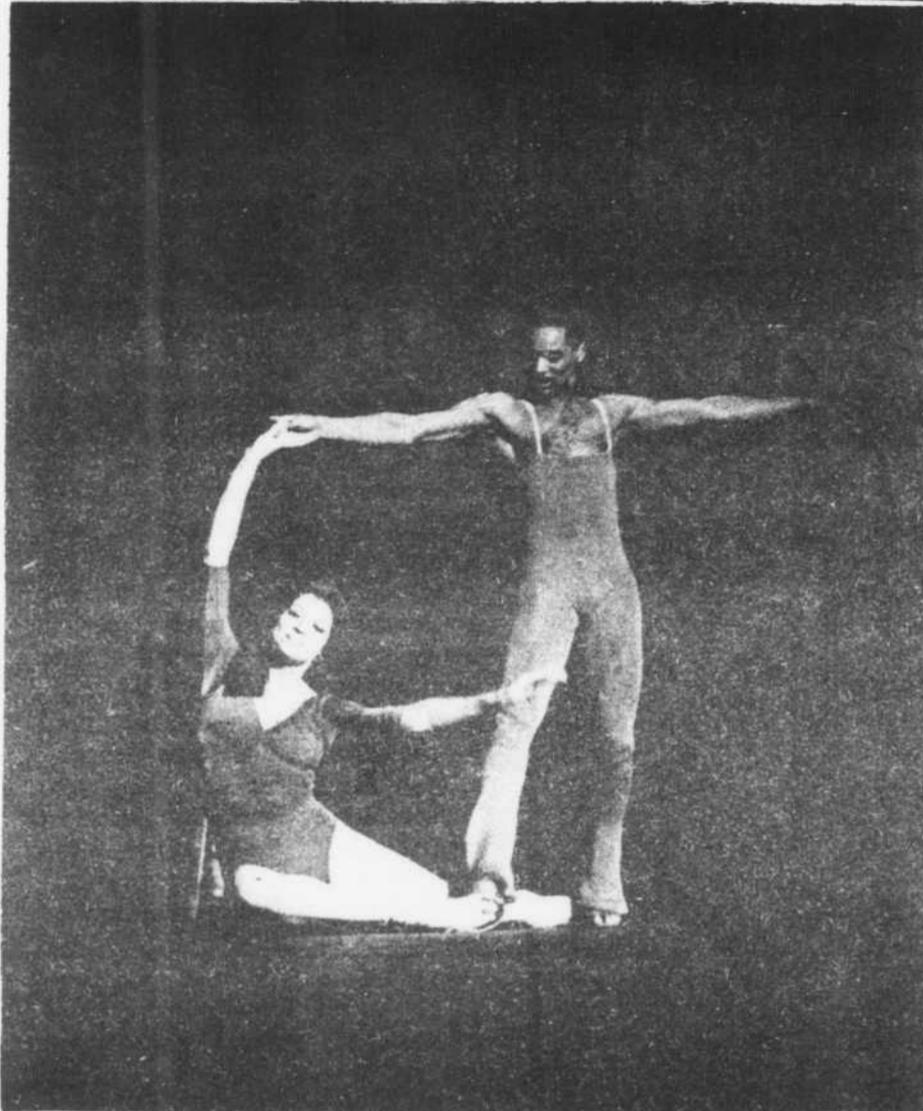


# Sidelines

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Dancers Julie Walder and Clarence Teeters perform to the music of Cat Stevens during the Fine Arts Festival's Evening of American Jazz Dance last night in the DA auditorium.

Charlie Steed Photo

## Visitation termed 'restrictive'

by Trina Jones

Visitation programs in the State University and Community College Systems of Tennessee are generally more restrictive than those of the University of Tennessee System or of universities in surrounding states, according to a preliminary

report issued last week by the Regent's Task force on residence hall visitation.

Although final recommendations are not expected until the last of this month, the report makes public several observations that the committee has seen thus far in its study.

The task force, composed of two faculty members, three university administrators, three students and one alumnus from state universities was appointed by Chancellor Roy Nicks in February to investigate visitation policies in state institutions and advise on any changes in the existing rules.

Task force activities have to date included committee meetings, local hearings on six state university campuses and a statewide open hearing. The hearings were scheduled in an effort to gain university and public feedback on the visitation issue, committee chairman Harry D. Wagner said in the report.

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## Regents board expands visitation days, hours

Amendments to the Rescue handbook extending the number of hours and days allowed for campus visitation were approved by the State Board of Regents at its meeting last Friday.

The extension was made by creating a new category of dorm housing in which visitation will be permitted four days a week not to exceed six hours a day between noon and midnight. The maximum presently allowed for dorm rooms is two days a week with six hours of visitation each day.

Visitation for J and K apartments was expanded from four days to seven days with the hour limit raised from six to eight hours between noon and midnight.

The amendments were part of a list of changes to the Rescue submitted to the board by president M.G. Scarlett in January after they were compiled by the University Rules Committee last Fall. The list was adopted without change and

will go into effect at the beginning of next Fall.

Other measures passed by the Board included:

—An amendment providing that students not be penalized for crimes committed off-campus unless determined to be a "clear and present danger" to the university through campus due process procedures.

—A restriction on persons terminated from the university for disciplinary reasons preventing them from entering campus property without written verification from the Office of the Dean of Students.

—A ban on organization members dividing proceeds obtained through fund-raising projects unless approved by the dean of students.

—A revision limiting the section on obscenities to coverage of obscenities directed at persons.

## 28 qualify for ASB positions

Campaigning for 1976-77 Associated Student Body posts will begin today at noon, election commissioner David Gilliam announced last night.

Three students have qualified for president, two for speaker of the senate and 22 for senate positions. Speaker of the House Jeff Combos is running unopposed.

Gilliam and commission member Bill Mason detailed points of the electoral act to the candidates in a meeting last night, stressing the importance of the rules governing posters to be placed around campus and the spending limits.

Presidential candidates are limited to \$150 in expenses and services, speaker candidates to \$75 and senate candidates to \$25. All contributions to candidates are limited to \$15.

Richard Langford, Tom Wells and Jim Stuts have qualified for the presidential race, while Larry Robinson and Buddy Creasman will battle for the Senate speaker post.

Candidates for sophomore senator are: Bob Harlan, Jim Rungee, Melinda Stubblefield, Stewart Johnson, Melody Riggan and Lee Barney.

Junior senator candidates are: Bernest Harris, Breta Parsons,

Denise Veasy, Alan Betz, Riley Clark, Frank Brothers, George McClary and Cyde Winter.

