaches "with no special training in counseling or student development," Shewmake said.

"A change is needed to obtain a consistent application of supervision and to achieve an environment for students to live, learn and develop personally," Shewmake said.

He specifies that the area coordinator will be an administrative position requiring a master's degree in higher education counseling.

"IN EACH dormitory, we will have a graduate student hall director to assist the area coordinator," Shewmake said. "and each floor will have a student resident assistant."

"There are several long-range plans that will be implemented within the next three years," Shewmake added. "We foresee some reluctance on the part of the students, but most students do see the need to promote more studying in the dormitories."

One such plan for the future is a proposal for "special purpose housing" according to

the Housing Study Report available at Todd Library.

THE REPORT STATES that "students with similar academic interests would be housed together and provided with resources to enhance their academic pursuits."

Shewmake added that the housing office also has a program of "faculty-sponsored learning centers" which he hopes to begin this fall. The centers would be study areas concentrating on particular subjects.

"The university doesn't do enough to support academics in the residence halls," Shewmake said.

ACCORDING TO Shewmake, the whole concept is "to become more service-

oriented. The university loses students by neglecting to create academic support systems within the residence halls."

"Students spend more time in the dorms than in class," Shewmake explained. "therefore the university should provide constructive alternatives to non-productive social outlets. An atmosphere needs to be emphasized which would establish an interest in studying."

Surveys of students living in campus housing facilities indicate that "statistically, residents see the advantage of quieter surroundings in which to prepare academically and that residents would also respond positively to closer supervision and counseling opportunities," concluded Shewmake.

MTSU provides housing for 33 percent of the students currently enrolled.

Gore papers, center to be discussed July 2

By LISA HAWKINS
Sidelines Staff Writer

On July 2, two university committees interested in developing a center for international studies will meet to share ideas and to prepare a proposal for President Sam Ingram.

The international center would be built around papers recently deeded to the university by former Sen. Albert Gore Sr. Those papers, now stored in a room in Todd Library, include speeches, letters, office files, pictures, notes and memorabilia from his long career in Washington.

"OUR PRINCIPAL activity has been first of all to obtain a clear title to the Gore papers," said Dr. James Neal, professor of history and archival administration and chairman of a university committee appointed by Ingram to handle

the Gore papers. "After getting the clear title [to the Gore papers], we would then proceed to develop the international center."

The center would focus on Tennessee's contributions to world affairs and would, in time, include the papers of Tennessee businessmen, political leaders, missionaries, explorers, journalists and scholars who have made contributions to international affairs.

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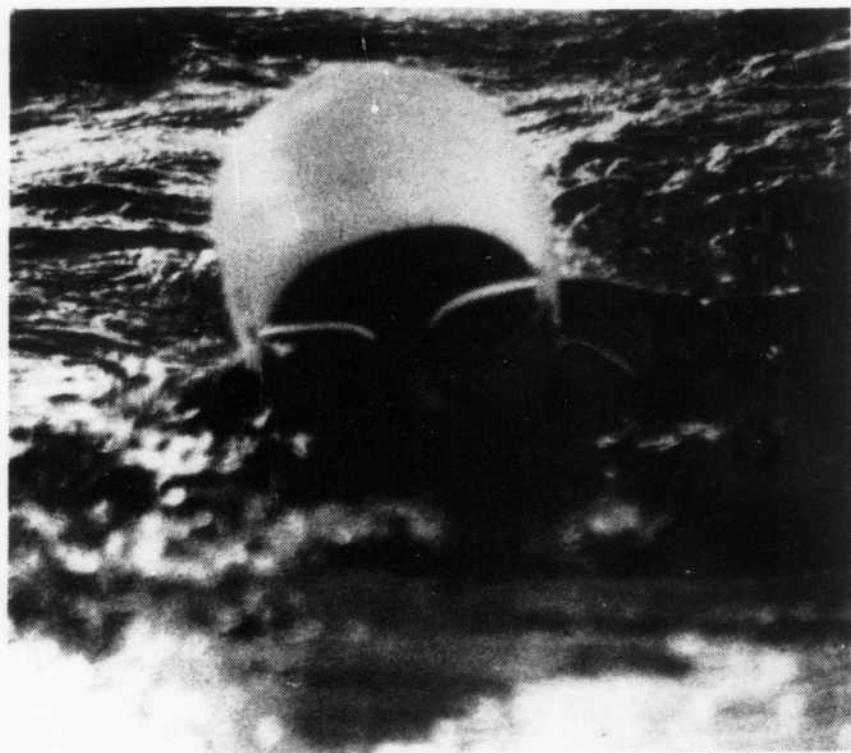


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Esme Riggsbee, from Cookeville, swims toward the finish line in the 25 yd freestyle for second place in Senior Olympics here Tuesday.

Approximately 500 Senior Citizens from across the state gathered to compete in the games sponsored by MTSU, the Tennessee State Parks and Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

Lifeguard feels 'lucky'

By MICHAEL DICK
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU lifeguard Tracey McMillan, of Franklin, is in stable condition at Middle Tennessee Medical Center after sustaining a broken neck in a fall at the campus pool June 18.

McMillan, 22, an industrial technology major, said he felt "real lucky" that he was not paralyzed as a result of the injury.

AN APPARENT controversy, however, surrounds the occurrences leading up to the pool incident.

According to McMillan, and two eyewitnesses of the accident, the lifeguard chair, which was not secured, slipped backward as McMillan was

making his dive, causing him to hit the side of the pool.

"I went one way and the chair went the other," McMillan said. He declined to comment further.

GLENN HANLEY, director of campus recreation, said that he received his information that McMillan slipped while diving off the chair from eyewitnesses, including the other on-duty lifeguard.

"I trust their reports," Hanley said.

Sidelines could uncover no regulations concerning lifeguard chairs.

McMillan's hospital expenses will be handled through the university personnel office, Workman's Compensation and the State Board of Claims, according to Hanley.

NOTICE

Sidelines will not be published next week because of the 4th of July holiday. Our next issue will appear on July 12. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Campus Capsule

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for the fall semester are being accepted by the JSA Foundation. Forms are available at the MTSU Student Financial Aid office in Room 212 of the Cope Administration Building or in the psychology department office in Room 103 of Jones Hall. Women students who are at least 23 years of age are eligible for JSA scholarships. Completed applications are due by July 25.

