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News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Halting more than a decade of increased auto regulations, the Reagan administration said Monday it will relax or eliminate 34 pollution and safety rules to help the troubled American auto industry.

The move will save manufacturers, who lost \$4.3 billion last year, nearly \$1.4 billion in capital investment over the next five years, the administration said. Auto and truck buyers would benefit by about \$9.3 billion, an average of \$150 per vehicle.

"The industry must solve its own problems but the government must not unnecessarily hamper its efforts through excessive regulation and interference," Reagan said.

NASHVILLE (AP) — Saying dog fights are "nothing but a gambling promotion," Rep. Joe Kent has won House approval of legislation that would jail trainers of fighting dogs, bulls or other animals for three years.

But representatives, who passed the bill 94-1 Monday night, refused to provide the same felony prison sentence for trainers of fighting cocks.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission voted Monday to authorize a new profit margin for American Telephone & Telegraph Co. that would force an increase in long-distance telephone rates of up to 17 percent.

The FCC set the company's profit at a floating range between 12.5 percent and 13 percent, compared with the currently authorized margin of 10.5 percent.

AT&T spokesman Pic Wagner estimated late Monday a 12.75 percent rate of return would lead to a 16 percent increase in interstate phone rates that would generate an additional \$1.4 billion in revenue over a full year's time. AT&T recently announced profits of more than \$6 billion for the last business year.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Hundreds of technicians at Kennedy Space Center here and two nearly isolated astronauts in Houston were moving — just behind schedule — yesterday, towards a common, revolutionary, goal: launch of a rocket ship able to go into orbit again and again.

The space shuttle Columbia, due to be launched in the spring dawn on Friday, gleamed white in an all-night bath of powerful spotlights, as crews worked around the clock in a precision countdown.

AMMAN, Jordan — Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. today condemned Syrian attacks on Christian enclaves in Lebanon and said "most serious" consequences would result if the attacks continue.

Before flying here for a meeting with Jordan's King Hussein, Haig told reporters in Jerusalem, "The consequences of a failure of a return to a cease-fire are most, most serious."

Weather

Mostly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. High today mid-70s. Low tonight near 50. High Wednesday mid-70s. Winds south at 25 mph today.

Grill may change hours

By DAVID MERRITT
Staff Writer

Initial reaction to student complaints about University Center grill workers refusing their patrons access to the restrooms after 10 p.m. may result in the student cafeteria being closed one hour earlier, according to the grill's Unit Manager Vera McPherson.

The complaint arose because of the discrepancy between the grill's closing time

and the time the U.C. is locked. The grill closes at 11 p.m. because of student requests, according to McPherson. The time was changed from 10:30 to the present time in 1974 or 1975.

"Every building, room, basement, or cellar occupied or used for any such purpose (food establishment) shall have convenient toilet rooms separate and apart from the room or rooms where the process of

production, manufacture, packing, canning, selling, or distribution is conducted," states the Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 52-1008.

"I don't know if it (the preceding law) would apply to the grill," said Dallas Biggers, University Center Director, in charge of locking the doors. "In order to secure the U.C. we have to close the doors to the grill."

Biggers said he was aware of the situation and was going to do something about it and that he felt the "simplest solution" would be to close the grill at 10 p.m. because "(the grill doesn't) make enough after 10 p.m. to pay the help."

"The way I feel about it is that we really should close at 10 p.m. because we don't have hardly any business," McPherson echoed.

Last night, however, an impromptu check of the Grill by a *Sidelines* reporter at 10 p.m. revealed 57 patrons in the cafeteria and 11 students in other areas of the University Center's second floor.

According to Biggers, the construction of the doors may prevent their closing properly. In any case, people leaving from the second floor would have access to the first where most acts of vandalism in the U.C. have taken place in the past, Biggers added.

"As far as I am concerned this building is going to be secured and that's the only solution I see," Biggers said. "My responsibility is to this building and what's in it."

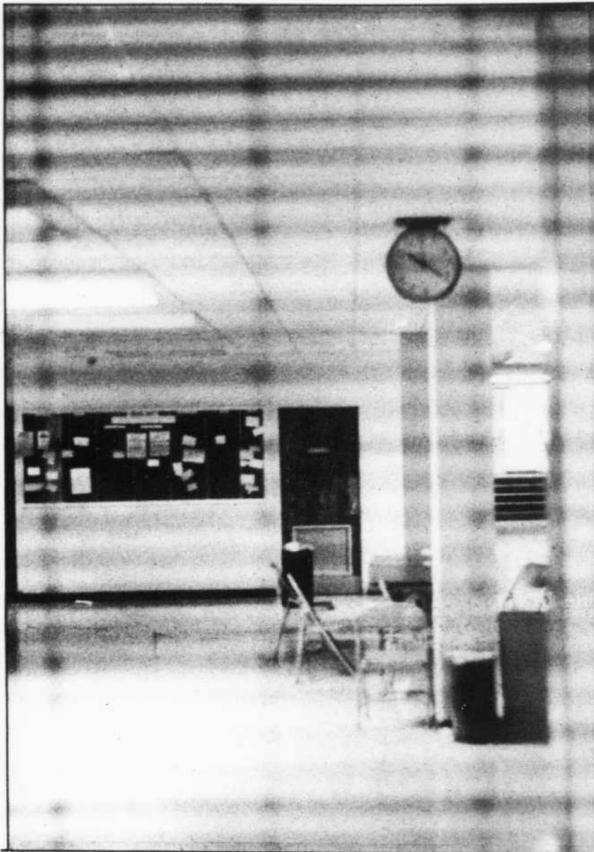


Photo by Bert Barnett
This barrier, a chain-link fence gate, is what students who frequent the University Grill after 10 p.m. often encounter when they try to use the restroom facilities.

Enrollment up at public colleges; MTSU, throughout the state

By the Associated Press
Educators say inflation and dwindling student aid funds may be the reason more college-bound Tennesseans are applying for admission to public universities.

John Y. Eubank, dean of admissions at Memphis State University, says admission applications are up 29 percent this year. Austin Peay State University says it applications have jumped 23 percent.

"I've watched this for 20 years and I've never seen the percentages as large as they are now this early," Eubank said during the weekend. "There's some evidence leading us to believe we have a little different kind of student applying this early."

"Increasing inflationary pressures on the family budget and decreasing student aid give an advantage to the public, in-state college," Eubank said.

Tennessee Technological University reported a 14 percent increase, Middle Tennessee State University at Murfreesboro and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville recorded 8 percent rises and East Tennessee State University at Johnson City had a 6 percent increase.

Tennessee Tech's increase was accompanied by a 56 percent rise in applications from students wanting to transfer to the Cookeville school.

"We have significantly increased our admissions standards, but in spite of that we continue to have increased applications," said Wallace

Prescott, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Tennessee Tech.

"At this point, we're still looking at ways to handle it.