Senior senator candidates are Betty Barnes, Brenda Rhoton, Charles Buckner, Steve Ruckhart, Jeff Eason, Billy See, Donald Morris and Tony Petty.

The lone graduate candidate is Earl Lammons.

ASB elections will be held March 17, with election commission meetings on March 9, 12 and 15. A speakout for all major candidates will be at noon Thursday in the grill.

## Festival of Fine Arts

### continues tonight at 8

The MTSU Fine Arts Festival began last night with a performance by the Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Company.

Tonight the week-long festival continues with a magic show featuring six well-known magicians at 8 p.m. in the DA auditorium. Wednesday night marks the return of Anne and Chick Herbert's "Synesthesia" at 8 in the UC theatre.

The shows are free and open to the public.

# Committee kills marijuana decriminalization bill

by Phil West  
TCPA Correspondent

NASHVILLE—Election year politics dealt a death blow to marijuana decriminalization in Tennessee this session as lawmakers enter the final weeks of the 89th General Assembly.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, after hearing emotional appeals by pro and anti-decriminalization advocates, failed to pass onto the Senate floor a measure lowering criminal penalties for possession of marijuana. Sen. Robert T. Byrd III, D-Cleveland, sponsor of the bill,

blamed the defeat on political reality.

"It's an election year," Sen. Byrd said, "and they are afraid to touch the issue."

Five senators on the committee voted to move the decriminalization bill out of committee, while six opposed the measure and five senators registered "pass" votes. Nine votes were needed to move the bill out onto the Senate floor.

"Four of those who passed are up for re-election this year," Sen. Byrd pointed out.

Meanwhile, the state's law-

makers wrestled with governmental budgetary problems and bills for operating state government over the next fiscal year.

In a flurry of consumer action, the House last week tacked amendments onto the appropriations bill, which funds state government, exempting a consumer's first \$50 in electric bills from the state sales tax. The representatives also added amendments exempting prescription drugs from the sales tax and setting uniform tax rates for electricity sold to homeowners and

to corporations.

Rep. Mike Murphy, D-Nashville, who sponsored the electrical tax amendment, said equalizing the tax rate to 2 1/2 per cent for all users would "distribute the tax burden equally" for Tennesseans. However, the Senate refused to go along with the additions and the appropriations bill was shuffled to a joint conference committee.

The Conference Committee retained the prescription drug amendment but dropped the \$50 electric exemption amendment to a uniform rate of 1 1/2 per cent for all users except manufacturers, who will still pay the minimum sales tax rate.

The marijuana decriminalization defeat capped a two-year effort by the lawmakers to move the bill into the two chambers for a vote.

A joint subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee was appointed in late 1974 to "study the effects of marijuana on health and law enforcement," and report to the full Judiciary Committee. That subcommittee concluded its hearings in late February and forwarded a "majority report" that subcommittee members admitted was "favorable to decriminalization of marijuana." The panel also forwarded a "minority report" representing the alternate view of the effects of pot.

## Room rent policy outlined by dean

Five MTSU sororities each pay \$1600 per year for the use of a chapter room in Cummings Hall, according to Judy Smith, associate dean of women.

Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta and Kappa Delta sororities rent the chapter rooms for their use, she said.

Although no black sororities now rent chapter rooms, "a couple of black sororities are now working to raise the money for the room deposit," Smith said.

The university asks that a \$900 deposit fee be paid as a down payment before the groups can begin moving in, Smith stated.

Sororities must also pay for carpeting, drapes and furniture used in their chapter rooms.

The sororities use chapter rooms instead of maintaining sorority houses because of financial considerations, according to the dean.

"There is no rule or policy on this campus that restricts sororities from having houses," she commented.

In addition, no campus organization or club has ever approached the university about acquiring one of the rooms, Smith said.

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# Man charged in rape of coed

A local factory worker has been arrested in connection with the alleged kidnapping and rape of an MTSU student Feb. 26.

Johnny L. Smith, 23, was arrested the day following the incident by detectives of the Murfreesboro Police. In addition to the alleged kidnap-rape, Smith has been identified in line-ups and charged by at least two other recent rape victims.

At the same time, a mysterious "bicycle rapist" has attacked a pair of local women during the spring break, bringing to at least six the total of unsuccessful attacks that have been attributed to him.

On the afternoon of Feb. 26, a black male matching Smith's description allegedly kidnapped at gunpoint a coed walking to the parking lot next to Jones Field.

The assailant forced the girl to drive him away from the campus and to Mt. Herman Road, where he allegedly raped her, then made her drive him back to campus before releasing her.

A cooperative effort between Murfreesboro Police, MTSU's University Police, the Rutherford County Sheriff's office and the Tennessee Bureau of Identification resulted in the arrest of Smith in his residence at the Villager Apartments early the next day.

After his arrest, Smith was allegedly connected to at least one pair of other rape incidents, one which occurred at a rural store several months ago, and another which occurred on Crestland Lane near the campus two weeks ago.

In the country store incident, a

man entered the store in the early morning and attempted to force the one employee into the storeroom and "beat her unmercifully" when she refused to cooperate, according to sheriff's deputies.

A woman was reportedly raped in front of her house on Crestland Drive, where an assailant held a knife to her throat to prevent her from screaming. He then led her to a nearby yard where he sexually assaulted her.

The "bicycle rapist" is also a suspect in the Crestland rape, and in the six unsuccessful attempts in the past few months.

Identified as a black male, 5-8 to 5-10 in height, the man allegedly attempted a pair of rapes in the East Main Street area during spring break.

Both of the most recent assaults occurred within 30 minutes of each other, one near Apollo Drive and the other behind Central Middle School. Both victims escaped their assailant, reportedly due to poor handling of the bicycle by the attacker.



With memories of fine weather and sunshine fresh in mind, students sloshed to classes yesterday morning during heavy rain.