TO BE PROPERLY REGISTERED with MTSU, organizations must complete the Organization Information Forms before the end of each semester. All forms should be returned to Room 124 of the University Center. Any organization not filing the proper forms may be denied the use of university facilities and services. Please notify the Minority Affairs office of any presidential or advisory changes.

STUDENTS DESIRING to keep their name, address, phone number or classification from being released by the Student Information Center should send a written request to the Office of Student Information and Minority Affairs in Room 124 of the University Center. The office should be contacted as soon as possible, and a new request must be made each semester.

Rape...

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necessarily resistance, but escape.

"To try to overpower the attacker is ridiculous," Keyt said.

THE POTENTIAL victim may use whatever force is required to escape, he added.

"If a weapon is carried, be sure you are competent in its use," Keyt said. "It may be used against you."

Actually, there is no gun permit law in Tennessee that

allows someone to carry a weapon on the person or in the automobile, according to Keyt. He pointed out, however, that it is unlikely that if a weapon were used to fend off an attacker, one would be prosecuted for violation of that law.

PRACTICAL ITEMS of

defense often found in a woman's handbag include car keys, pens, combs and perfume. Keys make a punch or a raking motion more effective.

"**YOU SHOULD** always be aware of your environment, be paranoid and don't assume the campus is safe," Gammon advised.

faculty and staff salaries, along with our region," Bill Greene, vice president of business and finance said.

"It appeared that there was some bias from the standpoint of skilled jobs," Greene said. "Those that required certain skills that traditionally had been filled by men seemed to fare better than the jobs that required skill that had been traditionally been filled by women."

"The intent was noble, I think, in that the intent was to try to eliminate any bias or discrimination or whatever term you might want to use, of discrepancy between these jobs," Greene explained.

The best defense against rape, according to Deputy Gammon, is preventative precaution.

"Mace may not be the idea. weapon because oftentimes it remains in the purse until well past the expiration date," Keyt said. "There is also the chance of spraying yourself."

Gammon demonstrated several simple self-defense moves but recommended taking a course in self-defense and keeping in practice.

"The key is to try to overcome fear when faced with such a situation (as rape)," he said.

"**IF EVER** victimized, you are urged to report this crime of violence," Gammon emphasized.

There are several repercussions resulting from a rape, Gammon said, and explained that there are physical and emotional concerns such as injury, pregnancy, venereal disease, confusion, shame, fear, anger and guilt.

The Rutherford County Crisis and Rape Center is available to answer any questions students might have concerning the crime of rape and how to protect themselves from becoming victims.

Reorganization...

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into the 10 classifications being looked at by the committee.

"There are probably 65 to 70 employees in the clerical area whose positions have not yet been studied," Mason added.

The budget provides for administrative raises of approximately 15 percent, composed of an 11.25 percent across the board raise, an up to 3.75 percent merit raise and a .48 percent increase in adjustments. Faculty will be receiving an average 16.21 percent salary increase, pending approval of the budget.

"**I FEEL POSITIVE** about the raises because Tennessee in general has been behind in



Photo by "Flash" Kimbrell

Renee Hester, a Junior, watches as workmen complete the new access ramp to the Keathley University Center.

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Gore...

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"But with or without an international center, we will immediately begin a fundraising campaign to raise money to process the Gore papers," Neal said.

GORE MADE THE papers available to the political science department in 1970 for student and faculty use in research, but they are not catalogued, which makes them difficult to use.

Neal estimates that at least \$30,000 will be needed to appraise, arrange and write adequate reference guides to the collection, which, if stacked end to end, would measure more than 600 linear feet. Neal is hopeful the money can be obtained from individual donations and foundation or federal grants.

"If, down the line, we could develop a facility that would not only be worthy of the

Albert Gore Sr. papers, but also the papers of Albert Gore Jr., we would have an almost unique kind of research facility," in that the facility would contain the papers of a father and son who have served the same district, Neal explained.

"I get inquiries from all over the country regarding the papers," which are considered to be of historic interest nationwide, Neal said.

Gore was a congressman from 1939 until his election to the Senate where he served from 1953 to 1971. He worked to create the nation's interstate highway system and defended public ownership of TVA. He supported the space program, and as vice chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee became one of the foremost voices in foreign policy issues.



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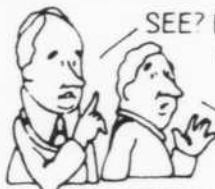
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Tate rocks with 'power pop'

By MARK SHERROD

Sidelines Entertainment Editor

As is true with any business opportunity, getting the proverbial "foot-in-the-door" can be the most difficult goal to achieve. When you are a singer-songwriter and have written a Top 10 hit, as is the case with Nashville's Danny Tate, continued success depends on a continued effort.

Tate was a co-writer of Rick Springfield's hit tune "Affair of the Heart," and has recently released a new album *Sex Will Sell* on Memphis' Gravity Records.

"OUR ATTORNEYS are working on several offers from major labels," said Tate, during a break from a recent performance at The Club on Mainstreet in Murfreesboro. "We've had several positive offers. I'm confident in picking up a label deal."

Tate is an imposing figure on stage, playing guitar and keyboards, as well as singing. His tall, gaunt stance coupled with striking good looks and an infectious smile is the dream of teen magazine editors.

"The last thing I want out of all this [the music business] is to be on the cover of *Tiger Beat*, like a Rick Springfield," said Tate. "I would rather be known by the things I have to say as a songwriter."

"It ['Affair of the Heart'] changed my whole life. What I have to do now is just keep doing what I do best and the best will happen."

TITLING AN ALBUM *Sex Will Sell* should be avoided if one wants to stay away from the teen idol label. But Tate thinks differently:

"I'm not trying to take advantage of sex to sell records; in fact, just the opposite is true. The whole purpose of the title as well as the point of the song, 'Sex Will Sell,' is making fun of the whole concept of selling sex—sort of our way of putting



things in a new light.

"I'm sure we'll draw some criticism about it, but if you look close, you can see where we are coming from."

TATE'S SONGS reveal his tastes for powerful black rhythms, which he conforms into a stylized power pop sound.