Work-study aid gone

By JUDIE HAYES

Staff Writer

Students expecting financial aid during summer school will have to face the unpleasant reality that the aid will not be available, according to Edward Kilgore, assistant director of Financial Aid.

The University's financial-aid funds will diminish around the last of April, Kilgore said. Without these funds, it will be impossible to award any type of work-study assistance during the summer sessions.

However, applications for Guaranteed Student Loans, which carry a 9% interest rate, will still be accepted.

Students who are applying for aid during the fall semester of the 1981-82 school year should try to submit their applications as early as possible before the May 15th priority deadline, Kilgore said.

He stated that there should be enough aid to accommodate those applicants who meet the priority deadline. However, those who do meet the deadline may expect grim results, Kilgore said.

The Tennessee Board of Regents is considering a tuition hike of 15% for undergraduates and 25% for graduates and out-

One solution may have to be that at a given point in time we simply stop admitting students," he said.

Referendums pass

By KIM VAUGHAN
Staff Writer

The referendums proposed in last month's ASB elections, which were overshadowed by the controversial presidential race, all passed by a large majority.

According to Tony Yates, speaker-elect of the House, the most important referendum called for a \$1 ASB Student Activity Fee.

"We were really pleased that it passed," Yates said. "We feel that it is a great asset to the students."

"We were a little worried that it might not pass because most students don't know where the money goes."

"Next year we plan to show everyone exactly where it (the money) goes, and they will see that it has been paid back many times over."

Another referendum called for the monitoring of academic records of all ASB officials. This will allow the public to see how the grade point averages of all ASB officials stand.

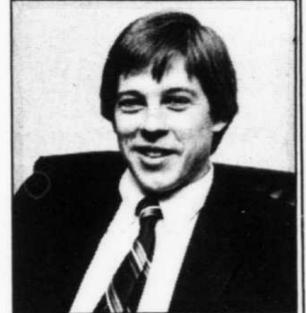
According to Yates, this referendum was a direct result of *Sidelines'* investigation into ASB president Randy James' GPA.

Yates said that Dean Paul

Cantrell will do the monitoring.

A third referendum called for amendments to the ASB Constitution. After each article of the Constitution, a brief description will be added.

"This will save a lot of time



Byron West

and trouble," Yates said. "Instead of reading the whole article to find out what it's about, you can just read the description."

The last referendum item deleted the provision in Amendment Article V, Section 4 of the ASB Constitution which called for special identification for members of the House.

"We really felt the special identification was unnecessary," Yates said. "Instead, we will save the money used on that and put it into other areas."

ASB committees to speed up process

By DAVID MERRITT

Staff Writer

An act passed in the ASB House Thursday night, designed to decrease the time needed for the ASB to pass its legislation, would establish permanent conference committees as part of the ASB structure.

According to sponsor Kelly Derryberry, the bill was introduced to "help alleviate the problems" recently encountered between the ASB Senate and House over the ASB Activity Fee.

"Currently, one house will pass a bill and then the other house will amend it, and that process may go on indefinitely," Derryberry said. "This (act) should help speed up the process, sort of streamline the procedure."

According to Derryberry the "state legislature and congress" follow this procedure.

MEMBER of the house, Roger Fenner, stated that he originally felt the bill was unnecessary

because a bill could be "changed back to what it was before" by going to Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

"This is not even an argument," Derryberry said. "He's mad because the bill we passed about the Activity Fee was amended in the senate."

Derryberry also argued that Cantrell could change legislation to whatever he wished.

"(This bill) does mean you will have to get a new committee everytime a new bill comes up," Fenner said about his second objection.

According to Derryberry, this is not quite correct because only bills passed in one house and amended in the other would have to go to the conference committee.

DERRYBERRY concluded by saying this method is "a lot better."

In other business the house (continued on page 2)



Photo by Greg Campbell

Resorting to fun

With dreams of continuing their spring break, some residents of Smith Hall take advantage of a warm day and an open field to enjoy some of the pleasures denied them during the winter months.



Photo by Greg Campbell

Residents of High Rise West made their feelings toward Austin Peay known in football season. The same sentiment is sure to rise again as MTSU takes on the OVC rival Thursday night in a baseball game in Blue Raider Country.

Billboard names hits

The following are Billboard's record hits for the week ending April 11 as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine.

HOT SINGLES

1. "Kiss on My List" Daryl Hall and John Oates (RCA)
2. "Rapture" Blondie (Chrysalis)
3. "The Best of Times" Styx (A M)
4. "Woman" John Lennon (Geffen)
5. "Just the Two of Us" Grover Washington Jr. (Elektra)
6. "Morning Train" Sheena Easton (EMI-America)
7. "Crying" Don McLean (Millennium)
8. "While You See a Chance" Steve Winwood (Island)
9. "Keep on Loving You" REO Speedwagon (Epic)
10. "Don't Stand So Close to Me" The Police (A M)

TOP LP'S

1. "Paradise Theater" Styx (A M)
2. "Hi Infidelity" REO Speedwagon (Epic)
3. "Moving Pictures" Rush (Mercury)
4. "Arc of a Diver" Steve Winwood (Island)
5. "Winelight" Grover Washington Jr. (Elektra)
6. "Double Fantasy" John Lennon-Yoko Ono (Geffen)
7. "Zanyatta Mondatta" The Police (A M)
8. "Face Dances" The Who (Warner Bros.)
9. "Another Ticket" Eric Clapton (RSO)
10. "The Jazz Singer" Neil Diamond (Capitol)

Automobile gets more miles to the cord

By TOM EBLEN

Associated Press Writer
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dr. Harry LaFontaine's Lincoln Continental limousine sports a plush interior and console television, but it's no energy waster. It travels 3,200 miles on a cord of wood.

With a puffing generator pulled behind on a small trailer, the Miami, Fla., resident's \$55,000 automobile runs on a mixture of carbon monoxide, hydrogen and methane gas produced from burning wood chips.

The process is called biomass gas generation, and LaFontaine believes it can be an important alternative to oil.

As testimony to that faith, he is traveling around the country for the U.S. Energy Department to show off his late-model car and tell people how it works. He brought his road show to the University of Tennessee on Monday.

"We are very much to the end of the road as far as oil is concerned," LaFontaine said. "It's simply going to reach a point when people can't afford that kind of energy."

The 70-year-old scientist helped develop biomass technology 40 years ago as his native Denmark fought to survive without gasoline during five years of Nazi occupation.

To keep the nation from starving, the University of

Copenhagen professor and his colleagues developed ways to make tractors, trucks and cars run on gas produced from burning charcoal, wood and even seaweed.

"There's nothing new in this technology," he said. "And we aren't talking about a lot of money here. We're talking about elbow grease, dirty fingernails and time."

The only modification LaFontaine made to his car was to put in a larger fuel line and hook up the generator trailer. On the trailer are three metal tanks, the largest of which holds the burning wood, and coils that cool and compress the gas as it is produced.

