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Visitation, alcohol rights hit obstacles

Student officials fail; SBR not convinced

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

CHATTANOOGA — Student government officials failed yesterday to convince a State Board of Regents committee to ease up on rules concerning on-campus political campaigning, alcohol use and visitation.

While the Committee on Student Life will recommend to the Board today that each of the matters be studied further, one turn of events could lead to the strengthening of Board visitation regulations.

ASB President-elect Mark Ross was "upset" about the committee's actions.

"What's going to happen is that some student is going to have to spend money to pursue this in the state or federal courts to get relief from some of these archaic and unrealistic policies," Ross said.

In particular, he and ASB President David Kessler cited the Board's regulation of political activity on campuses as being "unconstitutional."

THE requests were made to the committee, meeting at Chattanooga State Technical Community College, by members of the Presidents' Council, a coalition of student body presidents of Board of Regents schools.

As their part of the program,

Satellite minor to be offered if approved

By SHERI MANDELL

Staff Writer

Under a plan expected to be approved by the State Board of Regents today, MTSU would be the only school in the state to offer a minor in Remote Sensing, a satellite scanning process.

MTSU received \$50,000 in cash and \$50,000 in equipment from National Aeronautics and Space Administration last year to implement the program, which would begin in the fall of 1983.

RALPH Fullerton, chairman of the geology and geography department, has worked with NASA on many projects.

"It's really an honor to have the equipment at MTSU," Fullerton said. "It's the only school in the state to be a direct recipient of this type of equipment and funds."

Remote Sensing is the science of detecting and measuring or analyzing a substance or object from a distance, Fullerton explained.

THE two broad classes of remote sensors are active and passive. An example of an active remote sensor is radar. Radar transmits some form of energy such as an electromagnetic pulse and detects the energy reflected or otherwise returned from the subject.

Passive remote sensors, such as cameras, depend on emissions or reflections of energy from natural sources.

All of this is done without direct contact with the object. Remote sensors employ a detecting or sensing system that scans the subject, a recording system then stores the information received.

"WE DO this everyday
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Kessler and Ross asked the committee to approve a policy which would allow each school to determine if it wanted to offer 24-hour visitation in any dorm.

Present Board policy allows SBR school presidents to request permission for such a plan from the Board.

"BUT the institutions are looking at the present policy as if the Board is trying to discourage us [from instituting visitation]," Ross explained. "We just wanted the committee to say it is OK."

After Chancellor Roy Nix told school presidents, "you can propose 24-hour visitation any time you want," the committee did not appear to want to study the proposal any further.

However, when one regent, Commissioner of Agriculture William H. Walker, discovered that Board policy does not prohibit 24-hour visitation, he asked that a study be made.

"WE need to tighten up that policy so that there is not any pressure put on the presidents about this matter," Walker said.

Walker said he had received complaints from people who live in such dorms at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

"Some of the things that go on you would expect to go on in
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ASB President David Kessler and President-Elect Mark Ross confer after a committee's decision to study each of their proposals further.

Judge says law unconstitutional

By JEFF PENNINGTON

Staff Writer

The law requiring students to file a statement verifying selective service registration when applying for financial assistance has been declared unconstitutional.

U.S. District Court Judge Donald Alsup of Minnesota declared the rule unconstitutional last week after it was challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union, according to Winston Wrenn, MTSU Financial Director.

"THE judge said that, in effect, [in] denying a student financial aid because of the draft registration question, the student is being punished without the benefit of a trial," Wrenn said.

Wrenn added that he did not want to see financial-aid

applicants treated differently.

"Financial aid often becomes a vehicle by which agencies try to get to other problems," he said. "That's why all of us in financial aid hated to see the registration for selective service as a basis for financial aid."

WRENN calls this decision a "temporary injunction," and that, for the time being, the financial-aid office is not requiring students to sign any forms relating to the selective service.

Because this is a "temporary injunction," Wrenn said it is possible that the decision could be appealed and possibly overturned in the future.

"Just in case there is a reversal of the latest ruling," he said, "students should take the time to find the draft registration forms."



Winston Wrenn

Measles no threat if immunized right

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

While recent measles epidemics on college campuses have caused a scare, students who have been properly immunized need not be alarmed, Dr. Robert Hackman of University Health Services said yesterday.

Measles immunizations began to "really come of age" about 20 years ago, according to Hackman. Children immunized at that time are now part of the college population.

"MOST of the kids in the college-age group have been well-immunized," Hackman said.

Hackman did note, however, that not all students in the 18-24 age group have necessarily been immunized, and he advised them to make sure they are protected from the measles.

Major outbreaks of the measles were first reported at Indiana and Purdue Universities. IU will require students to show proof of immunization against measles in order to get back onto campus after Spring Break.

IT HAS been rumored that cars with Indiana license plates are being stopped at the Florida state line.

Health officials have been concerned that the epidemic could turn into a national problem as college students travel during Spring Break. Students could be carrying germs home or exchanging them at vacation spots.

"Students bring all kinds of things back with them after Spring Break," Hackman said. "We usually get a lot of the flu after break. Kids pick up bugs at home or in Florida and bring it right back to campus."

"I would like to say that we'd appreciate it if the students wouldn't bring us any new germs."

Slight security shift scheduled for break

By GAIL HURT

Staff Writer

Security measures will not change significantly during Spring Break, but there will be a slight shift in emphasis, according to Chief John Bass of University Security.

"Anytime the campus population is reduced, police can watch the premises more. They can concentrate on this more heavily," Bass said.

POLICE recommend that students not leave anything of real value on campus. If a vehicle must be left on campus, police should be notified.

Students who live off campus should also be aware of the possibility of break-ins, Bass said.

In addition to University Security, University Housing also provides security to the dormitories in the form of a walking patrol.

HALL guards move through the buildings checking to make sure everything is quiet, Ivan Shewmake, director of housing said.



Photo by Keith Tippitt

Heading home

Laurie Hogan, senior, loads her car to head home to Knoxville for Spring Break.

Herring wins in runoff

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

Geoffrey Herring was elected ASB Speaker of the House in a runoff election Wednesday, defeating Calvin Howell.

Herring received 139 votes, or 67.8 percent of the vote while Howell received 66, or 32.2 percent.

THE only campaigning allowed in the runoff was "on a one-to-one verbal basis," Cindy Pease, election commissioner, said.

The special runoff was

required when neither candidate received the required 50 percent plus one vote to win the March 2-3 ASB elections. At that time, Herring received 748 votes and Howell, 489.