"We want to be trend setters. That is one of the reasons for recording in Memphis. We are trying to create a more dance-oriented American power pop sound. I'm confident in the potential market out there. We have gone over real well in concerts. The music is better suited to that level."

Tate's band, East of Eden, led by veteran jazz-fusion guitarist, Stan Lassiter, provides an exciting sound to complement Tate's singing. With a keyboardist, drummer and percussionist, as well as the musicianship of Tate and Lassiter, the songs are executed in a vibrant, almost staccato rhythmic style.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the music is provided by the dazzling guitar work from Lassiter, who holds a master's degree from Peabody in classical guitar. He is enjoying his transition from cult hero to pop guitarist.

"Working with Danny is fantastic," said Lassiter. "I've been underground for five years. I think I can extend my career 10 years by doing this. I don't want to be like [Al] Dimeola or [John] McLaughlin. There are only so many ways you can go up and down the fretboard [of a guitar] night after night."

With success partially under their eyes set toward the big time. Talent and confidence will not be lacking as this team of musicians tries to notch its groove in rock and roll.

"Being from Nashville can definitely be a problem, since we are a rock and roll act," said Tate. "I don't think it's something we can't transcend."

Country notes

(UPI) There are definite advantages to owning your own golf course. Country singer Willie Nelson hacks away on his course near Austin, Texas, and always seems to stay a cut above the rest. "What's par for your course?" asked his Dallas friend and sports writer, Blackie Sherrod. "Anything I want it to be," Nelson told him. "For instance, that hole over there is a par 47 * and yesterday I birdied the sucker." That's par for the course for a former outlaw.

Johnny Cash has a diamond necklace to remind him how difficult it is to stay off drugs. It was almost 20 years ago that he first tried to kick his addiction to amphetamines and barbiturates. He finally did it, but only after checking into the Betty Ford Center shortly before Christmas 1983 for a 45-day stay. "When I was in treatment, I was reminded of a song, 'I'm Just an Old Chunk of Coal (But I'm Gonna Be a Diamond Someday),' " Cash said. "I kept singing that song. When I got out and six months had gone by. I was singing it to

(wife) June and she said, 'You do deserve a diamond.'" Cash displayed his diamond necklace Tuesday during dedication of a new drug treatment center, the Vanderbilt Institute for Treatment of Alcoholism. "I can't wait to see what she'll get me after a year," Cash quipped.

The sweets are on singer Lee Greenwood ever since his new song "God Bless the U.S.A." was released. "We have many very patriotic suppers on the band bus," Greenwood says.

Books relieve summer doldrums

By MARK SHERROD

Sidelines Entertainment Editor

Let's face it folks, summertime ain't always what it's cracked up to be. Dull and humid is a good description.

There are many popular diversions to the torrid heat. Many are immoral, illegal and downright unhealthy.

SUMMER IS WHEN I read. And I read constantly: books, newspapers, magazines, anything with print. Books and other reading materials have no calories, do not cause intoxication and, most of all, one can't be arrested for reading (except while operating an automobile or other heavy machinery). I thought I might share some of the books that have caught my interest lately.

My most recent conquest is a relatively new book by a new author, Cindy Packard. Her novel, *Hell's Bells*, is well crafted, humorous and touching. She outlines the early life of a overweight, sarcastic child who turns into an overweight, sarcastic book editor.

Hope, the main character and narrator, loses the love of her life, first to fat and then to the Vietnam War—for a time. She laughs at her pains, while

crying the whole time. Her faults and dreams fall into traditional cultural norms in the turbulence of the times.

LAUGHING OUT loud was not unusual while reading this book; in fact, my roommate became rather upset at me a couple of times when I cackled suddenly.

Before reading that, I took an excursion into Soviet Russia after the Red takeover through author Ayn Rand. Written in the late 1930s, her first novel, *We The Living*, examines the spiritual death of people who were of the middle class before the revolution. Kira, the leading lady, finds her friends and family frightened by the threat of Siberian exile by the red fist of the Communists.

She makes the reader examine the strengths and weaknesses of his own character through the philosophical code spouted by the story's characters. Although the book is not as well written as her later novels, *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*, its story is interesting and rather captivating. If you have never read Ayn Rand, she comes highly recommended—but start with *The Fountainhead*.

A FRIEND LOANED me a book of short stories by an

Italian writer, Italo Calvino. Most of the stories have a similar setting—Earth before it became Earth. Some of the writing is total left-field sci-fi, but takes on qualities of parables in some instances. The eight to 10 page stories come in handy for use in the bathroom library.

While we are speaking of science fiction, the latest novel by Robert Heinlein, *Friday*, is an entertaining work. The main character and also narrator is an "enhanced" artificial person working as an undercover courier. The planet is being ruled by corporations and political unrest.

OFTEN I FIND myself reverting to books I have read over and over. One of those is *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut. If I've read it once, I've read it 15 times, but every time I laugh at the same jokes and get something new out of it. Despite Vonnegut's coffee commercials, this book is a true classic.

If you've been looking for a good book, maybe you'll take up some of these suggestions. Reading beats both summer reruns and USFL football and, as all professional sunbathers know, the pool scene is not complete without a good book.

Counselors needed in elementary schools

By MICHAEL DICK

Sidelines Staff Writer

An MTSU professor says "out and out lobbying" for a bill that would fund a \$1.5 million pilot program to place guidance counselors in elementary schools may be in the works for this fall when the state legislature convenes.

Dr. Keith Carlson, of the psychology department, serves on a committee that supported a similar type of bill which was passed by the General Assembly in May but later vetoed by Gov. Lamar Alexander.

The committee hopes to "tap the ear of the governor," according to Carlson, who wrote the original bill on guidance counselors in 1976.

Sen. Avon Williams Jr., of Nashville, who sponsored the bill in the legislature, is currently blanketing the state with information on the issue, Carlson added.

"We had hoped to have one guidance counselor for every 600 students in the elementary schools," he said.

"I would guess Tennessee ranks about 40th in the nation in the number of elementary school guidance counselors," Carlson added.

Tennessee currently has approximately 73 elementary school guidance counselors located in 13 counties, half of them in Memphis alone, Carlson explained.