When the fire at the bottom of the large tank reaches 1,000 degrees Celsius, carbon dioxide changes into carbon monoxide, hydrogen and a small amount of methane gas. As the engine's pistons move, they create suction that pulls air in from the top of the large tank, through the burning coals and into the engine.

According to his calculations, it takes 20 pounds of wood to produce energy equal to one gallon of gasoline. And although the car bellows smoke as it travels, LaFontaine said it easily meets all federal standards for auto emissions.

LaFontaine said American automakers should experiment with gas generating cars, because of dwindling petroleum supplies and the possibility that the Soviet Union may try to cut off Persian Gulf oil to the West.

ASB

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passed, for the required second time, a bill deleting the present Article II of the ASB Constitution, stating student rights, and replacing it with a more encompassing version.

A second bill clarifying the grounds for impeachment of ASB officials was also passed for the second time.

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Seminar to be held on campus this week

The Environmental Insights Seminar, cosponsored by Environmental Science and Technology and the Ideas and Issues Committees, is being held on campus this week.

Upcoming events, all to be held in the University Center Theatre, include a surface mining forum today from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in which Peggy Mathews of the group Save Our Cumberland Mountains and a representative from the state's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation will debate the topic.

On Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon the topic of alcohol production and its economics will be discussed by Clifton Ricketts, professor of agriculture at MTSU.

Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon Frank Fly from the Tennessee Citizens on Wilderness Planning and Claybourne Ross of the Upper Duck River Development Association will conduct a panel discussion on the recent developments in the construction of the TVA dam project in Columbia, Tenn.

From 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, A.J. Reed, Department of Energy, Region 4 representative, Lee Munz, director of the Tennessee Energy Authority and John L. Smith, manager of the Central District Office of Power, TVA, will participate in a panel to discuss the government's role and responsibility in energy production.

Campus Capsule

THE BLUES CRUSADE, the MTSU jazz ensemble, will highlight the Swing into Spring Jazz Festival at 8 tonight in the Wright Recital Hall. Special guest will be N.J.P. recording artist "Earwitness."

Events this afternoon include free performances by high school jazz ensembles from Tullahoma, Hendersonville, Columbia and Overton.

MTSU STUDENT AMBASSADORS are taking applications through April 13. The forms may be picked up in the public relations office, Room 206, Cope Administration Building.

THE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION will host its second "Bring a Friend" night Thursday at 7 p.m. This will include a regular Manna service as well as a special program. The BSU is located across from Alumni Gym on Tennessee Avenue.

CAMPUS RECREATION NOTES:

—Students interested in a hike through the Cumberland Mountain State Park on April 11 and 12 should sign up at the Campus Recreation Office by 4 p.m. today. A pre-trip meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. to discuss equipment and technique. Camping equipment will be available to those who need it and no experience is necessary. The trip is limited to 10 students at a cost of \$10 each. For further information call 2104 or 4990.

—The campus tennis doubles tournament will highlight the weekend of April 10. Participants should have their partners selected prior to the April 8 sign-up period.

—A swim meet will be held on April 15 at the campus pool. All entrants can be individual or in a maximum six-member team. Events will include a 200-yard medley relay, a 200-yard free relay, and fifty-yard heats in each of the four strokes.

For more information about any of these events phone or

stop by the Campus Rec. office in alumni gym 2104.

GAMMA BETA PHI is holding a banquet April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building with special guest Wayne Oldham. For reservations, which should be in by tomorrow, phone 898-4307.

THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY CRISIS AND RAPE CENTER's organizational meeting has been changed to April 8 at 8 p.m. in Room 205 of Peck Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend.

ASB PRESIDENT-ELECT MIKE WILLIAMS is accepting applications for cabinet positions. Anyone interested may contact the ASB office this week to set up an appointment.

SIGMA DELTA CHI will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. in U.C. 305. The group will discuss the possibility of adopting a resolution concerning mandatory attendance at SDX meetings.

THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOC., Murfreesboro chapter, is having a special guest speaker Bob Richards of the Tennessee Department of Conservation at their 7:30 p.m. meeting on Thursday in Room 221 of the Alumni Gym. Richards, who is in charge of the South Cumberland Recreation Area, will present a slide show. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

TAKE IT FROM MOI, it's National Library Week. Anyone paying a fine now through Saturday will receive a Miss Piggy Bookmark (while they last). Anyone returning books will have a chance to win a Miss Piggy Poster, to be given away Friday. The call number for marriage and family is 392, Kermie!

THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN CENTER will conduct its weekly "Life" talk in H dorm, Room 114 on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. and will begin studying "The Seven Sayings of Jesus on the Cross." All men are invited to attend this informal event. The Center has devotionals each Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. for all interested parties.

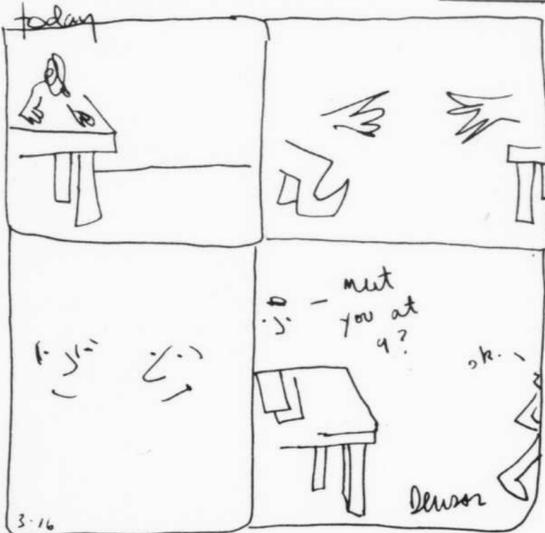
WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN TENNESSEE will hold its Spring Conference in Nashville at the Holiday Inn Vanderbilt April 24-25. Registration will begin at 3-5 p.m. on Friday and continue on Saturday morning from 8-9 a.m. The registration fee is \$15 which includes a Saturday luncheon. Membership in WHET is open to all faculty, staff and graduate students in Tennessee. Please call Pat Pierce at (615) 322-4705 for more information.

A BLOODDRIVE will be held Thursday by the ROTC department.

THE 1980-81 ASB SENATE will hold its last meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the U.C.

CONCERNED FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE WOMEN will hold a meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Guest speaker will be Catherine Turner, assistant personnel director for Tennessee, who will talk on "Women's Involvement in Politics."

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On this day in 1891 showman P.T. Barnum, the "Prometheus of the Pleasure Principle," died. The Times eulogized him as "that fine flower of Western civilization," but an Edinburgh critic crowed: "He will ultimately take his stand in the social rank among the swindlers, blacklegs, pickpockets, and thimble-riggers of his day."

**Assault on freedom
a national disaster**

Recent attempts by conservative factions in America to control what others may read and view are flagrant and dangerous assaults on the intellectual freedom this country has been struggling to achieve for over 200 years.