Herring could not be reached yesterday for comment.

"NATURALLY I'm a little disappointed to lose," Howell said, "but I lost to a good man. Geoffrey will do a good job."

Howell said he was disappointed in the small voter turnout and thought it was "pitiful that only 205 people

voted in the runoff."

Pease said she thought that all the commission members "did an excellent job helping out with the elections. It meant a lot to have Vanna Greer, Kenny Summar, Jimmy Saunders, Jackie Brooks, Jill Blaylock and Rich Bott working so enthusiastically."

"I'd also like to congratulate all the candidates," Pease said. "They all did a great job in cooperating with any decisions made, and this made my job a lot easier."

Freedom of information a must: speakers

Freedom of information is a right of the public in order to govern intelligently, speakers at Wednesday's Freedom of Information Day report in the grill annex said.

The presentation was sponsored by the MTSU Chapter of Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi (SPJ,SDX) and co-sponsored by *Sidelines* and the MTSU Pre-law Society.

WTVF Anchorman Chris Clark, chairman of the FOI Committee for the Middle Tennessee chapter of the SPJ,SDX, began the program.

"There is always someone trying to stop the flow of information that gets from the media to the public," Clark said, "The media is only able to

report what information they find out, and it can sometimes be delayed, colored or altered by persons trying to stop the information from getting out."

Mary Horodeck, staff member for the American Civil Liberties Union, spoke on the legal aspects of freedom of speech.

HORODECK said that there are two principles of free government: the majority rules through democratic elections, and the power of the majority must be curbed to protect the rights of the individual.

"This curb comes through the Bill of Rights," she said.

Tennessean City Editor Frank Gibson, also Region 12 director for the SPJ, SDX, told

the group that maintaining the free flow of information will require a struggle.

"THE FOI definitely needs strengthening, but we are so busy fighting people who are trying to weaken it that we don't have time to get it strengthened," Gibson said.

Mass communications professor Larry Burriss posed the question, "How do you use the FOI to get information from the Central Intelligence Agency?"

The answer is simple, Burriss said; "You don't."

BURRIS filed an FOI request with the CIA several years ago seeking information about the alleged training of foreign troops in Colorado.

The CIA told him that for a

large fee it could make a search, but there was no guarantee of finding any information.

John Parish, press secretary to Gov. Lamar Alexander, said the media has the responsibility to let people know what's going on, but he thinks the public's right to know sometimes clashes with the individual's right of privacy.

Parish said that the most important laws are the state and federal Constitutions. He said the state's open meeting law was a model piece of legislation when compared to other states.

Parish added that the governor's cabinet meetings can be kept closed to the press and not violate the laws.

Boy found not guilty of sexual abuse charge

By GAIL HURT
Staff Writer

A 16-year-old Murfreesboro boy was found not guilty yesterday on charges of sexual assault and battery in an alleged incident that occurred in Family Student Housing.

The youth was found not guilty in juvenile court by Judge James K. Clayton.

THE boy was accused of fondling and having sexual intercourse with a 7-year-old girl he was baby-sitting on

January 27.

When the child told her mother about the alleged incident several days later, a juvenile petition was obtained and the boy was arrested.

In a criminal case, guilt has to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, District Attorney Guy Dotson said.

"It was essentially the 16-year-old's testimony against the 7-year-old's. She had no one to corroborate her story," Dotson said.

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a back alley," he added. "I do not feel this is the kind of institution parents want their children to go to. I know I don't."

THE committee then voted to recommend to the full Board that the Committee on Student Life pursue this question in a study.

On the question of on-campus alcohol, the committee voted to conduct a study in connection with the University of Tennessee system about the wisdom of allowing such a privilege. A report is due in one year.

In this matter, the Presidents' Council was represented by Catherine Hayes-Crawford, a Student Government Association official from Memphis State

University.

"WE ARE requesting the absolute prohibition guideline be changed and self-determination of each institution be allowed," Hayes-Crawford said.

Hayes-Crawford said the majority of the students on the Board of Regents school campuses were in favor of having alcohol on campus and allowing food service facilities to serve beer.

Another part of their proposal would have provided education about "the proper use of alcohol."

STUDENT regent Jeff Anderson expressed support for the idea.

"The majority of students my age do not know how to use alcohol," Anderson said. "The institutions of higher learning

represent the last hope to educate those of my age group on the proper use of alcohol."

Commissioner Walker, however, disagreed with this proposal.

"THIS talks about the 'proper use' of alcohol, but it says nothing about non-use," Walker said. "If we are teaching about the proper use of alcohol, I'm not in favor of it."

In addition, the committee voted to study the question of allowing political activity and report back by the June meeting.

Tennessee State University student government official Georgette Peak asked the committee to allow student organizations to invite the public to speeches by political candidates and to distribute

campaign advertising.

STUDENT member Anderson, citing low voter turnout among college students, expressed support for the effort.

"You have a fine opportunity here for students to become involved in the political process," Anderson said.

Nicks questioned the general public to come on campus to hear political speeches.

"I THINK we have real problems in opening up the campus to the general public for every kind of political activity," Nicks said.

However, one student official told the committee that inviting the general public would increase the possibility of getting candidates to come to speak where students can hear them.

The full Board of Regents must approve these studies today.

Drinking age

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lowering the drinking age.

ROCHELLE said no "lawful basis" had been shown for setting 21 as the drinking age when persons aged 18 had all other rights of citizenship. Nonetheless, Lewis said he would honor his "commitment" to move the bill out of the study panel to the full committee.

The senators voted to send the bill to the full committee along with an amendment listing the reservations.

Before the vote, the panel heard from both supporters and opponents of the measure. Proponents included Gretta Shutt of Savannah, who said her mother operated a liquor store, while her 16-year-old son had a "drinking problem."

SHE urged passage of the measure, saying, "I've been on the other side of the fence, and

I know what we are fighting—the liquor lobby."

But Bill Williams, president of the Tennessee Malt Beverage Association, said that lowering the drinking age could actually lead to an increase in drunken driving.

"If you raise the drinking age you are going to cut down on bar drinking and increase car drinking," Williams said.

CROUCH said he was optimistic the bill could clear the full committee despite the negative comments from subcommittee members. He said 100,000 people across the state had signed a petition, and such support was hard to ignore.

In a related matter, the state attorney general's office said Tuesday a proposed bill that tries a stricter legal definition of drunkenness for drivers aged 19 to 21 may be un-

constitutional.