Charles Steed Photo

## Deadline nearing for editor hopefuls

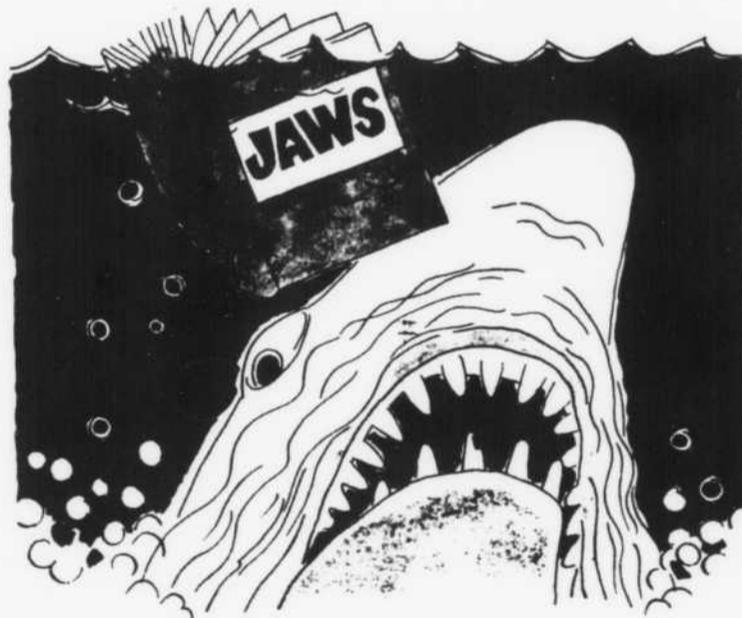
Applications deadlines for editorships of **Sidelines**, **Midlander** and **Collage**, and for the post of **Sidelines** business (advertising) manager, have been announced by the Committee on Student Publications.

Persons seeking to become **Midlander** editor for 1976-77 or **Sidelines** editor for Fall semester 1976 are to file their completed applications no later than Wednesday, March 17.

Those applying for **Sidelines** business manager for 1976-77, **Sidelines** editor for Summer semester 1976 or **Collage** editor for 1976-77 are to meet a Wednesday, March 24 deadline.

Applications for all positions may be obtained from Jenny Tempenny, student publications secretary, on the third floor of the SUB.

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## Campaigning legislators avoid issues

Tennessee state legislators who are seeking re-election spend the session prior to the campaign doing little for their constituents.

Somehow, it seems as if elected officials would take this golden opportunity to impress their constituents.

Instead, they spend their legislative hours training to avoid controversial issues, becoming mild-mannered and straying from the public eye.

For example, our state legislators ignored the controversial income tax plan proposed by Gov. Ray Blanton. They simply raised the sales tax one cent, leaving the tax burden inevitably to fall on the poor.

To muddy the waters, the legislators tacked over 100 "pork barrel" amendments to compensate as their pet projects for the session—thus, expanding the already tight budget.

Now, the legislators are considering giving a multimillion-dollar break to state banks. The expense will be assumed by local governments.

Our illustrious leaders were even more disgusting when the Senate threatened to slash higher education budgets in an attempt to alleviate the budget woes. Fortunately, this proposal was not enacted.

Another controversial measure designed to decriminalize marijuana in the state was not voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee last week. Sponsor Robert T. Byrd, D-Cleveland pinpointed the problem as "It's an election year and they are afraid to touch this issue."

For consumer interests, the General Assembly agreed to "exempt a consumer's first \$50 in electric bills from the state sales tax."

A proposal to substitute a less expensive drug than the doctor's prescription failed passage due to the apparent influence of two pharmacists who are legislators.

And the bills to enact regulations concerning conflicts of interest will again be ignored—just like the constituent's needs.

Hopefully, Tennessee voters will one day realize that their representatives don't care about their wishes.

Only when conscientious legislators are elected will the welfare of the people be truly represented.

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## letters

# Member of 'detested fraternity' defends system

I am one of a group of people who have gotten together and rented a house to party in. We play intramurals together and every couple of weeks we get a keg or two of beer and have a party.

I'm not a member of this group because of my looks, my birth (weren't you born, too?) or my financial status. I've put myself

through school without outside aid except my G.I. bill and I feel I've earned that. My GPA is a 3.54 which places me on the dean's list. I've earned that, too.

If you cannot guess by now, I'm a member of one of the "detested organizations of social fraternities and sororities." It hasn't been all the fraternities running the ASB

but two or three of the larger ones which dominate.

But what you've ignored, Van, is the reason they run it. Less than 10 per cent of this school is Greek. Less than 40 per cent of Greeks belong to those organizations that presently run the ASB and have firmly imbedded it in the crack between the administration's ass.

What you've really ignored, however, is that less than 10 per

cent of the student body votes in ASB elections and only a small handful of students in the Sidelines and ASB have any idea or even care about what's going on.

Social fraternities are not an unnatural aristocracy. If they are an aristocracy at all, it is by the default of you so-called "average student."

name withheld upon request

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## 'Slippery' label contradicted

I am writing in response to Chuck Cavalaris' column concerning Ronnie Greenwade.

I think Mr. Cavalaris was unjustified in his comment about a slippery defense attorney. I was appointed last summer to be the ASB Public Defender. Greg Vick and I worked on this case together.

I think that if Mr. Cavalaris was to investigate the case more thoroughly, he would find nothing that would merit labeling the defense counsel as slippery.

I don't have the time and access to all the records to fully investigate this myself.

I can't look at any other basketball player's parking ticket records without his written permission, but a university official can.

I don't know what information you used in forming a decision to label Greg or I as slippery but I think it was erroneous.

Randy Womack box 7643  
ASB Public Defender

# Natural aristocracy flourishes in Greek brotherhood

by John Pitts

Quite frankly, I'm not so sure why I'm wasting my time writing this column.

First, let me refresh your memory on a couple of topics:

—On Feb. 22, columnist Van West looked at a "remarkable" letter from patriot Thomas Jefferson to John Adams. Written in the later years of his life, the former president proposed a system of "natural aristocracy."

West took Jefferson's thesis on the ascension of individuals to high rank due to natural virtues, and demonstrated how the vastly overused quota system prevented this natural selection process.

—On Feb. 27, West look at Adams' reply to Jefferson and condemned the use of family ties as a grounds for electing people to important offices, using Tennessee's Bob Clement and Alabama's Lurleen Wallace as examples.

And I couldn't agree more.

There is little doubt in my mind that the present system of choosing our leaders just because they have a famous name or a famous relative is unfair. And it is equally unfair that a black man (or a white man) should receive employment not because of experience or qualification, but because of the color of his skin, a totally arbitrary process.

However, West oversteps the boundaries of his own logic when he, without the guiding hands of any founding father, decides to link the fraternity and sorority system on collegiate campuses with the failure of the natural aristocracy system to totally envelop the country.

Claiming the Greek system on this campus to be a repudiation of natural aristocracy which is "Sapping all the strength from campus life and society," West proposes a

revolution to "smash the tyranny of social organizations in 1976."

All well and good, but West is deluding himself and others with such a conclusion or proposition, for indeed, the Greek system is the only real lifeblood on this, a notoriously blase and unconcerned campus.

West cannot realistically maintain that the Greek system "explicitly denies one's worth and virtue in place of one's birth, looks and financial statement; a system that exists only for its self interest."

It just ain't so.

There has been a time, back during the days of raccoon coats,

campus" was really a big deal.