The earliest colonial settlers, fleeing from repressive governmental and religious regimes, found in America the rare, golden opportunity to live openly and freely according to their own personal beliefs. Far from the predisposed strictures of established institutions, these individuals were able to create for themselves a society in which their personal and religious views, while not necessarily liked by the majority of their fellowmen, were allowed to develop according to their own consciences.

The result was a highly stimulating intellectual arena. Without the traditionally mandatory controls on what one might write, speak and even think, the pioneers were virtually forced to develop for themselves philosophies on life, politics, religion, etc.

The interchange of such ideas was a main function of early literature. Pamphleteers published fiery sermons as well as indictments of the English government and opinions on such political theorists as John Locke and Jean Jacques Rousseau.

Without the freedom to contemplate varied and often conflicting points of view, it would be safe to say that the early developers of our form of government could not have come up with the equitable form of democracy our republic set out to establish.

Now, 200 years later, the United States has sadly lost its virtue. The so-called Moral Majority has sought to place immoral constraints on the freedoms people around the world have come to expect in America.

The most disheartening of their attempts to regulate our lives is the effort to search out and ban material they perceive as "anti-family, anti-God, anti-Bible and pro all that other stuff." (the Rev. H. Lamarr Mooneyham in the March, 1981, *newsletter on intellectual freedom*)

In their attempts to "protect" readers from "secular" points of view, these closed-minded dogmatics are also taking away the major criteria for individuals to function effectively in a democratic country — the ability to think for themselves. If those who would make themselves national censors should ever win out (God forbid), it will be impossible for citizens to hear all points of view, weigh the options and make their own decisions. Thoughtful, independent reasoning could literally become a thing of the past.

We have already become an intellectually lazy nation, reading less, becoming more and more passive in our perception of the world. Rather than questioning and searching out our own answers to life's multifarious mysteries, most are content to sit back and blindly accept someone else's solutions, whether the television commentators' conclusions or edicts from the hometown pulpit.

The ability to think is one virtue our country cannot afford to lose. When and if this should happen, we may as well succumb to the control of a totalitarian or military state. No real democracy can exist without as complete a freedom of expression as possible — democracy without a fully informed public is no more than a grievous farce, even if the "majority" vote to do it to themselves.

Perspective**Punchline**

by Danny Tyree

One small view on three big issues

Rather than bore you with one long topic today, I've decided to bore you with three shorter topics:

INTERNAL SECURITY— Why must we Americans constantly go from one extreme to the other? First we had the hysteria of McCarthyism, complete with witch hunts, unsubstantiated character smears and blacklists. During the next couple of decades, the CIA and FBI showed a flagrant disregard for the privacy and civil rights of some American citizens.

But now we have swung too far in the *other* direction. Now we are told that subversives are a valuable ingredient in the melting pot. The CIA has been placed in a straitjacket. (The CIA has even less power than an individual citizen. It cannot even maintain a file of public documents about groups like the Progressive Labor Party, which exists partly to infiltrate our armed forces. Our intelligence agents may not keep tabs on potentially violent groups or individuals until a crime is already being committed.)

It is wrong to label everyone we dislike as Communists. But let's look at the facts: Around 1,900 Soviet and Eastern bloc personnel are presently living on American soil. Probably 75% of them are spies. It is common knowledge that the KGB is earning its keep in the nation's capital. The Soviets have made attempts to plant operatives in the offices of our legislators. Some of our citizens are under electronic surveillance by the

Russians.

The "civil libertarians" and reactionaries must cooperate and compromise in determining the powers of the CIA if the American way of life is to survive. We can't risk a right-wing government that suppresses all forms of dissent. But neither do we need a Communist government that suppresses all forms of dissent.

BUSING— It's good to hear that some judges in California have finally decided to stop using our schoolchildren as guinea pigs. How are children supposed to develop any self-respect if they are used as pawns by adults who feel compelled to achieve some sort of arbitrary racial balance?

Why must we teach students that two wrongs make a right? You can play all the semantic games you want, but hauling children hither and yon solely on the basis of their skin color is the same sort of racial discrimination we're supposed to be fighting!

Busing costs us millions of gallons of precious gasoline. Of course this would be a small price to pay if the lives of the youngsters were being significantly enriched. But even Dr. James S. Coleman, a prominent advocate of busing, has backed away the rosy predictions he made in 1966.

Black and white children can learn from each other. But students also need parental participation in their education. Busing has sounded the death knell for the neighborhood schools, schools in which the

community could take pride, schools which were close enough for the parents to visit.

Gone are the days of PTA, scouting, parent-teacher conferences, room mothers and class programs. With children so far away from home, is it any wonder we have disciplinary problems?

Busing is self-defeating. Thirty years ago 91% of our students attended public schools. Today only 74% do so. The rest attend private schools. If we would just let nature take its course, neighborhoods (and schools) would become integrated by themselves. But this white flight spawned by busing is going to result in *permanent* segregation. We're returning to "separate but unequal" education.

EL SALVADOR— If you want to hear about governmental atrocities and the deplorable standard of living in this Latin American nation, listen now or forever hold your peace. Because once El Salvador has become a Soviet satellite, you will magically hear nothing but sweetness and light. (They haff vays of making you *not* talk.)

And if you want to encourage any reforms, you'd better act now while the U.S. has bought the moderate ruling junta some valuable time. Good luck if you expect to discuss human rights with Moscow or Havana.

The peasants of El Salvador have legitimate gripes. The resistance movement may even have begun without any outside intervention. But there is no

doubt that the guerillas are now stooges of the Communists. Documented evidence shows that the revolutionaries have already covertly received 200 tons of arms from Soviet bloc nations.

If you think the Soviets are doing this out of the goodness of their hearts, I have some swampland I would like to sell you. The Russians are lusting after El Salvador as their first foothold on the American continent.

El Salvador may be a dinky banana republic; but I am reminded of the poem that goes, "When they came for the Jews, I did nothing, because I was not a Jew." If America won't defend her friends, who will aid us when the Russian bear is growling at *our* border?

If the government in El Salvador says it doesn't need any more arms, I think we should take their word for it. If they ask for more aid, the decision should be openly debated by the U.S. But let us not turn thumbs down automatically.

I do feel that El Salvador can become a new Vietnam— if we employ a no-win strategy, if we allow the guerillas to use Nicaragua as a staging ground and Cuba as an arsenal, if we swallow the propaganda that El Salvador's is a civil war waged between peasants in white hats and dictators in black hats.

If we adopt all these neat tactics, we can all sit back and enjoy the same Communist bloodbath as when we "unwelcome" Americans pulled out of Saigon.

Letters From Our Readers**Attorney general
airs specific gripes**

To the Editor:

I have been mentioned in the March 31 issue of *Sidelines* as having kept information from the student body. An appropriate response was certainly

needed to correct the errors in that article, thus this letter should be printed.

The *Sidelines* staff should have tried to follow up the story in order to get factual information. At the time of the announcement for a run-off election, the *Sidelines* reporter present failed to ask any pertinent questions before printing the article, even though the floor was opened for questions.