Research by Carlson shows that guidance programs in the elementary schools help identify and correct problems in the elementary schools help identify and correct problems that children would otherwise carry with them throughout their lives.

"Eighty percent of the people who leave their jobs do so because they can't get along with their bosses or their fellow workers," Carlson explained.

Elementary guidance programs can help children in three aspects: self awareness, decision making and work attitudes, and career choices.

Elementary schools with a comprehensive guidance program show a 50 percent decrease in disciplinary incidents as well as increased parental involvement and increased teacher morale, he added. Elementary school guidance counselors can also work with the teacher in the classroom.

Studies also show that classroom attendance is higher on the days the counselor regularly comes to the classroom, Carlson said.

According to Carlson, Congressman Carl D. Perkins of Kentucky is currently sponsoring a bill in the U.S. Legislature that would provide nationwide funding and supplies for elementary school guidance programs.

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DUI: people, not stats

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The knot in your stomach begins to tighten as you try to walk the line. Oops! "Sorry. I stepped on my shoe lace," you tell the officer.

The officer decides that you need to go to the police station and take the breathalyzer test.

At the station, the officer tells you that you have the option to refuse the breathalyzer test but that if you do, it will result in the automatic loss of your driver's license for six months.

Confident that you've not had that much to drink, you take the test. You register a .14. There's got to be a mistake!

The officer reads you your rights and places you under arrest for driving under the influence—DUI.

Using your one phone call, you call your roommate to come and bail you out of jail.

Surely this couldn't happen to an MTSU student, could it? The sad fact of the matter is that it has and probably will again. Tennessee's DUI law, hailed by many as the strictest in the country, will have been in effect for two years come July 1. Yes, even clean cut college students at MTSU are affected by the law.

Has the new law been effective in combating drunk driving? If a quick look is taken at the statistics of DUI arrest and convictions since the passage of the new law, the obvious answer is no. However, statistics can be misleading. This is such a case in point.

According to a local judge, he has heard more DUI cases since the passage of the legislation than he did for the 20 years he served as a judge before the new law. This again would seem to point out that the DUI law is not working. A key factor is left out of these statistics: the attitude of law enforcement toward the drunk driver.

Before the issue of drunk driving was brought into the limelight by such organizations as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, offenders often got their sentences reduced to public drunkenness

and reckless driving or were merely taken home and put to bed. This is not the case in Tennessee today. Law enforcement personnel are taking a more serious look at the problem of drunk drivers on Tennessee's highways.

Luckily for Tennesseans, the state legislature saw fit to require second and subsequent DUI offenders to seek professional counseling from a qualified alcohol and drug rehabilitation center or counselor. Unfortunately, this kind of counseling costs money and many offenders cannot afford to seek the help they need in combating their drinking problem as it relates to driving.

The question still remains. Is the strict DUI law a deterrent to drunk driving in Tennessee? The mood of Tennesseans seems to be moving toward yes. As more people are arrested for DUI and have to pay a \$250 fine and spend 48 hours in jail, the word is spreading that Tennessee is serious about removing drunk drivers from Tennessee highways.

Word of mouth is much more convincing than anything which is printed or broadcast. The seriousness of drunk driving is much more graphic when the guy who sits next to you in Physical Science class is convicted of DUI and tells you what it was like to spend 48 hours in the luxurious Rutherford County Workhouse the weekend before.

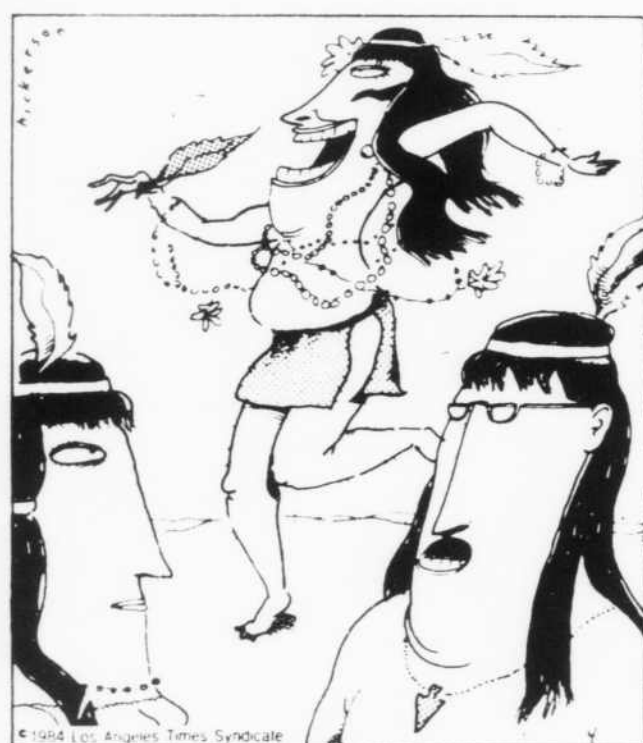
Starting Aug. 1, the legal drinking age in Tennessee will be officially raised to 21—sort of. One who is 19 or before Aug. 1 will still be able to drink legally. The timing for passage of this bill is significant in that the federal government is working on legislation which would withhold federal highway money from states whose drinking age is lower than 21.

This is a measure which has been needed for some time. With all states having the same legal drinking age, the number of alcohol-related deaths and injuries resulting from young people driving to a neighboring state to buy alcohol will hopefully be dramatically reduced.