Chief Deputy Attorney General William Hubbard, in a letter to Sen. James "Buzz" Elkins, R-Clinton, said the bill lacks a "rational basis."

THE LAW now considers all drivers legally drunk if they register .10 on the blood alcohol scale. Elkins' bill would set the legal presumption for drunkenness at .05 for the 19-21 age group, while another bill before the Legislature would set the limit even lower, at .04.

Hubbard said he had not had time to fully research the bill, but offered his preliminary concerns.

"The bill does not contain any rational basis for the distinction [between drivers under 21 and those older] and the distinction raises serious constitutional questions," Hubbard wrote.

Remote sensing

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when we are detecting who a person is. We can tell by assessing their characteristics and yet never come in direct physical contact with a person," Fullerton said.

The first uses of Remote Sensing were for the military, but environmental and energy-related applications are now the most promising. Examples of the uses of Remote Sensing would be precipitation measurement, monitoring

snow depth and ice cover, monitoring crop types, acreage and soil moisture.

Several students are already taking classes in Remote Sensing, Fullerton said, and are going to add the minor if it becomes available.

THE primary advantage of the program is to train students in the field of Remote Sensing, he said.

Companies using this technique said that students who have taken just one class

in Remote Sensing could be given a \$1,000 bonus in their starting salaries, Fullerton said.

"From all I understand about the equipment, it will be beneficial to students who want to train in the field of geography or geology," Robert E. Corlew, dean of liberal arts at MTSU, said.

A MURAL on one wall of Kirksey Old Main illustrates the pride the department has taken in the new project.

News Briefs

United Press International

NASHVILLE — The Senate Thursday debated legislation to create the town of Somewhere located in the county of Nothere to serve as a home for new prisons and hazardous waste dumps.

Sen. Leonard Dunavant, R-Millington, sponsor of the bill, said the measure was offered as a response to the "understandable reluctance of existing communities" to act as hosts for a wide array of facilities such as prisons, power plants, mental institutions, sewage facilities and dumps.

The bill sparked lively debate, most of it in a joking vein.

"It's to reflect what the department is doing and to add a little color," Fullerton said.

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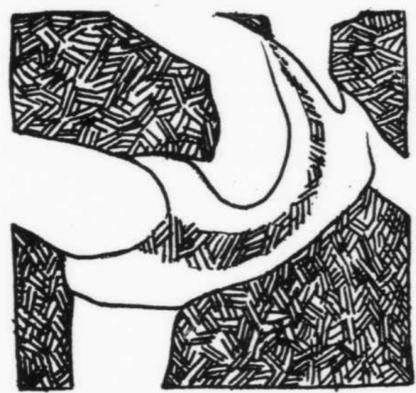
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Elsewhere

Computer crime, food theft addressed by House

By DAN BATEY
 United Press International
NASHVILLE — The state House passed a "Computer Crimes Act" Thursday while the Senate approved a bill that could send people to jail for 90 days for leaving a restaurant without paying.

The computer crime bill would impose fines of up to \$50,000 and a prison term of from three to 10 years for using a computer to fraudulently obtain money, property or services. A \$25,000 fine and three to 10 years in jail could be received by accomplices.

"THE computer people say that tapping into a terminal

and stealing information, for example, may not be covered by existing law," said sponsor Rep. Dick Clark, D-Nashville. "A sharp defense lawyer could get a person out of it like that."

The legislation passed the House 92-0 with no discussion. Similar logic was offered in the Senate to support the bill making it a crime to sneak out of a restaurant without paying. Sponsor Sen. Curtis Person, R-Memphis, said current law is ineffective in dealing with such cases.

CUSTOMERS making off with up to \$200 in food would be subject to 90 days in jail and up to a \$500 fine. Those who

ran up a bigger tab would be guilty of a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Sen. Doug Henry, D-Nashville, said restaurants "seem to be thriving" and questioned the need for such legislation. "I prefer not to make a criminal act out of this kind of thing . . . ordering a hamburger and not paying for it," he said. Other lawmakers worried about customers who get bad food and refuse to pay.

But Person said the law required prosecutors to show "fraudulent intent" in not paying for food, and this would protect those who innocently forget to pay or

to non-resident students in some cases. Supporters said the bill will allow the state to receive more federal funding for the program.

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Neelley describes killing 13-year-old girl

By JEFF WOODS
 United Press International
FORT PAYNE, Ala. — Judith Ann Neelley testified Thursday her husband forced her to shoot a 13-year-old girl and kick her body into a canyon after injections of liquid drain cleaner did not kill the youth.

Mrs. Neelley, 18, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., said her husband turned her into a killer by beating her nightly for weeks with a pistol or a baseball bat.

Mrs. Neelley is on trial for killing Lisa Ann Millican last September after abducting her from a Rome, Ga., shopping mall.

"SHE begged me to let her go. She said she wouldn't tell anybody anything. I told her I couldn't," said Mrs. Neelley, who repeatedly broke into tears during her third day of testimony.

Her husband, Alvin Neelley, 29, is jailed in Georgia on charges he killed Janice

Chatman, 23, of Rome. Mrs. Neelley also is charged with Miss Chatman's shooting death.

Mrs. Neelley admitted killing Miss Chatman who was picked up five days after Miss Millican was slain. Mrs. Neelley said she shot Miss Chatman in the back in rural north Georgia on orders from her husband after he had sex with the woman.

"I shot her once in the back and she started hollering. I was scared someone was going to hear her, and I shot her two more times in the chest to shut her up," Mrs. Neelley said.

Mrs. Neelley has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity, and her lawyers claim Alvin Neelley turned her into a virtual robot.

"I DID not question him. He hit me with a pistol and beat me up with a baseball bat. He would hit me hard enough to bash my head and bruise my arms and legs," Mrs. Neelley testified.

Mrs. Neelley said she hunted for young girls to satisfy her husband's sexual pleasures for a week in Rome before picking up Miss Millican. A half-dozen other girls refused to be lured into the Neelleys' car.

Neelley raped Miss Millican several times over three days in motel rooms while she pleaded "Don't hurt me," Mrs. Neelley said.

MISS Millican was handcuffed to bedposts in the motel rooms at night, Mrs. Neelley said.

At daybreak on the fourth day, Mrs. Neelley said she drove with Miss Millican to the Little River Canyon while her husband led the way in his car.

Mrs. Neelley said she handcuffed Miss Millican to a tree at the canyon's edge and used a syringe to inject drain cleaner seven times at five-minute intervals into Miss Millican's neck, arms and buttocks.