First, I would like to correct the basic misunderstandings in the article before expounding on the actual background facts.

In response to Mr. Love's comment that "they consulted people who shouldn't have been consulted," let me state that not only does the Electoral Act permit the attorney general to be consulted about controversies surrounding any election, but the constitution also mandates it.

Mr. Love also went on to say that "the commission was not consulted," however, the article failed to mention that Judy Lane, election commissioner, was present during the discussion and decision.

Mr. Love made another statement that had no basis—

"they wanted to keep the thing about the I.D. validation stickers confidential," and "they didn't want the student body to know about it." For the student body's information, there was nothing to report since we had no proof of any violations. An investigation was conducted by the attorney general's office to determine if allegations of ballot stuffing were possible. As another correction, it should be noted that Kent Evetts as Supreme Court chief justice had nothing to do with checking out the I.D.s.

It is no secret to the student body that they can obtain validation stickers when they want another one. Nor is it any secret that these could have been used to vote twice.

Although Mr. Williams did verify that members of his staff had acquired new validation stickers, as the allegations charged, it could not be determined that these individuals had voted twice. Let me repeat, there was no proof, thus no public accusations were

deemed necessary.

Had proof been acquired, that candidate would have been taken before the Supreme Court for possible disciplinary action. The Electoral Act states that "only the Supreme Court shall have the authority to disqualify a candidate from an election." I think it should be emphasized that by gentlemen's agreement, *both* candidates had agreed that another run-off election to be held in the U.C. on voting machines was the fairest thing to do.

Contrary to the assertion made in the article, I am more than willing to let the students know what the *facts* really are.

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Managing Editor's note: *The statements to which Senator-elect Porter refers were direct quotes and were not presented by Sidelines as irrefutable fact. Indictments of those bringing readers the news, rather than those making the news, are a current popular phenomenon of which this letter is one example.*

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Taylor's music still mellow, melodic, forthright

By JIM SEYMOUR
Staff Writer

separation and a desire to return to an idealized past which unite many of these songs.

SIDE ONE contains three tunes illustrating different aspects of a strained and deteriorating relationship, and ends with two which signal a return to the carefree love of past years. These songs don't seem personal enough to allow speculation that this is what is happening in James Taylor's own life, but there are references to rock 'n' roll, Daddy Mama and divorce.

"Hard Times" concerns itself with the anticipated break-up, but musically stays light and easy:

An angry man, a hungry woman they're driving each other crazy

Baby's on the town, baby's looking 'round /talking 'bout walking away.

I may be wrong for you

baby....but I love you just the same.

"Her Town Too" sees things after the split. Lyrically, it reconstructs the paranoia of such a situation and the ensuing gossip.

Lord knows this is just a small town city,

Yes, and everyone can see you fall.

THIS IS perhaps the album's best cut.

The lyrics of "I Will Follow" and "Believe It or Not" are affected, mythological and romanticized to the point of being mushy. The melodies of "Believe It or Not" rise and fall, going in unpredictable directions, as if they are trying to break out of this boring song.

THE SONGS on side two are not restricted by any common theme. They have different subjects lyrically and different

feels musically. The only common bond is that they explore the different directions and feelings someone in side one's situation might.

"Stand and Fight" and "Summer's Here" are the best selections out of the six on side two, with "Stand and Fight" being the sole rocker. Taylor has written more songs of this type since "J.T.," and he handles the style "Summer's Here" is a short, simple, yet very nice tune. It is, predictably enough, about the joys of summertime. Harmonica whiz Fingers Taylor helps give the song its light, summertime beach sound.

"Only For Me" drags on for nearly five minutes, saying nothing, and continuing more of the abstract lyrics found on "I Will Follow" and "Believe It or Not."

THE PLAYERS on "Dad Loves Work" are virtually the same who accompanied Taylor

on his summer tour. Leland Sklar on bass is the only one who has been on the majority of previous albums.

A notable absence is Danny Kortchmar, who had played with Taylor on almost all of his albums and tours. The loss of his distinctive style is not really missed, however, thanks to Waddy Wachtel's ability to more than fill Kortchmar's shoes.

Dad Loves His Work is not a typical James Taylor album. But

then, given the way Taylor has changed over the years, maturing as a writer, there is not really a typical James Taylor album.

Parts of *Dad Loves His Work* are good, parts are not so good. All of the album is in his distinctive style. Current fans will probably accept it because the weaker songs will not dismay them, while the better ones will please them. But new listeners will not be won over by this album.



Murphey movie messy, moronic

By JIM SEYMOUR
Film Critic

Take one macho male star, add a relatively unknown female co-star and put them in dead-end jobs in Texas.

Then let them go to the same honky-tonk every night, where they hang out with a bunch of obnoxious "good ole boys and girls."

Add a soundtrack full of country tunes, several of which may become radio hits.

And what do you have? Last year, "Urban Cowboy." This year, "Hard Country," the first "Urban Cowboy" clone.

According to Michael Murphey, famous singer and co-author of the story, "Hard Country" is the tale of working men and women. Their lives focus on the honky-tonk, which they frequent every night, and the love-hate relationship between themselves and in the honky-tonk.

Murphey goes as far as to compare "Hard Country" with Peter Bogdanovich's "Last Picture Show," citing similarities in themes and feel of the films.

MURPHEY is either lying, or I missed his point, a because "Hard Country" is a nothing film about a bunch of losers, even more so than "Urban Cowboy."

And the losers are not confined to their roles. The film stars such notable losers as Jan Michael Vincent (of Disney and blue jean advertisement fame), Kim Basinger (of Body on Tap commercials), Ted Neely (of "Jesus Christ Superstar" fame—or infamy), and Michael Parks ("Then Came Bronson") and Galard Sartain ("Hee Haw"). Need I continue?

The plot (if it can be called that) centers around the dead-end jobs our stars have and their honky-tonk nights. But ah, Basinger's character is going to get out of Texas, go to California and become an airline stewardess, leaving her boyfriend Kyle (Vincent) behind.

And in between we are treated to a series of funny vignettes showing how much hell a bunch of Texas boys can raise when they get drunk. This is really some movie.

NOT ONLY is Murphey's and co-author Michael Kane's story horrible, but the direction is horrible and the photography abominable. The characters have absolutely no depth, and if they had, no one in this cast could have conveyed it. No wonder Basinger's character wanted to get out of this mess and go to California.

If you like Michael Murphey there may be some redemption to the film, for he is featured as the singer in the Stallion Club. And he does get the chance to perform some of his classics. But then again, he wrote the story, so he should be able to do what he wants.

Two characters do stand out, however. Michael Parks is funny as Kyle's mobile home tycoon brother. Stereotyped nonetheless, he is as crass and sickening a character as I have ever seen. I only hope the character was intended to be

that way.

And Basinger's mother is funny as a Bible-thumping country woman whose biggest preoccupation is whether or not everyone has a close personal relationship with Jesus.