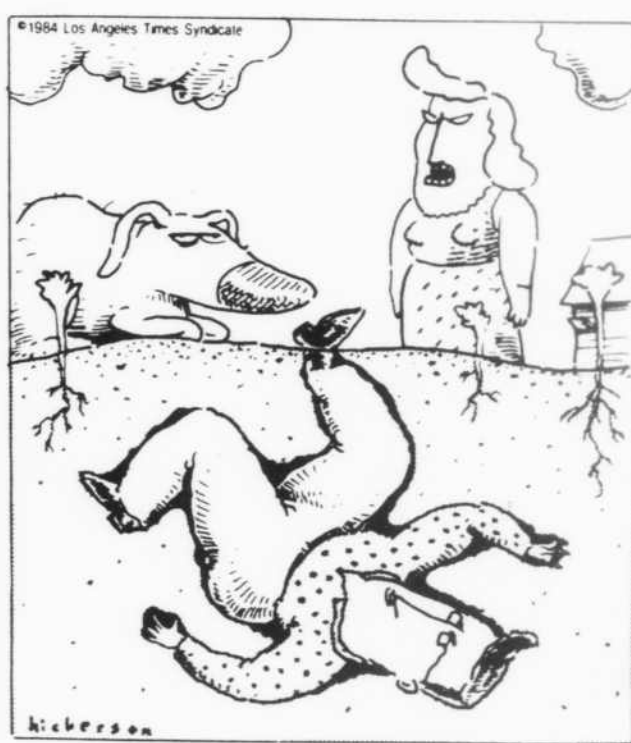
Hopefully, two or three more years of maturity will help prevent drinking and driving but even that is doubtful. Unfortunately, many people have to be arrested for DUI before they think about drinking and driving.

Consider the costs: cab fare is around \$5; the minimum fine for a first DUI is \$250. Think about it.

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"Our son 'Skipping Dog' seems to enjoy beads and feathers more than other braves."



"Jowles! Bad boy! Does Bob know you have his shoe?"



CIA's 'secret war' continues

While many critics of the United States' role in Latin America are quick to compare present U.S. involvement in the region with our past experience in Southeast Asia, there exist even more accurate similarities—and equally important differences—between our current "secret war" in Nicaragua and the CIA-directed Bay of Pigs invasion, launched 23 years ago.

Then, as now, the objective was the overthrow of a government hostile to the United States by arming and training guerrillas whose success would, it was hoped, spark a major uprising among that government's citizens. In both cases, arms and training were provided to pro-U.S. guerrilla forces by the CIA at the behest of the president, and without proper notification of Congress.

As we now know, the Bay of Pigs proved to be an unqualified disaster, and according to recently declassified documents and Congressional testimony, it caused the Kennedy administration to ultimately question the soundness of all such covert wars, and prompted Congress to assume a much more assertive role as "watchdog" over CIA activities.

After the failed invasion attempt, then Secretary of State Dean Rusk reluctantly faced an angry Senate Committee much like current CIA director William Casey did a few weeks ago. In Rusk's case, committee members suspected that both the administration and the CIA had their hands in the operation, but they had never received any official confirmation on the matter.

Confirmation, however, was soon forthcoming: "The effort to let this go forward as though we were not involved, at least in the background, I suppose on the face of it now seems to be impossible," Rusk confessed.

Not only were members angry that they had not been notified or consulted about the operation, they found the entire basis for it shocking: "Any fool who has studied this particular matter would, I think, have arrived at a different decision than the Pentagon and the CIA," said Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont.

The entire operation had, Rusk concluded, forced himself and other administration officials involved with it to "give real thought...as to the nature of activities that border on this type of thing, to see to what extent it is possible for the United States to take part in such matters without accepting full, open and

public responsibility."

It is impossible to say whether their recalcitrance resulted solely from the combined embarrassment of failure and condemnation, or some semblance of a collective conscience within the administration, but it is clear that such a conscience—collective or otherwise—exists neither in the present administration nor in the majority of the Senate Intelligence Committee's present members.

The U.S. government currently supports an estimated 15,000 guerrillas fighting the pro-Cuban government of Nicaragua, and while it is true that the present committee, again, remained uninformed of CIA involvement in Nicaragua until after the fact (Reagan had steadfastly denied U.S. involvement, until news reports via several White House leaks proved otherwise), duly informed, they were content to settle for an agreement with Casey requiring only that the agency keep them "fully and currently informed of significant, anticipated intelligence activities."

One does not have to be a lawyer to see that the wording of this particular agreement allows the agency to retain its cherished "right" to go about its business as it sees fit, with only minimal congressional interference. Activities, after all, are only as "significant" as the agency wishes them to be.

Even this agreement was negotiated only after the committee learned—again after the operation had already begun and with numerous official denials—that, in addition to its support of the guerrillas, the agency was also responsible for placing mines in Nicaraguan harbors. Presumably, it was the agency's opinion that mining harbors was not a "significant activity."

Despite what the agency might have thought, the Nicaraguan government, along with several U.S. allies in Europe, was quick to condemn the mining, and chose to take the issue to the World Court. Reagan, however, remained firm: as far as Nicaragua is concerned, he informed the court, international law does not apply to the United States.

A small, but vocal group of Congressmen and Senators continue to oppose these activities and have proposed numerous measures to curb the president's dangerously militant moves throughout Latin America, but a "war" that is no longer secret continues, and one can only wonder if such a "war" can be kept from truly becoming just that.

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Survey finds opinion divided on Harries, death penalty

By MICHAEL DICK
Sidelines Staff Writer

By now, probably every person in the state of Tennessee has become quite familiar with the continuing saga of convicted murderer Ronald Harries. I see no reason to regurgitate everything you've already heard in the news about how Harries killed a convenience store checkout girl, was sentenced to die in the electric chair, and was taken off death row because he has been given so many tranquilizers that he can't decide if he wants to appeal his sentence or be executed.

I won't tell you all this again, but I will tell you how some MTSU students feel about the case.

As part of a class assignment, I recently conducted an unscientific poll on campus, in which I interviewed 10 MTSU students about their opinions on the Harries case, eight of whom said they were familiar with it.

When asked if they thought Harries should have the choice of being executed or appealing his sentence, three of the students agreed that he should have that choice.

Asked if they thought the

tranquilizers had influenced his decision to be executed, four thought that he was competent to make his own decision, while one student, pharmacy major Lisa Allen, felt that the drugs had changed him, adding that "the dosage could be a factor."

On the issue of capital punishment itself, three students said they were in favor of the death penalty, with one student against it, and one unsure.

Steve Murphree, a graduate student in Biology, felt that crime has increased during the years Tennessee has not had capital punishment.

"Some people are just basically mean," he said. "If administered properly, capital punishment could (indirectly) save innocent lives by deterring would-be killers."

Karen Moore, a secondary education major, added, "Some people are just destined to go bad." Business administration major Mike Oakley agreed: "I don't think the judicial system handles the situation right," he said, "There is too much politics involved."