Welcome to the 1970's, West. Things have changed a lot. To use a very basic example, if fraternities are what you say they are, then why was I given the opportunity to join one? My father or grandfather never went to college; they never owned any gold mines or oil wells.

And what of me? Looks in one of several places in which I probably got short-changed a little. And as for my financial statement, I feel like I'm pretty damn lucky to get to go to college. Sometimes those dues payments are a little hard to come by, too.

And I'm just one of hundreds, maybe thousands, who are in the

West may well laugh at this proposition, but I feel it to be true. Men in a fraternity are not sheep, herded along by whims and desires of a select few—they are their own individuals. Look at any fraternity, and they all are a cross-section of campus life.

And one thing, don't make the mistake of thinking I have been blinded to the problems and disadvantages of the fraternity system by my membership. I have spend a lot more time disliking them than I have liking them.

Nevertheless, now I see them as a viable source of togetherness and affiliation for students away from home in the pressurized university environment.

Finally, West attacks the student government for being solely controlled by fraternities and sororities, controlled by leaders who will faithfully follow the course plotted by the will of the majority.

True, there are many fraternity members in the ASB, and the votes of the Greeks are a deciding factor in electing many candidates. But where are the best leaders? Where are the individuals who are most acquainted with the virtues of understanding, of concern for fellow men, of getting along with people? In many cases, it is within the fraternity system.

West, I know the game you are playing. You have already publicly aligned yourself with a non-fraternity candidate for an ASB office, and no doubt you hoped to use your columns to build his platform.

Perhaps you shall. But don't destroy the ideals of natural aristocracy, a theory and practice I agree wholeheartedly with, by turning it into a political issue or by clouding its aims with unsubstantiated attacks on a powerful force interested in the common good.

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the depression and "The four Horsemen" when fraternities were the kind of super-exclusive groups that checked the label in a young man's coat before allowing him to enter the fraternity house; when the size of man's wallet was more important than the size of his heart and when being "big man on

same boat. So, if what West says is true, how did all these people ever get in a social organization?

Blinded by his zealous appetite to take pot shots at the Greek system, West seemingly has missed the point. The natural aristocracy is alive and well—and living in the fraternity and sorority system.

# Senators continue search for Fountain of Youth

by Jack Anderson with Joe Spear

WASHINGTON—The seniority system hands command of Congress to tired old men who march in slow cadence behind the nation.

On Capitol Hill, therefore, the members pursue seniority. At the same time, in order to get re-elected, they try to appear youthful.



Here are a few examples:—Seventy-three-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond, R.-S.C., tries to keep his youth by working constantly, drinking distilled mountain water, and gobbling vitamins. Occasionally, he stands with his

head—which he covered a couple of years ago with hair transplants.

—Sixty-year-old Sen. William Proxmire, D.-Wis., also covered his balding head with hair transplants. He runs about five miles a day, swims 36 lengths in a nearby hotel pool and eats a lot of fruit, cottage cheese and wheat germ.

—Seventy-two-year-old Rep. Dan Flood, D.-Pa., waxes his mustache and sometimes wears his Harvard letterman's sweater to the office.

—Seventy-eight-year-old Sen. Milton Young, R.-N.D., tried to cover up his growing creakiness by circulating pictures of himself taking his hair.

—Seventy-year-old Sen. Walter Mondale, D.-Minn., looks like a banker, suddenly turned up on the Senate floor. He applied sports coats

—Several congressmen, such as Reps. John Myers, R.-Ind., and William Barrett, D.-Pa., wear toupees. Barrett has been accused of wearing hairpieces of different lengths to give the appearance of natural growth. But he staunchly denies this.

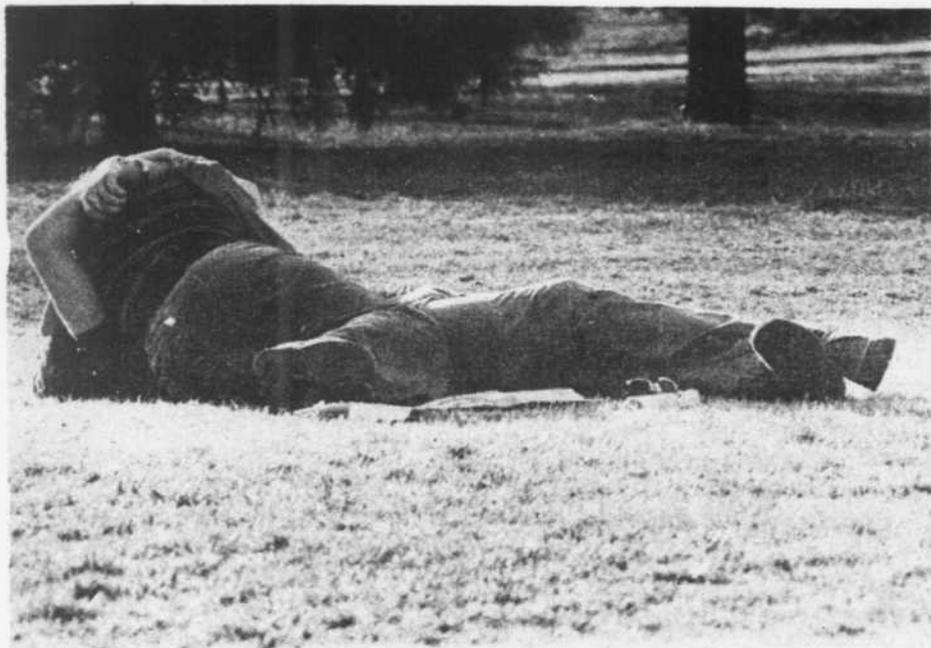
—Aside from thinning hair, the middle-age midriff bulge is the worst enemy of a youthful image. A number of legislators, led by Sen. Jim Abourezk, D.-S.D., have formed a Committee on Corpulent Excess. It works a little like Alcoholics Anonymous. Everytime one of them is tempted by a hot fudge sundae, he can pick up the phone and get help from a fellow member, who delivers a lecture on the advantages of a youthful physique.

Of course, the quest for youth

the Supreme Court, 68-year-old Chief Justice Warren Burger washes his flowing white locks in beer.

Even President Ford has achieved a younger look by styling his hair. He eliminated the shaved gap around his ears, which went out of style a decade ago.

Washington Whirl: Rep. Tom Rees, D.-Calif., recently toted up all the lawmakers running for the presidency and solemnly declared he was not going to announce. A bid for the White House, he said, might cost him his free congressional parking space. In Portland, Ore., the local CIA man has charged the Portland State University with discriminating against the agency. Seems the student journalists refused to run his recruiting ad.