"**URBAN COWBOY**" was a stupid movie about stupid people; "Hard Country" is a moronic movie about retarded people. And I hope all the hyping and plugging Michael Murphey did this past weekend while in Nashville will not persuade anyone to see the film.

Perhaps in the future Murphy will get the chance to write another film. Because the original idea, as he tells it, is potentially very good. But what resulted in "Hard Country" is very bad.

Sorry Michael, I've seen this movie before.

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'Final Conflict': very bad 'Omen'

By DEBORAH DIGGONS
Staff Writer

According to producer Harvey Bernhard, "The Final Conflict," the last chapter of the "Omen" trilogy, is an interpretation of Revelations, the last chapter of the New Testament. Unfortunately, the premise is infinitely more fascinating than the film.

Although screenplay/fright writer Andrew Birkin has been described by Bernhard as having "one of the most evil minds in history," Omen I and II audiences are in for a disappointment.

THERE ARE difficulties with editing and continuity. The matured character of Damien the Antichrist is less frightening than Damien the child and Damien the adolescent. This is not so much the fault of actor Sam Neill, (last seen in "My Brilliant Career"), as it is the less than devilish lines eked out by Birkin.

Damien Thorn reappears as the 32-year-old head of the world's largest and most powerful corporation.

Realizing that the Second Coming of Christ is at hand and his power will wane, the Antichrist wrestles with and overcomes the mind of the president of the United States and gets himself appointed ambassador to the Court of St. James in order to move to England, where the Nazarene will be born again.

Once in England, he sets about foiling the Second Coming by having his disciples kill all male children born on a certain day, the date ascertained by computer scientists and astronomers as the day the Christ returns.

HERE IS where the story becomes too oblique. If the Antichrist is so powerful and all-knowing, why does he not know that the Nazarene returns as a man, not a child? This is prophesied in the Bible, which Damien often quotes and knows well.

Thus, the perfection of evil assumed to be inherent in the Antichrist is questionable.

Overlooking this discrepancy, we move disjointedly, as the film does, to Birkin's creation—a "hit squad" of seven monks who are back at a monastery in Italy plotting to assassinate Damien with the sacred Meggido daggers, the only weapons on earth which can destroy the Antichrist.

BACK IN London, Kate Reynolds (Lisa Harrow), a television journalist, becomes romantically interested in Damien. We learn that the Antichrist likes his sex rough, which is believable.

What is unbelievable is that Kate doesn't call a cop or even a cab after her devilish tryst.

She becomes convinced of Damien's true identity only after Father DeCarlo (Rossano Brazzi), the only survivor of the monks, forces her to see the sinister spell Damien has cast on her young son, Peter (Barnaby Raim).

THE SCENE in which Damien's aide has his eye put out with a hot iron and the scorching death of the aide's infant son is young Holm's contribution.

Birkin claims that whenever he was at a loss for a particularly

gory scene, he asked the children on the set for ideas.

The fox hunt at Cornwall features some elegant cinematography, and the blood-annoying scene is one of the best in the film.

THE END is really the end this time, and that eventuality tends to negate any suspense that could have been written into the script.

True to the book of Revelations, the good guys win—only this time it takes a woman to defeat the devil. An interesting parallel with the theory of original sin, but it somehow lacks the flavor of Biblical mystique.

The ludicrousness of the special effects really overwhelms the audience. One can almost hear the creaking groan of the

uplifted arms on a mechanical Jesus as the taller-than-life Messiah signals the beginning of paradise on Earth. Sadly, this was an inappropriate time for a chuckle.

THE OVERALL result is a few unsettling shocks, some stunning visuals and little else.

Still, "The Final Conflict" should do well at the box office because, as the astute Kate remarks to Damien, although "(we) might aspire after good, (we) are more fascinated with evil."

"The Final Conflict" is currently showing at the Cinema One in Murfreesboro and at the Martin, Bellevue, Belcourt and Rivergate theatres in Nashville.

New Mac Davis film really quite facetious

By JANENE GUPTON
Feature Writer

Hilarious comedies are back, and leading the way is "Cheaper to Keep Her," starring Mac Davis and Tovah Feldshuh.

The theme is classic: love at first sight, but neither party realizes it because they despise each other so much.

Playing the lonely, unfortunate Billy Dekker, recently divorced from his wife and Camaro and left jobless with a small orange and green beat-up stickshift, Davis is cute—in fact, huggable—as he wanders around with sad puppy-dog eyes.

DEKKER'S first move after the divorce is to find a new place to live. Where else should it be but The Bird of Paradise retirement home? Humorous, no. A handsome stud in an old folks' home? The thing that makes it even "funnier" is that the "old folks" are better off than Dekker.

His second move is to find a job. Accompanied by his sidekick, Tony Terreno (Art Metrano), Dekker applies as a private investigator for attorney K.D. Locke (Feldshuh). Reluctant to see him at first, Locke finally agrees to hire him. (We'd be without a plot if she didn't).

His mission is to track down 10 men who are "doing their wives dirty" and to provide evidence which will hold up in court. It seems that Locke is a divorce lawyer who specializes in helping underprivileged women.

THUS, THE beginning of the "hate-love affair" between Locke and Dekker.

The characters we are dealing with are (1) the ultra sophisticated, feminist lawyer and (2) the macho, chauvinist private investigator.

Is it no wonder that the two don't get along at first? In fact, Dekker quickly labels Locke "a computer, a human Telex, a Xerox machine."

FELDSHUH does a superb job in portraying this character. From her performance in "Holocaust," it was apparent that she could handle heavy

characters, but even when Locke lets her other side out, Feldshuh's performance holds up.

Though she is on screen very seldom compared to Davis, Feldshuh succeeds in bringing out the depth of Locke's character that could so easily have been missed.

The movie spends little time on the whole romance between Dekker and Locke.

Instead of drawing out love scenes, we get vignettes which charter the growing fondness Dekker and Locke have for each other. It is not until the end the romance fully erupts.

The movie does, however, concentrate on Dekker's private-eye exploits. There are two men whose cases defy immediate solutions. The first is Stanley Brecken (Jack Gilford), a bookie, and the second is Dr. Sunshine (Ian McShane), a sex therapist.

Dekker's reckless, maniacal driving is reminiscent of the old Keystone Cops' movies. It's just downright funny watching him operate.

IT'S ALSO funny listening to him talk. In one scene he gives a new twist to the old Jack Benny joke, "Your money or your life." When confronted with this statement, Dekker quickly replies, "I give up. Which do you want?"

Not only does "Cheaper to Keep Her" employ the old standard comedy devices, it also employs some old standard comedians—Rose Marie and Jack Gilford—not to mention two. There are others who could be mentioned, but it is unlikely that they would be recognized by their names, only by their more than familiar faces.

Although the dialogue is sometimes reduced to nothing more than juvenile sex jokes, most of the humor is first rate.