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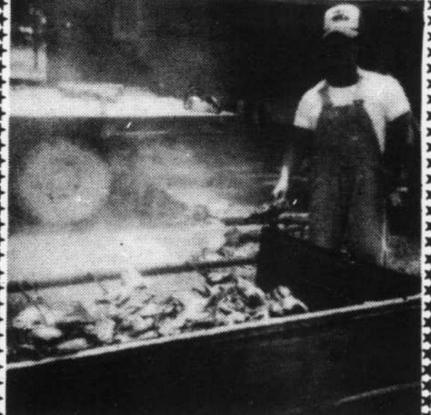
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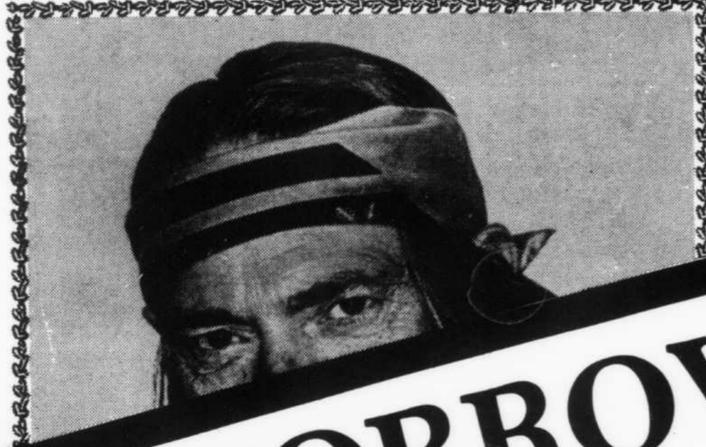
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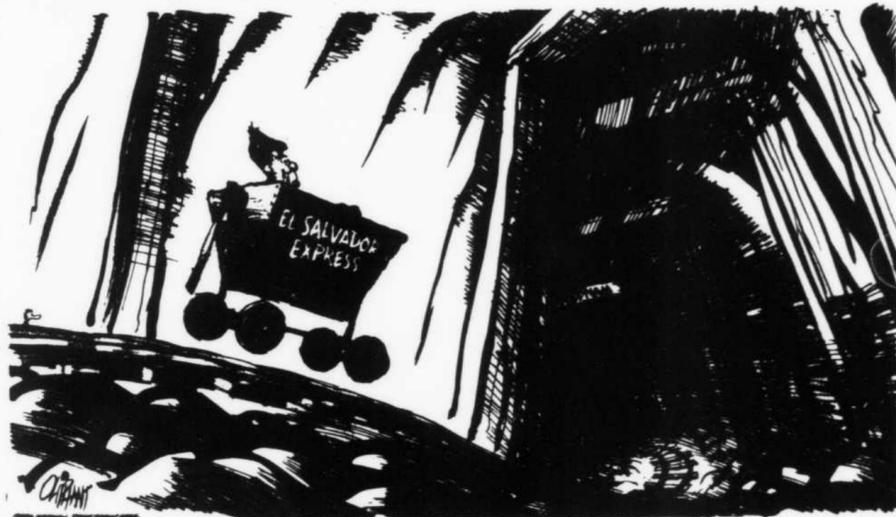
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THE BEND IN THE TUNNEL

Possible rules violation comes as big surprise

A State Board of Regents audit has found that the MTSU athletic department may be guilty of a National Collegiate Athletic Association rules violation. The findings of the audit seem to be as big a surprise to university officials as to anyone else.

The infraction in question involves a former baseball player who was registered for 11 hours of course work instead of the 12 hours required of student athletes by the NCAA. Apparently the student originally registered for 14 hours, but three of those hours were for a course in which he had previously received an incomplete. The records office dropped the three hours from the student's record, thus lowering his class load to 11 hours.

NEITHER the student nor the athletic department intentionally broke the NCAA rule. However, it is possible that the 1981 baseball team might have to forfeit its Ohio Valley Conference

Championship and all of its 49 games. It is hoped that the NCAA will take into account that the rules infraction was technical in nature and purely accidental. The university and the athletic department have been very open about the violation and do not deny that it took place.

UNIVERSITY officials are to be applauded for initiating the study and for openly admitting the violation in a letter to the NCAA. At a time when so many universities are being caught for intentional violations, it is refreshing to see the honesty and integrity of MTSU officials as they try to correct this unfortunate situation.

With luck, the NCAA will note the straightforwardness of MTSU officials when it reviews the case. The accidental nature of the violation and the honesty of university officials call for the NCAA to be just in its decision and not unduly punish those who are trying to work within the boundaries of the law.

El Salvador policies may result in more aid

Ronald Reagan is asking for more military aid to be sent to the war-torn nation of El Salvador. Reagan is convinced that more U.S. military aid will stop the drive of the leftist rebels and thus secure the country as a U.S. ally.

Reagan is only fighting fire with fire. He believes that the United States should throw its entire weight in support of a right-wing government that has one of the worst human rights records in the world. Reagan and the supporters of his plan insist that anyone who opposes the government in El Salvador must be a Marxist.

THERE is no doubt that Marxists make up part of the rebel forces in El Salvador, but it is also true that many non-Marxists oppose the government. However, because of Reagan's stand against anyone who opposes the El Salvadorean government, the rebels have no where to turn for help except the likes of Cuba and the Soviet Union.

This kind of foreign policy attitude has already caused the United States to

lose Nicaragua as an ally. The Sandinistas in Nicaragua were very open to friendship with the United States until Reagan bombasted them for being left-wing.

There are solutions to the problems in El Salvador, but military solutions are not lasting solutions. The troubles of Central America go deeper than a mere ideological battle between Marxists and reactionaries.

MEXICO and other Latin nations have called for the United States to request negotiations involving the rebels, but Reagan refuses to comply because he insists on following the unpragmatic course his ideology demands.

Reagan's plan for a military solution should not be followed if the United States hopes to settle the fires of Central America. A military solution will create just the opposite of what Reagan wants because it will give further ammunition to the verbal campaign of Marxists.

God remains in classrooms

To the editor: It is both astonishing and deplorable that the President of the United States doesn't understand the First Amendment.

In his weekly radio address Saturday (March 12), Ronald Reagan proclaimed that "God, the source of all knowledge, has been expelled from the classroom." This is simply not true.

ENTER the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." This amendment applies to the states via the Fourteenth Amendment.