A sudden dip in temperature failed to prevent this campus couple from enjoying "the pause that refreshes" on a Sunday afternoon.

Tim Hamilton Photo

## Environmental seminars scheduled

A lecture on the topic "This Island Earth" will open a series of seminars on Environmental Insights tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the multimedia room of the LRC.

Firouz Shahrokhi, professor of aerospace engineering and director of remote sensing at the University of Tennessee Space Institute, will

speak on the recently developed technology of remote sensing of earth resources and environment and its applications.

"The planet earth has been compared to a spacecraft," said Shahrokhi. "And the supplies on board will have to last for the duration of human life."

## Scarlett meets workers

# Tentative 10 per cent increase in maintenance pay promised

by Trina Jones and Frank White

Maintenance workers were promised a possible 10 per cent raise next year by university president M.G. Scarlett in a grievance meeting prior to spring break.

"Salaries will be improved for the non-professional personnel," Scarlett assured the workers, adding that non-professionals make up one-half of the university staff.

"With the one cent sales tax increase, we have much higher hopes of doing things with salaries that we have been planning," Scarlett said.

He was referring to the one cent increase in state sales tax passed by the state legislature last week.

"We want to make working conditions as good as we can," Scarlett said.

He listed several things that have already been done to improve working conditions. Among these were:

- Lowering working hours from 40 to 38 1/4 hours.
- Paying overtime pay after 38 1/4 hours.
- Paying overtime pay for all holiday hours worked.
- Establishing a grievance procedure for maintenance workers.

Scarlett did acknowledge union organizational activity among the maintenance workers and told them to make sure that both the union officials and the university are "telling it like it is."

The workers were assured that no one would be fired or harrassed because of union activity.

"I hope you will look closely at what a union can provide," Scarlett cautioned. "Be sure that what they say they can do is really what they can do."

"If you want a union, go ahead and support it," he encouraged the employees. "You should also feel free to oppose it if you don't want it. Don't be stampeded into

something because someone sweet-talks you," he said.

In answering complaints that maintenance workers hold a back seat to other university personnel, Scarlett emphasized that the university's purpose is to educate young people. "We must get qualified faculty," Scarlett said. "Our faculty are the second highest paid in Tennessee."

"You workers are not as highly qualified as they (faculty) are and your pay is lower," he explained. "Funding in Tennessee is low, but we must have qualified teachers."

"We realize that you are not paid adequately and we are trying to help you," Scarlett said. "If you can find a union that can get you more money, I'd be glad to have them, because we could spend the money."

"We have attempted to classify jobs according to skill, responsibility and effort required," Personnel Director Robert Arnette explained in clarifying pay differences.

"We have ended up with many different classifications with different beginning salaries," he said.

All custodial people hired within the last year are making the same salary whether they are male or female, Arnette said.

Several cases of suspected pay discrimination were pointed out by maintenance workers. One female employee claimed that a man had been working with her for five years and he was making the same as she was. Another worker pointed to a case of two supervisors, one who has been working more than 10 years and makes \$100 less than the other, who has been here for seven years.

In answer to both questions, Arnette said there may be "some unusual circumstances" and referred them to Harold Jewell, maintenance supervisor.

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# Senate passes student rights, services measures

by Trina Jones

Seven resolutions dealing with student rights and improvement of student services passed the ASB Senate Feb. 26.

At its last scheduled meeting prior to spring break, the Senate approved resolutions asking for changes in policies regarding graduation, returned check penalties, transcript fees, lost dorm key fees and laundry facilities for males.

The graduation policy revision resolution, previously approved by the House, calls for the eradication of the mandatory graduation attendance policy and the set \$15 graduation fee.

Replacement of the flat \$15 fee with an A-B-C payment plan is proposed in the approved resolution. According to the plan, each senior could choose whether to

have his diploma mailed to his home, to attend the graduation ceremony only, or to attend the graduation exercise, the awards banquet and President's brunch.

An adjusted fee scale would be used in assessing graduation charges, according to the resolution outline.

Three resolutions approved by the Senate dealt with the abolition or reduction of fees charged for student services.

A check penalty resolution recommended that the policy of charging late registration fees as a penalty for bounced registration checks be dropped.

Members of the student rights committee made the recommendation on the grounds that the \$4 fine on returned checks adequately covers any check processing costs.

Committee members also point-

ed out that a seven day period is granted for rectifying a returned registration check, after which the offender is removed from the university.

An approved transcript fee abolition resolution suggests that the \$1 transcript fee charge be removed. Resolution sponsors argued that it has been proven that the cost of collecting the fee exceeds the amount of the fee and that it would be cheaper for the university to provide transcripts free of charge.

The lost dorm key fee reduction resolution, passed by both legislative bodies, requests that the replacement fee for handling of lost dormitory keys be reduced from five dollars to one dollar.

Requests for the installment of laundry facilities in male residence halls was approved by the senators.

The resolution suggests that such facilities be made available in light of the fact that men, as well as women, need laundry facilities and that all female dormitories on campus are already provided with the service.

A request for added pedestrian protection on campus sidewalks and a recommendation that all campus clocks be set at a standard time met with Senate approval.

Responding to complaints that students have been forced off the sidewalk between the Learning Resources Center and the University Center by maintenance trucks and cars, the Senate passed a resolution requesting that "easily removable" obstacles be placed in this sidewalk to discourage vehicular traffic.

The pedestrian protection resolution further asks that the "spirit of this resolution be enforced on all pedestrian walkways at MTSU."

In a move to provide a reliable time service for the students, the Senate passed a "convenient time zone" recommendation. The recommendation asks that all the campus clocks be set at a standard time to avoid confusion.

## Task force says visitation 'restrictive'

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Other noted observations include such issues as:

—concern for security in residence hall visitation programs.

—concern for privacy and rights of students under 18 and of those not wishing to participate in visitation programs.

—interest in providing choice of visitation privileges through the differential housing concept.

—administrators and students would like broader institutional autonomy in determining visitation programs.

—students seem to feel that the right to have visitation is as important as the privilege itself.

—visitation is not generally viewed by students as a promiscuity issue.

—the chief concern of parents, alumni and older adults who have expressed an opinion is that of providing conducive study conditions.

The task force will meet in Nashville on March 22 to formulate a report and make recommendations to the Chancellor and the Joint Council of University and Community College Presidents.

The Regents' task force investigating the use of alcoholic beverages on state universities and college campuses has not yet issued any preliminary report, according to Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance.

LaLance, a member of the task force on alcohol, said the committee has met once for organizational purposes and that tactics for

gathering information are being developed.

Plans call for the comparative study of rules governing alcohol use on campuses and university systems in the Southeast, LaLance said. University students, alumni, faculty and staff will be contacted to

gauge opinions of the people who would be most affected by any policy changes," he said.