I appreciate the opinions of these fellow students, and I thank them for the time they took to give them to me. But I

have no opinion on the Harries case myself. Whatever happens to him is fine with me. Ask me how I feel about nuclear weapons, toxic waste or even rednecks. Ask me how cold I am because the air conditioner in this office is running out of control, the thermostat being set at 52 degrees by some person over in Maintenance. But I'm sorry, no opinion on Harries.

Actually, I'm sick of reading about it in the paper every day. Tomorrow's headline will probably read: "Harries tires of interviews, throws reporters out of cell."

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By CLYDE CRAWLEY
Sidelines Columnist

National security. It certainly has a nice patriotic ring to it, doesn't it? From the Nixon days (at least) to present times, this by-word has been used by presidents to justify everything from illegal wiretaps, psychiatrist's office break-ins, and the many faces of Watergate, to the invasion and bloody takeover of a small Caribbean island basically unknown except to trivia buffs and nutmeg experts, as well as active aggression in the sovereign nation of Nicaragua.

I hate to disappoint a lot of you, but Americans are not always the "good guys"—especially when our good old national security is at stake.

Most recently, in the name of national security, our president has called for lie detector tests for any federal employee who has access to sensitive material. Is our knight in shining armor attempting to ferret out enemy espionage agents? No! He's looking for people who leak news to the press, much of which is embarrassing to Sir Ronald. Again we hear the cry: "National security!"

But when we step back from the lunatic fringe, we see that national security is not a dirty word. I, for one, do not want to see the United States invaded and taken over by the Soviets. I don't speak a word of

Russian, for one thing, and I doubt if I could ever be happy driving around in a Lada (no acceleration), so let's keep America America—if for no other reason than our own convenience. (Gosh, I wish I could put in a drum and life corps right about now.)

We are talking about reality here. This is not a book about 1984, this is 1984.

The right wing fundamentalist religious groups are one example of an internal force bent on the abolition of many of our rights. They are making some very blatant attempts at undermining our basic freedoms by gumming-up our legislatures with anti-abortion and school prayer bills.

Add this to their vehement struggle against the ERA, and we find ourselves with a group that feels that its moral standards should be enforced on the entire population. Ostensibly, the Moral Majority and other groups are pressing for these issues because it is the will of God.

But there is something a bit more sinister in their rhetoric. Interwoven in their religious pitches is a belief that faith in God is now synonymous with faith in the MX missile.

The MX missile is God, the Pershing II is the son and the Cruise missile is the Holy Ghost. So many people are swayed by these thermonuclear

evangelists that it looks more than just possible that our country is going to wind up being just one big radioactive hole. I'd call that a threat to national security.

We are also witnessing the resurrection of, and toleration for, groups like the Ku Klux Klan and the Neo-Nazis—who can shoot people down in cold blood (on TV!), be acquitted twice and walk out of the courthouse praising God. When this type of action is called justice—while Mercury Morris rots in a Florida state prison for 15 years for possession of cocaine—we are not only seeing a very twisted state of mind in control, but our national security is threatened.

A member of the Klan praises God for letting him murder somebody and get away with it—and nobody does anything about it. What if this moral cretin decides he wants to shoot you next? Well, your civil rights have been violated. National security becomes more and more of an illusion.

No, friends, I am not affected by your question "What are you going to do when a Russian soldier kicks in your door?" The way things are going, the soldiers kicking in the doors are going to be American. Once again, national security will triumph over national security.

From Our Readers

Campus' telephone abusers should be given 'A' for effort

To the Editor:

MTSU employees have been warned against using university equipment—specifically the state telephone system—in support of political candidates. Allegations have been made that such infractions have already occurred.

If, in fact, the allegations are true, one is led to conclude that these infractions occurred prior to June 1, the date the new telephone system became

operable (operable?!). Prior to that date, it was relatively easy to get calls onto and off of campus.

If anyone has been able to make a call for a candidate on this new system (since June 1), I recommend that all be forgiven and such perseverance rewarded with three gold stars, one for overcoming the "hang up and try again" recordings, one for overcoming the busy signals, and one for overcoming the shrill screeching and roaring noises, all of which one hears as attempts are made to call working, long established numbers.

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Crawley's column on target, but...

To the Editor:

I appreciated Clyde Crawley's recent editorial on "rednecks." I think, though, that he made a few inaccurate generalizations about our resident redneck population.

"Redneckism" is an attitude, not a habit of dress. Many rednecks wear three piece suits, drive Corvettes, drink margaritas and hold middle and upper-level management jobs in this great state of ours.

In fact, some rednecks are women. But they are all characterized by a common mentality: intolerance, chauvinism and racism—in

short, an aversion to anything or anyone "different."

Rednecks specialize in trying to make these "different" people feel inferior in order to draw attention away from their own inadequacies. Because rednecks are generally ignorant, they label anyone who reads books as "wimp" or "twerp." Because they are terrified of the opposite sex, they regard any male who is not a lothario as a "queer," "fag" or "fruit."

The weapons of a redneck are insidious: name-calling, verbal and physical abuse, back-biting, ridicule and a peculiar talent for mismanaging and corrupting any system they touch or control. Redneckism is a persistent condition, because rednecks are usually promoted, rather than fired, glorified, rather than shunned.

It seems to me that those of us who form the majority of decent and civilized people of this area ought to do something about redneckism—including banishing that little piece of redneck in ourselves.

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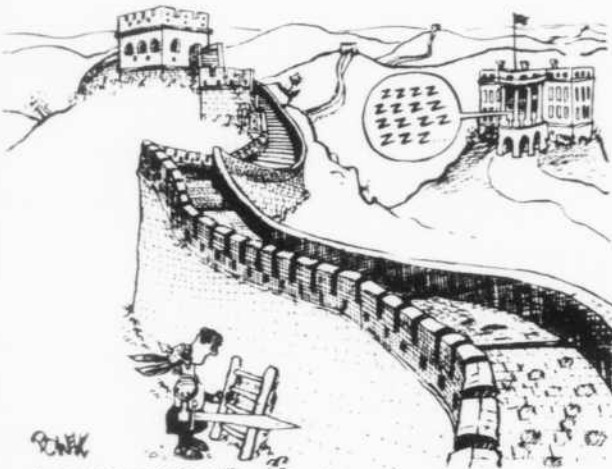
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Reagan gearing up for election

As anyone who passed seventh grade civics knows, a president's term of office lasts exactly four years. Well, not exactly—at least not if a president has re-election plans. When he suddenly realizes that November is not so far down the road anymore (usually about six months prior to the end of his term), it's time to put official duties on the back burner, and gear up for plenty of unofficial campaigning.