What this means is that neither the federal government nor any of the state governments may infringe upon or interfere with a child's, teacher's or principal's right and privilege to pray whenever and wherever they please on school grounds, during school hours. Children can pray on their own during class, in the halls, during lunch, during study hall or during recess.

If Congress, the Supreme Court or the American Civil Liberties Union were to attempt to prevent or "prohibit the free exercise" of religion in public schools, I would be just as much opposed to it as I am any government "establishment of religion." However, this is simply not the case.

GETTING back to the President's statement, besides the fact that there are those who don't agree that God is "the source of all knowledge" (I'm going to leave that one alone), God has not been expelled from the classroom. He fulfills needs on an individual basis rather than a group basis.

What if Reagan's so-called constitutional amendment "allowing voluntary prayer" in public schools is passed through Congress? What does the word "voluntary" mean? Are we going to return to the days earlier in this century when the teacher led the class in prayer using a prayer which expresses his/her religious

convictions or the religious convictions of some other arbitrary employee of the government (such as the governor or a state legislator)?

Maybe an arbitrary prayer is "voluntary," because one can choose not to participate with the majority. But what about the profound psychological effects of such a situation on the young children? What about peer group influence and the inclination of young children toward conformity? And what about the contempt and ridicule that the child who chooses not to conform receives from the majority?

IF indeed Reagan's constitutional amendment becomes law, who is going to write a nondenominational prayer? The President himself? Congress? The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court? Jesse Helms? Jerry Falwell? Or are there going to be many prayers written by governors, state legislators, principals, teachers, parents or clergymen?

The United States is supposed to be the harbor of religious freedom and diversity. It is true that most of us are Christians, but Christians have no more claim to truth than Hindus, Buddhists, Moslems or even atheists.

We must continue to insure that the majority rules in this society. But we also have an obligation to protect the rights of minorities, because diversity of thought is what makes this country unique, and its people enlightened. In this context, the First Amendment protects diversity of thought and the religious rights of minorities.

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Injured coed still in coma

To the editor: As was reported in the Tuesday issue of Sidelines, a tragic automobile accident claimed the life of Kim Upchurch on the 10th of March; also injured in the crash was Bethany Kline.

Bethany is still in very serious condition. Her pelvis is broken. She has serious chest injuries and a skull fracture. She is still in a coma. Her parents have reported that Bethany has responded to questions by moving her right hand and blinking her eyes. These responses have encouraged doctors.

Her parents believe Bethany's non-verbal responses are a result of the prayers offered for her by family and friends. Those of us who know Bethany would like to ask everyone on campus to remember to ask the Lord for

Bethany's complete and speedy recovery, if it be His will.

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Story tributes

'entire alumni'

To staff writer Karen Ottway Your Sidelines tribute to Bob Abernathy was a tribute to the entire alumni of this place and especially to those of the first half of the century. It's not often that a current group of students can bring themselves to view the ex-students. I'm glad such a thing became a Sidelines feature.

I have obtained from the Sidelines office copies for each member of the National Alumni Board which meets here March 17.

Joe E. Nunley
Director of Alumni Relations

Cheerleader: no fan support

To the editor: As you all may be aware, the Lady Raiders have gone undefeated in the Ohio Valley Conference this season. The Lady Raiders, as they are called, represent Middle Tennessee State University. They play their hearts out on that court, just to win so that people will say, "Hey, MTSU has a good basketball team."

But how do we show our appreciation? We simply sit at home instead of going to the game and cheering them on. Perhaps you are all just too lazy to walk over to Murphy Center, or perhaps you feel that ladies basketball is just too boring.

Well, all basketball games would be boring if there were only 50 people in the audience. Think of how much better the Raiders could do in the season if we help by attending, and letting them know that we want them to be number one.

Paul Thomas
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Features

Cheerleading demanding, rewarding

By CAROLYN CHANDLER

Special to Sidelines

Most people don't consider cheerleading a demanding sport or very athletic, but MTSU cheerleading sponsor Richard Walker disagrees.

"Most of the guys that try out here [at MTSU] were athletes in high school, and we've had a couple of guys that at one time were on the MTSU football team," said the Jackson native who was captain of the MTSU cheerleaders from 1979 to 1981.

"SOME people snicker when they see guys cheering, but if they've ever gotten out there and tried to do some of the things they're doing, they'd change their mind," Walker explained.

A 1977 graduate of Northside High School, Walker "stayed pretty busy" as the band field commander, an active participant in the student council and a member of the annual staff, Beta Club, Phi Mu Alpha Club, Drama Club and Spanish Club. He was elected "Most Talented" of his senior class.

But cheerleading was one high school activity that never crossed Walker's mind.

"THERE were, and still are, very few [male cheerleaders] in West Tennessee. The majority of the guys you're probably going to find in East Tennessee. But I think it's something you'll start seeing a lot more of, especially since many larger universities are now offering cheerleading scholarships—as much as \$1,000," Walker pointed out.

When Walker made his decision to attend MTSU, he never dreamed he would two years later cheer for the Blue Raiders from the sidelines.

"I certainly didn't come to MTSU for the cheerleading program," he said laughing. "I visited here for what they call 'senior weekend.' The people were extremely friendly, extremely nice, and I just fell in love with the place.

"I KNEW that this was where I wanted to go."

Just as in high school, Walker incorporated the time and energy for various activities and organizations into his undergraduate studies. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, serving as rush chairman and herald, vice-president and president. He was twice voted "most outstanding active" and received the "True Gentleman Award" of that chapter. He was also selected as one of the chapter delegates to attend the National Leadership School which meets in Illinois.

Walker's other activities and honors at MTSU include being chosen 1981 "Mr. MTSU," a listing in *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*, a "Big Brother" to Kappa Delta Sorority and director of the Miss MTSU Pageant. Walker was also a member of Gamma Beta Phi, the Special Events Committee and the MTSU Student Ambassadors, serving as a board member and in the "on tour" group.

BUT Walker found one of his most enjoyable and rewarding activities to be college cheerleading.

"I didn't try out until the end of my sophomore year," Walker recalls. "I was living over in an apartment complex, and a girl that lived downstairs was a cheerleader. She told me I ought to give it a try, but I said 'I don't think so!'" Walker said. "But she talked me into it.

I started working with her and I liked it—I didn't have anything to lose!"

Not only was Walker selected for the squad, but he also was chosen as the squad captain his first year.