The alcohol task force will also be holding at least three public hearings in west, middle and east Tennessee to solicit input from the general public.



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# College bypass asked in proposed publication review

by Phil West

TCPA Correspondent

NASHVILLE—A Knoxville representative will introduce legislation in the General Assembly this week excluding college and university publications from review by a proposed statewide "publications committee."

Rep. Bill Owen, D-Knoxville, said Wednesday he will introduce an amendment striking a section concerning "institutions of higher

education" from an unheralded Senate bill creating the publications committee.

The bill would set up one committee, chaired by the commissioner of finance and administration, to review state agency publications while another panel, including heads of the University of Tennessee system and the Board of Regents, would review college publications.

Sponsored by Sen. Leonard

Dunavant, R-Millington, the bill would "establish rules and regulations to control costs and quality of all publications, and to promulgate rules and regulations governing the printing of state agency reports and publications issue by agencies and departments of the government of the state of Tennessee."

Student editors at several universities expressed concern over possible censorship of their publications under the proposal.

However, Sen. Dunavant said Wednesday, "This bill will have no effect on college newspapers; they are a necessary part of colleges and universities and should be kept."

Section six of the bill states, "To control publications of higher education institutions, there is hereby established a publications committee which shall consist of the Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the President of the University of Tennessee System, and the Chancellor of the State Board of Regents."

According to the bill, the committee "shall review publications of higher education institutions to determine the necessity of said publications, and shall promulgate rules and regulations govern-

ing the printing of such publications by higher education institutions."

Sen. Dunavant admitted the bill's language could be interpreted to include student newspapers and declared, "It is not the legislative intent of this bill" to censor student publications.

Rep. Owens said he would oppose the bill (SB 1802 and HB 1802). "I'll introduce an amendment striking section six from the bill," he said. "I don't think the bill is constitutional."

The Senate also approved Dunavant's amendment to withdraw state funds from "college yearbooks or annuals" that are not self-sustaining.

"The only thing we're asking about college yearbooks and annuals is that they be self-sustaining," Sen. Dunavant explained. "I don't think the state should have to pay for them."

## Council formed to recommend dean

An advisory committee has been established to recommend three top applicants for the assistant dean of students post, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said yesterday.

Committee members are Judy Smith and Ivan Shemake of the student affairs division, ASB President Ted Helberg, IFC representative Mark Deffendall and Traffic Court representative Tom Lawless.

The committee will review applications and recommend three applicants, Cantrell said. Committee members will be working directly with the new assistant dean.

"We wanted to get as much input as we could from persons the applicant will be working with," Cantrell said.

Fifteen applications have been received, Cantrell said, five of them from MTSU.

Cantrell said the post should be filled by April 1.

Final selection will be made by Cantrell, the dean said.

## Health council plans 3 p.m. meeting in UC

The Health Services Council's next meeting will be today at 3 p.m. in the UC conference room.

One of the Council's purposes is to act as a channel for student complaints concerning health-related items.

Students who have complaints are urged to attend the meeting, according to Chairman Robert

## Library policy documented

Todd Library has completed a set of written rules and regulations concerning circulation policies.

Final approval was given for the library circulation policy by President M.G. Scarlett.

After a three-week limit, an individual will be called and then notified by mail to return the overdue books. Reference materials and periodicals have different time limits, flexible to the needs of the student or instructor. Journals and Xeroxed materials on reserve will be the only articles that will not circulate.

People are already being called

and notified by mail of their overdue library materials, Don Craig, assistant library director, said.

Periodicals may be checked out on special loan one hour before closing, and the material is due back in the periodicals department within one hour of opening the following day.

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# Fleeing rapist's grasp demands care, vigilance

by John Pitts

A young woman walks down a darkened street, staying close to a row of bushes. The neighborhood is quiet, except for the occasional barking of a dog.

Suddenly a man, his face covered by a ski mask, jumps from the bushes wielding a knife, ready to attack, and possibly rape, yet another unsuspecting and unprepared victim.

Several incidents of rape in the past few weeks have brought the problem of sexual assault into focus, especially the fact that it can happen here, and that it has.

Would you, as a young woman, be prepared?

As the recent rape and assault incidents have proven, it does not necessarily just happen on darkened streets. A daylight kidnap-rape in the parking lot near the football field proves this.

MTSU has been relatively free of such acts in recent years. Associate Dean of Students Judy Smith acknowledged that the recent assault "was the first time" such an act had been reported to the campus authorities.

Almost every expert and law enforcement official agrees that the key to avoiding getting raped is to avoid situations which would make rape easy, such as darkened streets and abandoned areas.

Possibly the most important point is to never go out alone, if only for a quick stroll from dorm to dorm, because every dark corner or bush could be a hiding place, and two or more girls together would discourage even an armed attacker from attempting an assault.

If a woman must walk alone at

night, she should be on her guard. When walking on a street, she should stay in the center of the street, occasionally look all around her and never accept a ride offered by a stranger or enter a house she is unfamiliar with.

When in unfamiliar surroundings, a woman should be alert and should always be aware of potential "escape routes" while walking.

If all precautions prove fruitless and assault and rape seems imminent, a young woman should attempt to attract attention, not by screaming "Rape!" but through another means, such as yelling "Fire!" or throwing a rock through the window of a house that seems occupied. It has been proven that calling attention to a rape by yelling the word out will seldom bring aid.

Several leading national magazines, including *Psychology Today*, advise the victim to do something

crazy to both frighten the rapist and attract attention, such as feigning an epileptic seizure or fainting.

Any woman who faces an attacker should bear in mind that the attacker is probably mentally deranged or under the influence of some sort of mind-distorting substance. Any action could provoke an attack more violent than just a rape.

Physical resistance can be used in some cases, especially those where the attacker is unarmed. Poking fingernails in the eyes or nose, slapping a hand against the ears, or punches to the throat or lower chest will many time startle an attacker and allow a victim to free herself.

A well-placed knee to the groin or a kick in the shins or keecaps are other painful ways to break a rapists' grasp.

Murfreesboro Safety Commissioner Claude Armour advises women who find themselves facing a rape by an armed attacker and

who cannot find a means of escape to try and remember details about the appearance of the attacker for possible later description and identification of the assailant.

"Sometimes we have no description of an attacker, and it is very hard to make an arrest when we are not sure what the person really looked like," Armour continued.

Armour echoed the sentiments of many law enforcement officials when he said "use every bit of ingenuity in trying to resist and escape."

A point to remember: don't be afraid to hurt a person who is trying to hurt you, and don't lose your head in the face of an attacker.