The president's recent visit to China signaled the start of his unofficial campaign (Secretary Watt's dismissal notwithstanding). Of course a media-wise incumbent—and whatever else you might think of Ronald Reagan, he certainly excels at the manipulation of public opinion—painstakingly packages all unofficial campaign "events," and presents them to the media news-ready, as part of his official presidential agenda.



Considering the president's re-election liabilities, his China trip could only help, since, reduced to the simplest terms (something he is himself fond of doing), the President's main "plus" is the economic recovery and his main liability is his administration's dismal record in foreign policy. A meeting with Chinese leaders in China, thus provided his staff with an opportunity to present to the voting public Ronald Reagan: the jovial statesman.

Assured, then, of more than adequate media coverage, which was at that time being given to his democratic opposition, Reagan took a quick flight to Peking and stayed for a few days of neighborly socializing with his Chinese counterpart. It was almost like magic: he boarded Air Force One the epitome of foreign policy ineptitude, and returned the skillful diplomat waving a brand new—if largely insignificant—treaty in his hand.

The trip was a success (with this administration, any meeting of leaders that doesn't turn into a shouting match or a troop deployment is a "success"), but apparently both Howard Baker, Republican leader of the Senate, and Charles Percy, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, felt that the president had not done enough to boost voter confidence in his ability to handle foreign relations—particularly relations with the Soviet Union.



Both met with the president and politely suggested that, given the current state of communications between the two superpowers and an ever increasing body of Americans genuinely frightened by such a hostile relationship, perhaps the time had come to end the name-calling and at least appear to be willing to discuss something with them.

Heaven only knows what they could talk about when neither side will even let their Olympic teams get together, but it doesn't matter anyway—Reagan's open invitation to a summit meeting is not a diplomatic move, it's a political move, and the sad thing is that the only result will be just what he really wants: the votes of those who will blindly accept the media image he presents to them, and believe him for four more years.

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THE MAKING OF A PRESIDENT, 1984

Attitudes toward handicaps need revision

By JENNIFER TURNER
Sidelines Columnist

If you passed the University Center on Sunday afternoon, and noticed a girl in a wheelchair sitting patiently outside in the sun, I will explain what you saw.

The girl was not merely sitting in the sun, nor was she waiting for the Grill to open—it opened at 10 a.m. Yet, it was 3 p.m. before anyone came to unlock the door for her so she could take the elevator up to the Grill. I suppose this was merely an oversight by someone, instead of a school policy.

This is only one of many problems faced daily by the disabled students of our university, who numbered 94

at the end of last semester.

There is also the difficulty of having no one to help them get books off the shelf in the library, and the dilemma of having a door too heavy to open at Kirksey Old Main. And there are always those people who are apathetic or just plain forgetful, who park in spaces designated by the wheelchair symbol for handicapped drivers, or in front of curbs. (It is school policy to tow away those cars illegally parked there.)

I recently talked to several disabled persons and they feel that, overall, they are accepted and treated well by their fellow students. There is always someone who holds the door for them, or gives them a smile. On the other hand, however,

some feel as if they are treated with "kid gloves" perhaps out of pity and compassion, while all the time they prefer to be treated no differently than anyone else.

And why should they be treated differently? Can we actually separate ourselves from them by calling ourselves "normal" and by calling them "handicapped"? There is no one among us who does not have some type of imperfection or impairment whether it is visible to others or not.

We need to raise our consciousness about disabled persons, and begin to view them as normal, functioning human beings. They are students just as we are, and they have goals that they have set for themselves. Some of

these goals have been reached, while others have yet to be attained.

The disabled students do not limit themselves because of their disabilities; on the contrary, most are involved in school activities and clubs, and in the social scene.

Because they don't limit themselves, we should not limit ourselves by seeing the wheelchair instead of the person who's in it; we should not look at the cane, but at the person who carries it. We must not see the handicap; we must look beyond that and see the person it encompasses.

Sports

MTSU Rugby Club hosts annual tournament



By SYDNEY BONDURANT
Sidelines Sports Writer

The action was hot on the MTSU Rugby field this past weekend as the MTSU Rugby Club had its second annual Battle of Stones River tournament.

Fourteen teams from various states including Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama were represented in the tournament which offered the players and fans ample opportunities for some exciting, action-packed play. The teams were composed of seven players each with seven minute halves and one minute half times.

THE PLAYERS WHO represented MTSU did very well with an overall total of three wins and three losses at the end of play on Sunday. MTSU placed fourth overall in a tournament filled with intensive competition. Life

Chiropractic College took the tournament championship with the Atlanta Renegades coming in second.

As for this observer, the feelings I carried away from my experiences this past weekend include an admiration for the sportsmanship shown by the players from the various teams and the enthusiastic support shown by the fans who at times totaled over 200.

"It was the best Rugby ever played at MTSU and all the teams were pleased with the Moosemen's hospitality," said MTSU Rugby Club President, Barry Dunnivant. "We appreciate the help from the maintenance department and Campus Recreation for helping us make our tournament a success."

The MTSU Rugby Club will be taking to the road for future tournaments this summer. Everyone is invited to come out and share in the Rugby experience.

Lady Raiders face challenging schedule

By CHIP WALTERS
Sidelines Sports Columnist

To be a champion, you've got to play champions. That old adage has been used as long as sports have been played. The only thing is: it's about 99 and 44/100ths percent true.

I tip my proverbial cap to Coach Larry Inman for taking his tried and tested Lady Raider basketball program and upgrading the schedule even more.

WITH ONLY A few exceptions, Inman has been the only man bold enough to handle the challenges of facing top 10 competition night-in, night-out.

Holding these thoughts in mind, let's take a look at just one portion of the upcoming campaign.