"I THINK my father was kind of hesitant when I first told him I was going out for cheerleading; it was like, 'OK...' quipped Walker with an irresolute sigh. "I guess any father would have second thoughts, but my family has been very supportive. They've always felt if it's something I want to do, it's fine with them," Walker said.

However, family members are not the only ones who supported his efforts. Karen Boyle, who was his partner through tryouts, became Walker's partner after they both made the squad.

"One thing people don't realize is that the cheerleading squad becomes very close. When you are together as much as a cheerleading squad is, you have to be close. Karen and I got to be real close, and I guess that's why she had a lot of influence on me," Walker said.

ANOTHER reward that made cheerleading worthwhile for Walker was "seeing a group of people work so hard together and always put in 100 percent. They never wanted to



MTSU cheerleading sponsor Richard Walker, lower left, was the captain of the 1979-1981 cheerleading squad.

get out there and do something unless they were doing the best they could." Walker said.

Although Walker's cheerleading days are over, he remains active and involved as he continues his education. He graduated from MTSU with a bachelor's degree in 1981, earned his master's degree from Memphis State in 1982 and is

currently back at MTSU working on his educational specialists degree.

In addition to his six hours of graduate night classes, Walker works with the University Housing Office as director of Clement Hall. He is also serving his first year as MTSU's cheerleading sponsor, a job that is actually a two-year

graduate assistantship.

TWO of the 14-member squad which Walker sponsors are also West Tennesseans.

Ty Kennon, a sophomore business education major from Camden, is cheering his first year for the Blue Raiders.

"Richard has most definitely been an asset to us," Kennon said. "Not only is he very

professional in his job, but he also is the most organized person I think I've ever met. We couldn't have asked for a more devoted sponsor—he's helped so much."

SPONSORING the squad is a valuable experience for Walker's future.

Coming from a family of educators, it is no wonder that Walker has chosen a career in education. His father, James L. Walker, is the Superintendent of Madison County Schools, while his mother, Betty, is the librarian at Northside Junior High. His sister, Teresa, is a junior early education major at MTSU.

When Walker completes his education, he plans to seek employment in higher education, "especially something like Dean of Students, or something in student personnel on the university level," Walker clarified.

He is currently on leave from the Madison County School system after having taught seventh grade math at Northside Junior High last year.

"I enjoy education and I probably will go back [to Jackson] and teach a couple more years to get my principal certification," Walker said. "I will have met all the academic qualifications, and all I have to do now is get the experience."

Special Events prepares for Willie Nelson

By JANENE LEONHIRTH
Features Editor

A great exodus of MTSU students will begin today, but some students will not be a part of it.

Many members of Student Programming's Special Events Committee will be lingering in Murfreesboro to work the Willie Nelson concert tomorrow night, although work for them has already begun.

THE Special Events Committee has been working on the Willie Nelson concert since it was first booked.

"So much has happened, but it's pretty much been theory," said Harold Smith, director of Student Programming.

Florida not only choice for Spring Break

By ANTHONY PILLOW
Staff Writer

Not everybody will be heading for the land of sunshine during Spring Break, but after several random interviews, it appears that many students will.

It wasn't surprising that most students chose Florida, or

Communication between Nelson's promoter, Cumberland Concerts, and the university has been going on already about what each expects from the other.

Today, the workers for Nelson's show will run through a dress rehearsal at Murphy Center to get a feel of what will be happening during the concert itself.

WHEN a show comes to Murphy Center it usually expects Student Programming to provide heat, custodial services for the building, a dressing room, staging, a ticket manifest, a hot meal for the crew, follow spotlights, ticket takers, ushers, a set-up crew, parking assistants, medical

teams, backstage phones and facilities showers, said Smith.

These requirements come in the form of a "rider" on the group's contract, and in effect becomes part of the contract, Smith said. However, it is not unusual for the group to request something extra after it arrives at a concert site. When they do, it is the Special Events Committee's responsibility to get it for them.

For instance, when Olivia Newton-John came to MTSU, she required, in addition to the regular requirements, steam-cooked vegetables.

NELSON, however, didn't even have a rider on his contract.

"This is a very unusual

show," Smith said. "I've been doing these things for 13 years and this is the first concert that doesn't have a rider. I got all requests by phone."



Preparation for tomorrow night's show will begin around 10 a.m. tomorrow morning

when the crew begins rigging for the sound system and lights. Members of the Special Events Committee will be in on the preparation from the beginning.

They will handle food preparation for Nelson's crew, stage work, crowd seating, ticket taking and anything else that needs to be taken care of at the 8 p.m. show.

"The Special Events Committee's top priority is service," Smith said, whether that is scheduling the concert for the students, making sure the performer is comfortable or making sure that the fans are comfortable.

Murfreesboro theatre to host series of one-acts next week

"Phantoms," a series of eight one-act plays by Murfreesboro residents, will be presented next week by Playwright's Theatre of the South.

The show is produced and directed by Mike Vermillion, Jim Ridley and Jerry Davis, an

the cities they plan to visit while there—Tallahassee, Fort Lauderdale, Key West, Miami—just to name a few.

BUT like the cities, the reasons for going also vary. Some students are visiting old friends they made from previous summers. Some are going to meet new friends.

Some are going to see relatives.

And some are going to absorb those hot, darkening rays of the sun—yes, expect to see many "coppertones" after Spring Break.

For some, Spring Break is the ideal time for job interviews. One student plans to visit Atlanta next week and

interview with two prospective employers.

BUT the majority of the students will be partying out, laying out, cooling out or just sitting it out. After all, it is Spring Break.

Students that won't be "vacationing" as such, will be going home to Nashville, Mt.

Juliet, Columbia, Memphis and Clarksville just to name a few hometowns represented at MTSU.

Home is where some students prefer to be or have no other choice but to be. Whichever the case, one student said it well: "There's no place like home."

TPAC gives discount for chamber concert

McGavock High School alumna Nina Kennedy will debut with the Nashville Symphony Chamber Orchestra Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Polk Theatre of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center.

Kennedy will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2 in B Flat Major. Also on the program will be Mozart's Serenade No. 7 in D Major and Tchaikovsky's Serenade in C Major for Strings.

NOW A student at Julliards, Kennedy performed Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with the Nashville Symphony when she was 13 years old. In 1982, she won first prize in the National Arts and

Letters Piano Competition. Sunday's show also will mark the debut of Peter Schaffer as acting concert master, and the debut of the Nashville Symphony Chamber Chorus at TPAC.

A reception honoring Kennedy will follow the performance.