Most important, try to avoid situations that would attract a potential assailant.

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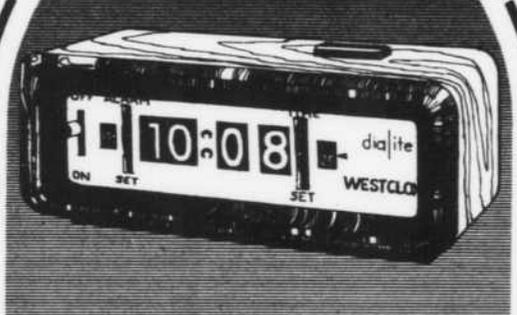
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# Climbing Raiders dropped by 'Topper kingpins

Sometimes it's kinda strange how rapidly things can change in a few months. You could almost say MTSU basketball in 1976 was like a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde act.

The basketball door for all squads in the Ohio Valley Conference except Western Kentucky is closed. The NCAA tourney bound 'Toppers truck to Dayton, Ohio, to play second-ranked Marquette Saturday.

Western copped a berth in the NCAA Midwest Regionals by dropping Morehead State, who upset Austin Peay, in the championship game 65-60.

Middle Tennessee made it to the semifinals of the OVC tournament by decking Tennessee Tech in Cookeville eight days ago 84-72.

Down by three at the half, Lewis Mack put on a 17 point show in the final 20 minutes (he finished with 29) and MTSU pulled away midway in the last half.

Battling back from a 45-31 deficit at halftime, Middle outscored Western Kentucky 17-3 during a five-minute span in the second stanza to gain the lead at 62-60 with nine minutes to play.

The 'Toppers regained the lead two minutes later and stretched it to 10 points, but MTSU cut the margin to four with 1:30 before falling 88-78 in Bowling Green Thursday night.

Tim Sisneros gained a spot on the all-tournament team and was named by the Associated Press last week as the Player of the Year in

the OVC.

Sisneros set a number of records this season for an MTSU player in one season. Sisneros scored 618 points, which included hitting 257 field goals at a 57.0 per cent clip, all of which are records.

**Chuckwagon**



by Chuck Cavalariis  
Sports Editor

Western Kentucky coach Jim Richards was named the top coach.

The United States Basketball Writers Association also tabbed Sisneros as a member to the District 3-A All-American team which covers seven states. Sisneros was the only player picked from the OVC.

Other members on the squad are Leon Douglas, Alabama; Bernard King, Tennessee; Ernie Grunfeld, Tennessee; Jeff Fosnes, Vanderbilt; Jacky Dorsey, Georgia; Eddie Johnson, Auburn; Kenny Higgs, LSU; Jack Givens, Kentucky; and Bill Cook, Memphis State. **MOST VALUABLE**—Douglas, Alabama.

For most of the basketball season at Middle Tennessee the winningest squad on campus was wrestling. At times the defending OVC basketball champs of 1975 played more like church-league clods.

Just about anybody on campus had a reason for the slump.

Earle isn't really that good of a

coach, they said, and like the rest of the team he just doesn't want to win bad enough.

Then somewhere around the middle of the season Earle started coaching again, I guess, and things began to change. The narrow losses of past became victories of present.

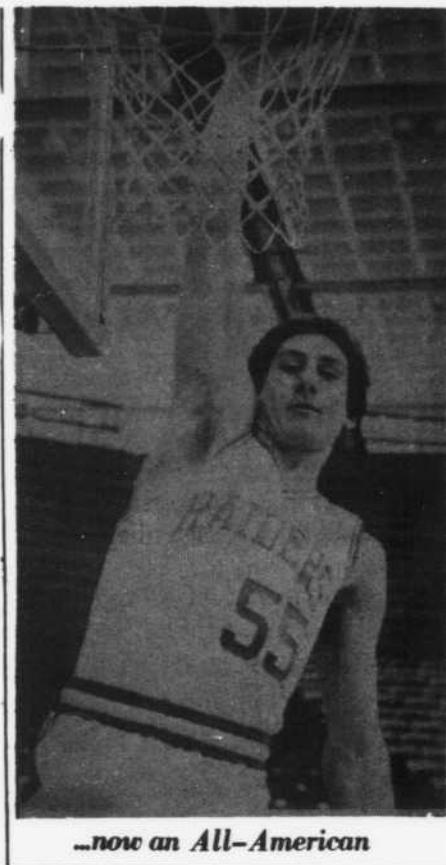
"This team has come on like gangbusters," Coach Jimmy Earle said yesterday of the five straight MTSU wins before falling to Western Kentucky.

By the end of the season MTSU was playing as well, if not better, than any squad on hand. The improvement was supreme.

If you wanted to look for reasons why, I've four:

- 1) The aging of Lewis Mack into a true floor general
- 2) Active team defense and improved offensive consistency
- 3) Sisneros being nothing short of awesome
- 4) The emergence of a lightning-quick fast break

**PARTING SHOT:** Vince Lombardi, probably the greatest man ever to be called "coach," had a line about losing that seems quite apt to Middle Tennessee basketball



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today. "No, we didn't lose," Lombardi might say after an infrequent Green Bay Packer loss, "We just ran out of time."

## Raiderettes finish third in state tournament play

by Ed Arning  
Assistant Sports Editor

Closing the season with the highest finish of any Raiderette basketball team in history, the MTSU women's basketball team finished third in the State Tournament.

Sharon McClanahan was the only MTSU representative on the All-Tournament team.

"I am extremely proud of this team," said Coach Pat Jones, "and along with McClanahan I felt that Jan Zitney had a great tournament."

MTSU opened the tourney with an 87-79 victory over UT-Martin with McClanahan leading the way with 28 points.

The Raiderettes carried their momentum into the second game, pulling away with a close 75-72 win against Memphis State. McClanahan was again the leading scorer for MTSU as she poured in 27 in the MSU game.

Battling arch-rival Tennessee Tech for the championship, the Raiderettes were unable to pull off a victory as they were downed 84-68 by the Eaglettes.

Zitney led the MTSU offense against TTU as she hit 21 points, followed by McClanahan with 20.

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville took second place as they slipped past the Raiderettes 73-70 in the waning seconds of the consolation game.

With 36 seconds showing on the clock, UT's Susan Barbre hit a pair of free throws to thrust the Lady Vols into the lead, 71-70.

Closing the regular season with two impressive victories, 77-56 over Lambuth College and 95-94 over previously unbeaten Union, the Raiderettes assured themselves of a winning season.

They closed with a 15-9 overall record.

Hitting the recruiting trails, Jones will not have a lot of worries as she does not have a single player graduating.