After the first 14 games of the season, the Ladies will host Ole Miss on Jan. 31. The Lady Rebs are perennially top 10 caliber. Two days later on Feb. 2, MTSU will host that always tough nemesis of Tennis-shoe Tech.

If those two games won't get you excited, check this out. Middle Tennessee will then hit the road for games at Delta State (four-time national champs) and Louisiana Tech (1982 national champs and numerous national runners-up).

DURING THAT six-day period, no college team in America will play as tough a schedule as good ole' MTSU. This is just another feather in the hat of Coach Larry Inman, who has built the basketball fortunes into championship caliber.

Two consecutive Ohio Valley Conference Championships and NCAA tournament appearances are

evidence enough for me that the guy knows his basketball.

Besides that tough four-game stretch and the usually tough OVC fair, the MTSU women will participate in the Cincinnati Invitational with the U. of C., West Virginia and Northern Michigan.

Single games are also scheduled with UT Chattanooga (home and away), Belmont and the University of Evansville.

A LITTLE PIECE of trivia: Murfreesboro was the destination of the University of Evansville men's team when the entire team was killed in a tragic plane crash. Even though the game had to be cancelled, several thousand Blue Raider fans showed up at Murphy Center on game night to hold a memorial service.

With the toughest schedule in 10 years, the Lady Raiders definitely have a challenge ahead of them, but they have the horses coming back.

Three-time All-OVC performer Jennifer McFall will be back. The Columbia, Tenn. senior could have an All-American shot, if she plays hard and scores consistently.

IF YOU'RE STILL asking "where's the beef," I'll tell you. With the graduation of Holly Hoover, Kay Wilbanks will have to step in even more to provide inside strength with the seasoned veteran, Cindy Allen.

Good recruiting by Coach Inman has produced a couple of more gems for his diamond collection. Sharp-shooting guard Alice Lawrence of Oakland and 6-foot-1 guard Cathy McDonald of Franklin County should add depth and help Kim Webb with her duties in running that three ring circus.

Overstreet killed

TYLER, Texas (UPI)—Miami Dolphin running back David Overstreet apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his Mercedes before it sliced through telephone poles, slammed into a rural gas station and exploded, officials said.

Overstreet, 25, died shortly after 6 a.m. CDT Sunday in the one-car accident at rural Winona, 11 miles northeast of Tyler in East Texas.

"HE MUST HAVE fallen asleep at the wheel," said Smith County Justice of the Peace Mitch Shamburger. "There was nothing hardly left of the car or the body. In fact, we first thought there were two bodies."

Funeral arrangements were pending at McCauley and Son Memorial Chapel in Gladewater, Texas.

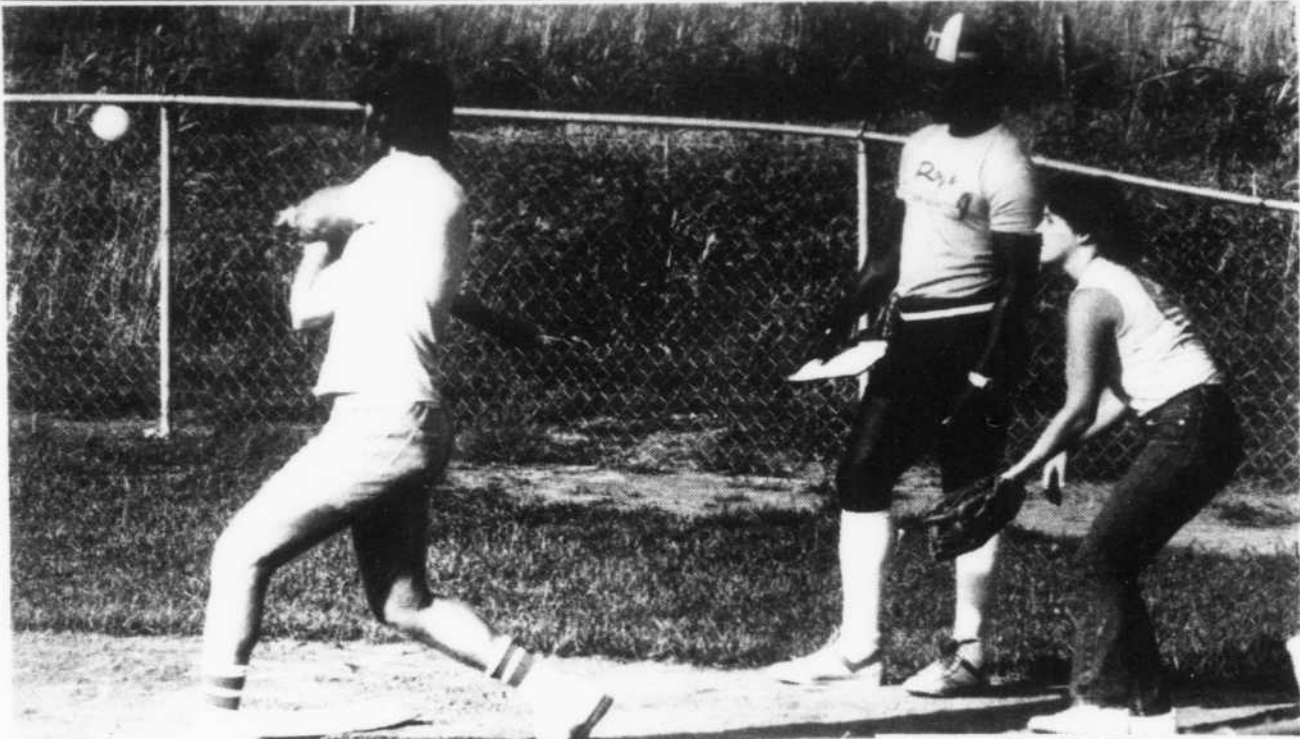


photo by Melissa Givens

The first half of the MTSU Campus Recreation Softball League is coming to a close. The first half tournament begins today. The Housing Braves will take on Total Rec. at 5 p.m. The Root Hogs also play at 5 p.m. when they battle K-Apartments. The championship game will be played at 6 p.m.

There will also be a second season this summer. Anyone interested in forming a team should sign up at the Alumni Gym, Room 214, before July 9. Play will begin July 16. There is no cost to enter the league.

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