Puzzle Answer

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Sports

Lady Raiders fall to powerful La. Tech

FROM STAFF
REPORTS

RUSTIN, La. — It was no contest.

Louisiana Tech, the number one women's team in the country, ran away from MTSU's Lady Raiders here last night in NCAA tournament action, 91-59. It was a case of survival of the fittest—and the Lady Techsters proved their fitness.

Tech owns one of the most devastating women's programs in the country, as evidenced by their winning 90 of their last 92 games at home. They have demolished everyone they've played this season and appear to be on their way to their third consecutive NCAA women's title.

LAST night only accentuated their dominance.

The Lady Techsters ran off eight quick points before the Lady Raiders dented the scoreboard. By the 10-minute mark in the first half, MTSU was only shooting 28.6 percent from the field, while Louisiana Tech was blistering the nets for 52.9 percent.

By halftime the Lady Raiders were down by 31 points, 50-19.

The halftime stats only made things worse as MTSU's shooting percentage dipped to 26.2 percent and Louisiana Tech's spurted to 63.9 percent.

WHILE MTSU was having trouble even getting off shots, the Lady Techsters were cruising. They used a game plan that had not failed for them all year—press in the early minutes up and down the floor, then put the game out of reach early.

MTSU head coach Larry Inman used mainly the same strategy he had stuck with all year, but it was to no avail. Six-three center

Janice Lawrence swatted away Lady Raider shots left and right, and the quickness and precision of guards Jennifer White and Kim Muley put the game into the hands of the Lady Techsters and kept it there.

Joining the above mentioned was a host of others, as Louisiana Tech is possibly the deepest women's program in the nation.

PROBLEMS such as only getting one shot and continually turning the ball over also plagued MTSU.

Although it was no consolation to the already out-of-reach Lady Raiders, they did manage to stay almost even with the Lady Techsters in the second half scoring.

Lawrence paced the Lady Techsters with 15 points, but five others hit for double figures in the triumph. Jennifer McFall led the Lady Raider effort with 22 points. Eva Lemeh and Holly Hoover had 12 each.

THE LOSS knocked MTSU out of the NCAA tournament in the first ever appearance for the program in the tourney. Tuesday night, they claimed their first ever win in NCAA tourney action by downing Jackson State to gain the berth against the top-ranked Lady Techsters.

MTSU's 59 points was the lowest point total of the year for Inman's squad. Their previous record for the season was 64 points in the Jackson State game.

A flood of bad press for the Lady Raiders surrounded the pre-game newspapers in Rustin, home of the Lady Techsters, as reports outlined the massacre of MTSU that was to come that evening.

"THEY don't give us a chance down here," Inman said over the phone yesterday. "We know we are going to be playing some quality. They've won two national titles and they are going for a third."

MTSU, with the loss, bids farewell to seniors Lemeh, Patricia Allen and Sherry Smith.

The future for Lady Raider basketball looks bright however, as all members of this year's 26-5 squad return with the exception of the above-mentioned.

MTSU's 26-5 closing mark is the best record in Lady Raider history.

Lady Raiders triumph in first NCAA clash

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

JACKSON, Miss. — Stop Holly Hoover and you stop MTSU? No way.

While 21-8 Jackson State held the high-scoring Lady Raiders center to only 11 points, they could not hold back senior guard Eva Lemeh, who took charge with a 23-point evening to lead MTSU to their first ever NCAA tournament win Tuesday night over the Tigerettes, 64-61.

The Tiger advanced MTSU into last night's contest with Louisiana Tech, ranked number one in the nation at the end of the regular season.

IT WAS an exceptionally fast-paced game for both teams, as Jackson State and MTSU exhibited similar, running styles of basketball. A poor shooting performance from both teams is what kept the game close, however.

MTSU wanted to take the ball inside to Hoover, but the Tigerettes were ready for the 6-4 center and negated her attempts most of the night. While she was in trouble inside, Lemeh took charge from the outside.

Jackson State used a fast-breaking offense and a sticky defense to keep the Lady Raiders frustrated the entire evening. MTSU shot a dismal 36 percent from the field in the first half.

JENNIFER McFall put the Lady Raiders quickly out in front, 5-0, hitting two quick buckets and a free throw. Jackson State charged back quickly, however, and after the two units exchanged several hoops, jumped out to a six-point lead just before the half.

Larry Inman's strategy of trying to get Jackson State's speedy women in foul trouble was effective, as the Tigerettes were whistled 18 times in the first half. Almost the entire starting lineup for Jackson State found themselves on the bench for most of the second half.

Inman's strategy almost backfired because a talented bench rose to the occasion and kept the game in the hands of Jackson State down the stretch. MTSU also saw three of their big guns get into foul trouble in the waning moments of the game, as McFall, Hoover and Lemeh all picked up worrisome penalties.

AFTER the game was tied at 18 in the early minutes, Jackson State took the lead and was on top until just over one minute remained in the game, when Lemeh was fouled and went to the line with the Lady Raiders down 61-60.

Lemeh sunk both free throws and MTSU took the lead for the first time since early in the first half. Jackson State took the ball down the floor, but threw it away, and the Lady Raiders had possession with under one minute left.

Sherry Smith then banged a jumper with 18 seconds left on the clock to seal the first ever NCAA win for MTSU.

"WE PLAYED terrible against Jackson State," Inman said by phone yesterday. "But we're just like Minnie Pearl, we're just so proud to be here."

While the Lady Raiders shot poorly overall for the game, it was good shooting when it counted—in the last minutes—that vaulted MTSU into the "W" column. MTSU hit five of their last six shots to overcome the Tigerettes.

Lemeh's 23 led the Lady Raiders, while Hoover's 11, McFall's 10 and Cyndi Lindley's nine rounded out the leading scorers for MTSU.

Western thwarts Middle

By MARTY WATT
Sports Writer

MTSU's baseball squad put on a late rally, but couldn't overcome in an 11-8 loss to Western Kentucky Wednesday at Smith Field.

The hard-hitting Hilltopper team pounded the Raider pitching staff for 19 hits and drew seven walks. MTSU had 11 hits and five walks.

DOUG BIRKOFER turned in an excellent game for the Raiders, going 4-5 with three RBI. Ronnie Vaughn, Scott Turner and Gary Cathcart each had two hits.

John Barbato took the loss for the Raiders, going 2 1-3 innings and giving up five runs on six hits, three walks and a wild pitch. Marty Smith and Bill Sharp helped make the game close in the late innings, holding WKU to only two hits after the fifth inning.