Mac Davis and Tovah Feldshuh are outrageously hilarious in every facet of the film, and although Davis sang two songs as background, Dekker sang none. It's so nice when movies aren't just ploys to give singers outlets for their musical talents.

Students set to perform Debussy 'nature' works

By JANENE GUPTON
Staff Writer

Students of MTSU's Music Department will present a piano recital of works by Claude Debussy tomorrow at 8:00 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

The program of 24 preludes is divided into two books. Book one, written in 1910, contains numerous pieces inspired by the wind. Among them are "Wind in the Plain," which utilizes the pentatonic scale in the outer sections and the whole-tone scale in the mid-section.

Along the same line is "What the West Wind Saw"; the west wind, to Debussy, is fearsome as it lashes the coasts and plays havoc with human lives.

PERFORMING this book will be Shea Watson, Annette Preston, Alan Tuttle, Brenda

Schoenly and Dorothy Mahaffy.

Book two, written in 1913, contains pieces more diverse in inspiration, but many of which were also inspired by nature.

Painting a portrait through music is "Fog," which captures the image of a child watching the soft misty shrouds through a window. Though it has an essence of fragility about it, the piece also shrouds the possibilities of lurking dangers.

ENDING THE evening's concert will be "Fire Works." This piece echoes the end of a Bastille Day Celebration with its red fire, pin wheels, rockets, and Roman candles.

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Raiders split twin bill with Tech

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sports Writer

A couple of years ago Tennessee Tech stopped giving athletic scholarships to athletes involved in spring sports in-

cluding baseball, track, ect.

The Golden Eagles became somewhat of a laughing stock bringing in a bunch of walk-ons to battle highly recruited, top-notch athletes.

Saturday on Blue Raider field, Tech's Eagles served notice that they wouldn't be a doormat anymore and earned a doubleheader split with MTSU winning 5-4 in game one before

getting bombed 10-0 in game two.

"No it wasn't a surprise that Tech was so good," Raider skipper John Stanford said, "we knew they had added some

quality people and we didn't take them lightly."

The Tech twinbill opened the Ohio Valley Conference portion of the MTSU 1981 schedule and was a division matchup. MTSU was placed in the Southern Division of the OVC this year along with Austin Peay, Murray State and Tech.

MIDDLE was within two outs of a win in game one of the doubleheader, leading 3-1 before TTU exploded for four runs to claim their first conference win of the year.

The Raiders were in control from the first inning when they picked up a run on a walk, sacrifice and fielders choice. First baseman Joe Petrie gave MTSU a 3-0 lead when he deposited a 2-1 pitch deep beyond the right field fence.

Tech picked up a run in the fourth before adding four more in the seventh. MTSU came up short in the bottom of the seventh picking up only one run.

"We haven't been playing well in the late innings all year long plus we haven't found that big stopper yet," Stanford said. "We're still second guessing

ourselves about staying with our starter in the seventh but he had a one-hitter going into the seventh. We used a reliever against David Lipscomb and again against Vandy and lost both times so you never can tell."

Sophomore Mark Novak got the win in game two with MTSU rattling the fences en route to a 10-run performance.

"Guess you could say we really broke loose in the second game, pitching, defense and offense all seemed to come together," Stanford added. "You always hate to lose at home, but I was glad we could come back and win the nightcap."

THE BLUE RAIDERS will be back in action tonight hosting the University of Alabama's Crimson Tide in the second night game of the season.

Following the 'Bama game will be a twinbill with Murray on Thursday at Raider field followed by a trip to Clarksville to take on Austin Peay in another doubleheader.

Gametime for tonight's contest is 7 p.m.



Photo by Gene Braham

An MTSU Blue Raider tries to beat the throw to first base in Saturday's double header against Tennessee Tech. MTSU lost the

first game 5-4 but came back to win the second 10-0. The Blue Raiders' next game is tonight at 7:00 against Alabama.

Lady netters lose three matches; injuries plague three players

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sports Writer

When women's tennis coach Sandy Neal hits the recruiting trail this year don't be surprised if she goes looking for a player named Florence Nightingale or Clara Barton.

Not only will she need a couple of new players, she'll also need a couple of resident nurses to take care of all the others who fall prey to the Lady Raider injury jinx which has struck like a plague this season.

First, a round of the flu caused Neal to cancel many of the teams matches back in the fall which added to the spring schedule. Then Tarja Ojala, one of the top players on this year's team, was in an automobile wreck which held her out for several weeks with a couple of broken bones.

OJALA finally made it back into playing shape, but a severely strained back muscle picked up in a match with Roane State recently could have cut her season short. She missed all of the teams matches this weekend and according to Neal is doubtful for the remainder of the year.

"I talked to 'T' today and she was supposed to go back to the doctor, but her back was so sore that she couldn't even get out of

bed," Neal said. "I really don't think she'll be back this season, but I'm still hoping."

Carolyn Newgreen joined the ranks of the walking wounded last week when she pulled a ligament in her foot, which runs from the toes to the heel. Doctors have recommended that she stay out for a week.

THE FINAL fatality is number one singles player Leigh Morel who played Sunday's match against the University of Kentucky with a 101 temperature. The symptoms worsened yesterday, so she was forced to stay in the bed.

"I hated to call Sandy this morning to tell her that my temperature was up to 102 and that I felt worse," Morel said. "I think I'm more exhausted than anything else. We've really been traveling a lot this semester and I've got 19 hours this time in school, so I've been kind of busy."

These developments have forced Neal to cancel tomorrow's match with Vanderbilt and Thursday's match with Austin Peay scheduled for Clarksville because she would only have three of her top six players.

"To say the least, it's been rather frustrating," Neal understated. "We've got real good talent, but the only time everybody has been well for a while was down in Florida. We're past the point of looking to win the day to day matches. We're just looking to get everybody well for the OVC tournament on April 17."

"Sandy is taking all of this amazing well," Morel said. "It would be easy to get down and talk about all of the bad things but she keeps reminding us that we can still win the OVC, and I guess that's the important thing."

THE LADY RAIDERS lost three matches this weekend on their home courts in some of the windiest weather of the season.

UT-Chattanooga downed MTSU, 6-3, on Saturday morning before South Alabama pinned loss number two on the Lady Raiders by another 6-3 score. The third loss came on Sunday morning to the University of Kentucky, 5-4.

"We're doing alright considering our minor problems," Neal laughed. "We'll just hope we can pull things together for the OVC tournament."

MTSU wins 'windy' meet

By STEVE PRICE
Sports Writer

In the face of high winds and threatening skies, Middle Tennessee tallied seven firsts and seven seconds to win Saturday's outdoor track meet at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium.

"I was really happy we didn't drown," MTSU coach Dean Hayes remarked.

The size of the meet, only three teams, also affected Middle Tennessee's overall performance.

"We're basically built on quality people," Hayes commented. "The more teams in the meet the better you are because it makes events more competitive, and no one dominates and gets easy points."