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# Raider nine successful in season opening trip

by Ed Arning  
Assistant Sports Writer

Coming off a season opening five-game road trip, the MTSU baseball team will open its OVC schedule against Tennessee Tech today in Cookeville.

The Raiders came away from

## SIDELINES SPORTS

Macon, Ga., the site of all their games, with a 3-2 record. A sixth game against Jacksonville State was rained out.

Mercer University slipped past the Raiders in the opening game of the season 3-2, on an error at first base in the ninth inning. Pitcher Bob Hardin absorbed the loss for MTSU.

Bouncing back from the opening loss, the Raiders crushed previously undefeated Mercer 16-6, in the second game of the series.

The Raiders out hit Mercer 17 to four in the rout as Danny Neal picked up the win for MTSU.

Continuing their winning ways, the Raiders whipped Mercer in the third and final game of the series 7-1.

Rick Wheeler and Steve Zitney paced the MTSU attack with three hits apiece as the Raiders out hit Mercer 16 to five.

Three singles by Wheeler and two singles plus a home run by Zitney gave MTSU the edge. Randy Leindecker picked up the Raider win.

West Virginia downed the Blue Raiders the following day, 5-1.

Closing the road trip with a 5-0

victory over West Virginia, MTSU finished in fine-fashion as Neal fired a no-hitter for six-plus innings.

Danny Moore was the leading hitter for MTSU as the Raiders out hit West Virginia seven to three.

"We were really pleased with the pitching on the trip and our hitting came around in the second and third games," said Assistant Coach Steve Patterson.

MTSU will open its home schedule with a doubleheader against the University of Louisville, March 13, followed by Fisk, March 14, for a single game and Temple for a doubleheader, March 18.

# Smithwick's netters winless

Opening the season on a Florida road trip, MTSU's men's tennis team lost four matches to four different schools March 1-5.

The University of Florida dealt MTSU it's first loss, whipping the Raiders 9-0.

In winnings, Florida's netters defeated all six MTSU players in single's competition, and beat three Blue Raider double's teams.

Florida State edged the Blue Raiders in the second match, 5-4, due to some "bad luck," according to MTSU Coach Clyde Smithwick.

Geoff Gilchrist and Doug Meidaner won in singles play, with Gilchrist winning, 6-3, 0-6, 7-5, and Meidaner winning 6-3, 6-3.

MTSU's next loss came at the hands of Florida International University, 7-2.

Top seeded Bob Butterfield of MTSU won, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, and Meidaner defeated his opponent,

# Thinclads set for outdoor meets

by Anthony Troiano

The MTSU track team concluded it's indoor schedule Feb. 27 and 28 in the Illinois Track Classic at Champaign, Ill.

Coach Dean Hayes' trackmen now prepare for the upcoming outdoor campaign.

The first outdoor meet will be here March 20 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Kentucky, East Tennessee and Miami of Ohio will compete.

"We should be competitive. We will be in three quadrangular meets. We're stronger this year and it looks good." Coach Hayes has stated he has visions of a bright spring.

In the open meet at Champaign, Ted Hausauer heaved a personal record 56' 10" shotput to capture second place.

John DoDoo rocketed 52' 2" in the triple jump to notch top spot. Jim Washington followed DoDoo with a mark of 51' 8".

Shiekh Faye's spring of 25' 1" in the long jump gained second spot.

Four trackmen will represent MTSU in the NCAA Championships in Detroit, Mich. March 12 and 18. Shiekh Faye, J.T. Musgrove, John DoDoo and Jimmy Washington will compete.

Coach Hayes sights positive results. "We should be stronger in the outdoor," the Raider mentor stated. "We have two field events that aren't used indoors."

Five events that the Raiders were weak in have been dropped and three more suitable ones added, Hayes said.

A bright spot could be junior Harrison Salami. Salami holds the school record in both discus and javelin. He won the OVC Discus Championship in 1974.

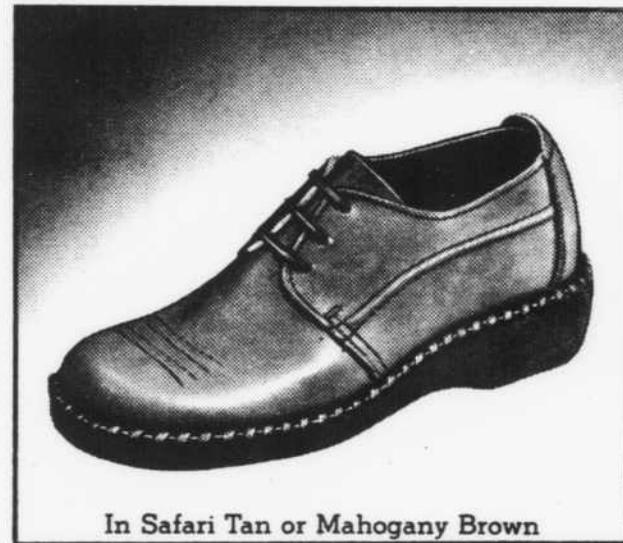
6-4, 7-5 in single's play.

MTSU ended the road trip losing 9-0 to the University of Miami.

"It was good for the team experience-wise," Smithwick said, "but much better results were expected than four losses."

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# Mean Machine and Has Beens breeze past IM foes

Mean Machine and the Has Beens romped to respective wins in the semi-final action last night in the men's intramural basketball tournament.

Led by Tom Sellers' 18 points—16 of which came in the first half—Mean Machine blasted Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 63-48.

Sellers got ample support from Jim Cheatwood with 12 points, Bill Bevins with 11, Ken Friedman with eight and Lynn Parrish with seven.

Trailing 8-6 early in the first half, the Machine tied it at 8-all on a jump shot by Sellers.

Sellers went on to score 14 of his team's next 22 points to help the Machine race out to a 30-17 halftime lead.

Cheatwood and Bevins picked up the scoring slack in the second half as the Machine won it going away.

Gary Brook paced Sigma Alpha Epsilon with 11 points, followed by Jay Simpson with 10 and David

Milligan and Mike Smith with six apiece.

In the only other action last night, the Has Beens whipped H-Hall, 62-43.

The contest was close until the score read 15-15. At this point the Has Beens roared to a 14 point half-time lead at 29-15.

H-Hall could not pull any closer than 10 points during the second half.

The victorious Has Beens were paced by Ronnie Smith's 17 points. Mike McGee hit 16 and Mike Seals added 12 for the winners.

H-Hall was led by Jay Colley with 14 points and Lee Luten chipped in 10.

Mean Machine will take on the Kool Club this afternoon while the Has Beens battle Kappa Alpha Psi to decide who will meet in the championship match-up.

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