Mike Spearnock increased his record to 3-1 for Western, notching the win after working 5 1-3 innings, fanning four and allowing only four runs.

COACH John Stanford was pleased with his Raiders in the final four innings of the game.

"WKU is a good hitting club," Stanford said. "I thought we were going to come back, but we just couldn't pull it together."

"This was our first game in a long time and, while that's no excuse, it will take some time to get together."

The big inning for the Raiders was the fifth. Birkofer singled up the middle to score Alan Colburn. Vaughn, who walked, moved to second on the play and scored on a wild pitch. Scott Turner then hit a 400-foot shot to dead-center field that scored Wayne Newberry, who reached base on a fielder's choice.

MTSU's record dropped to 5-3 on the season, while WKU evened their record at 8-8.

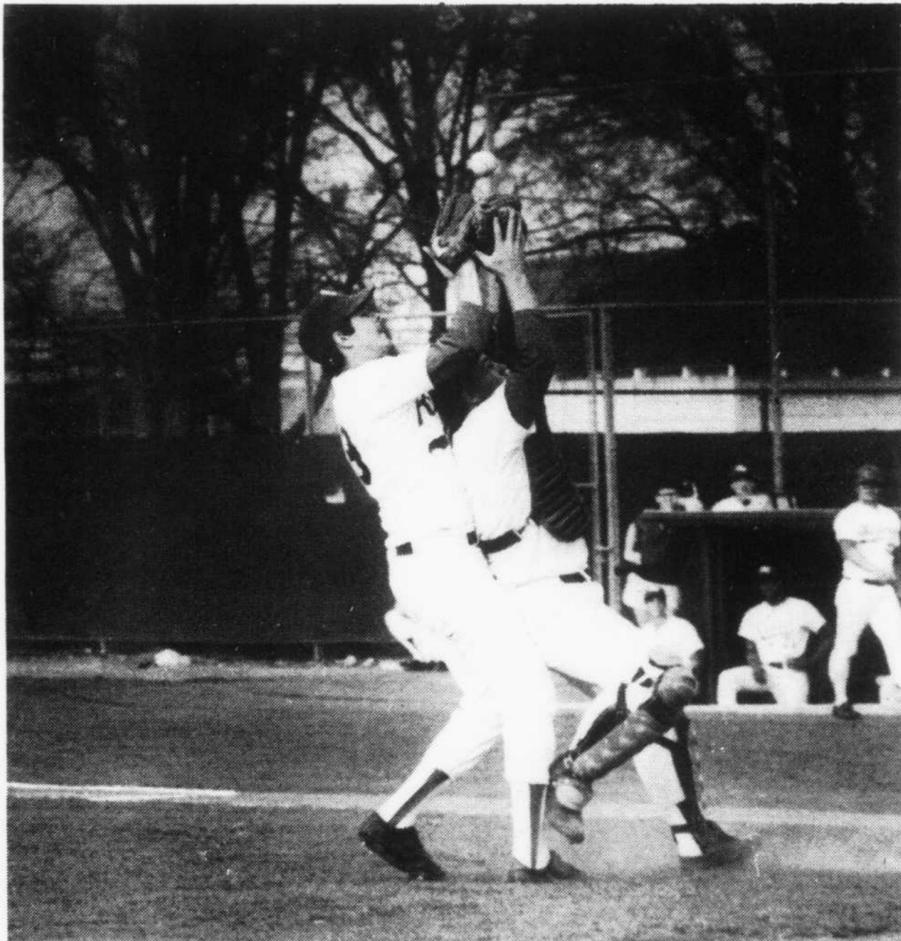


Photo by Cliff Batson

It's mine!

Pitcher and catcher suffer a communication breakdown while going for an infield pop-up Wednesday against Western Kentucky at Smith Field. MTSU lost to the Hilltoppers, 11-8.

Blue Raider track

Outdoor season opens

By STEVE PRICE
Sports Writer

MTSU's track team begins another trek toward an Ohio Valley Conference title this weekend as they open the outdoor season with the Domino Classic in Tallahassee, Fla.

The Raiders have won the outdoor conference crown five of the last six years and will be gunning for their third consecutive year as both indoor and outdoor champions.

"THERE will be a lot of people at this meet because coaches want to get their people qualified early for the NCAA," Hayes explained. "That way you don't have to worry about it and can let those guys work on other things."

Eddie Loyd is already qualified for the NCAA in the triple jump because he is allowed to use his indoor mark towards qualification.

"Our first goal will be to qualify in the mile relay and

400-meter relay," Hayes said. "If Tim [Johnson] can run, we can get our mile-relay team qualified this weekend."

Johnson injured his ankle at the NCAA indoor meet last weekend by stepping in a crack during the 440-yard run.

HAYES said he believes his tracksters can only benefit from the move to the outdoor season.

"We're really more of an outdoor team," the coach noted. "NCAA-wise, we are probably better indoors, but in the total team picture, we're better outdoors."

The move from the indoor atmosphere can take time for adjustment, but according to Hayes, his team should have no trouble making the transition.

"I've always thought that it takes two weeks to adjust to outdoors," Hayes said, "but we work some outdoors in the winter to prepare for this so we should have no problem."



Photo by Keith Tippitt

Dough for Dean

Gary Houseman of Domino's Pizza (right) presents MTSU track coach Dean Hayes (left) with a check for over \$550 to cover expenses for the team to travel to the Domino's Relays this weekend in Tallahassee, Fla. The meet is one of the largest in the nation, and according to Hayes, over 75 schools are expected to attend the event.

Domino's sponsors a fund-raising drive in which for one week, 25¢ from every pizza sold is donated to the MTSU track program in order to send athletes to the Domino's Relays.

Women's tennis preps for tourney

By LYNN NOURSE
Sports Writer

The MTSU women's tennis team is gearing up for a tennis tournament at UT-Martin on March 25-27.

"Up to now the team has been playing either really easy teams or really tough teams," Coach Sandy Neal said.

THE tournament will offer some tough competition for the Lady Raiders, especially from Murray State and the University of Kentucky, according to Neal, adding that the tournament will help determine a better rank of the girls.

MTSU will carry an overall 3-4 record into the tournament.

After a dual loss Saturday in Knoxville against Tennessee and North Carolina State, the Lady Raiders turned themselves around in Nashville and shut out Trevecca 9-0 on Monday. The Lady Raiders claimed all six singles and three doubles matches.