THE RAIDERS scored 71.5 points to outdistance Purdue's 69 points and Ball State with 40.5

Two of the Raiders qualified for the NCAA Championships while on their way to victories.

Barry Gambrell qualified in the 200-meter dash with a 20.72 time and Andre "Pip" Kirnes in the 100-meter dash with a 10.39.

Jim Fitch rebounded from a hamstring pull, which had sidelined him since the OVC Indoor Championships, to take the shot put competition with a throw of 52-10, Fitch's second longest throw ever.

"It gets him (Fitch) back on the ball," Hayes added. "He's really been down because he's been hurt. It helped his mental attitude."

Greg Artis took the long and triple jumps in routine fashion with jumps of 25-4 and 48-11, and John Davis captured the 800-meter run with his time of 1:53.

MTSU's 440-yard relay squad rounded out Middle's first place performances when Gambrell, Kirnes, and Artis joined Kenny Shannon for a time of 41.5.

SECONDS include Miguel Williams with a 14.12 in the 110-meter high-hurdles, Pete Williams in the 400-meter hurdles with a 53.9, and Orestes Meeks with a 47-7 triple jump.

Other seconds were Kirnes; 24-6 in the long jump, Gambrell; 10.43 in the 100-meter dash, and Artis; 20.7 in the 200-

meter dash.

The mile relay team of Richard Smith, Ernest Lawrence, Williams, and Davis ran a 3:20.9 to complete Middle Tennessee's second place finishers.

Hayes said that Artis, Gambrell and Kirnes all had a great day.

"We've got guys we can put in a lot of events (Artis and Kirnes in five events each and Gambrell in four), Hayes continued, "and it really makes a difference, especially when they're quality people like those three are."

MTSU's next encounter is scheduled for this weekend in Knoxville for the Dogwood Relays.

"It's probably the biggest college meet in the Southeast this spring with about 1,000 athletes and 75 teams represented," Hayes said.

The meet will not be team-scored so Hayes plans to look for some quality performances, particularly in the 400 and mile relays.

Raider netters optimistic

By CAROL A. STUART
Sports Writer

By the time the Blue Raider netters grow their gray beards, MTSU tennis will probably have reached the realms of Wimbledon glory.

You see, coach Dick LaLance's team is one of the future. The freshman and sophomore-dominated unit—although its 5-8 record may not reflect it—is rapidly improving into a team of championship caliber.

YESTERDAY, the Blue Raiders fell victim to defending Southern Conference champion UT-Chattanooga 6-3. But that same team had blitzed Middle Tennessee earlier in the year 9-0.

"The Southern Conference is a major tennis conference," LaLance said. "In last year's championships, they [UTC] won five out of six singles, and they've got everyone back."

The Blue Raiders went into the doubles competition yesterday behind the visiting Moccasins 4-2. MTSU's Graeme Harris had downed a formidable foe in Phillip Tuckniss at the number two singles 7-6, 6-4, and freshman Jimmy Earle, Jr., won at the No. 6 spot in three sets 7-6, 2-6, 6-2.

"The two guys who won their singles played exceptionally well," LaLance said. "Jimmy is emerging as one of the top freshmen I've ever had. Against an extremely tough schedule, he's gone 10-3 so far."

MARK TULLOCH, at the number one singles, gave UTC's George Jarck a good match, but dropped the decision 6-4, 6-4. The No. 5 player for Middle, Randy Schubert, split the first two sets, only to lose 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

"We had a chance to beat them at two positions," LaLance said. "We had the chance to win sets which would have been an opportunity to beat the other guys."

"Our age is something we've been battling all year. We're playing with mostly freshmen and sophomores, and when you're playing with these seasoned teams, it's hard to beat them."

Middle Tennessee was forced into a compromising situation in the doubles matches, knowing they would have to sweep the action to win as a team. UT-Chattanooga apparently doesn't believe in compromises.

HARRIS and Tulloch, however, pulled off an outstanding victory at the No. 1 doubles spot, defeating Jarck-Tuckniss 6-2, 6-3.

"They played superbly," the MTSU coach said. "If they can play like they played today, there's no question they can win the OVC championship, and they're both sophomores."

UTC's Scott Zaccaria and David Breittcopp downed Bates Wilson and Danny Wallace 6-2, 6-3, at the No. 2 doubles. In the No. 3 position, Billy Dean and Stewart Lawwill combined to beat Schubert and David Nickels 7-5, 6-2.

The Blue Raiders proved they could win in conference play Friday when they edged by OVC foe Eastern Kentucky 5-4. The other two matches with Tennessee Tech and Western Kentucky, also scheduled for the weekend slate in Bowling Green, Ky., were rained out.

Tulloch, Harris and Earle won in the singles competition, while the former two combined for another No. 1 doubles victory. Schubert-Nickels added another score for MTSU by downing Eastern's No. 3 team of Chuck Gibson and John Rowlett 6-1, 6-4.

"My goal is to get the guys improved for next year," LaLance said. "It's no secret this is a rebuilding year for us."

"We could schedule enough weaker teams to have a 20-6 record this year," LaLance said. "But playing these kinds of teams, these kinds of matches, has to bring us on as long as we don't let the morale get out of hand."

The Blue Raiders will have a sort of a breather from the tough competition today when they host Maryville College at 2:30 p.m. On Thursday they continue with OVC action as they travel to Cookeville to face Tech.



Photo by Greg Campbell

MTSU's track team tallied 71.5 points to capture first place in Saturday's triangular meet with Purdue and Ball State.

Meet halted; 'relay' successful

By STEVE PRICE
Sports Writer

The MTSU lady trackster 440-relay squad managed a second place finish before torrential rain halted Saturday's Cardinal Relays in Louisville.

Michelle Scott, Garnette Phillips, Marcia Hill, and Donna Sims ran the event in 49.6 until the rains came about 15 minutes into the meet, according to women's track coach Mike Rasper.

The weekend was not a total loss for Rasper however, because Sunday he came back to direct the first annual Raider Relay.

A total of 77 teams were entered, and \$540 was raised for the MTSU women's track fund.

Over 100 trophies were awarded, and some 40 merchandise prizes were given away, ranging from running shoes to magazine subscriptions.

THE EVENT will become an annual affair with other fund raisers being a possibility in the future according to Rasper.

"It was a lot of work, but it didn't seem like a lot," Rasper continued, "because it's a challenge to get everything to come out right and work with a lot of good people."

John Young and Jeff Kilmer, in the men's 14-19 age division, ran the fastest overall time of the race with a 32:53.

Here are the top finishers in the other categories:

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Eric Lynch and Wendell
Lynch
HUSBAND-WIFE
Helen Reed and H.B. Reed
FATHER-DAUGHTER
Robin Hines and Phyllis Hines

MALE 50-59
John Carlton and Guy Penny
13 AND UNDER
Bobby Hines and Michael
Waterman
MOTHER-DAUGHTER
Connie Overkleeft and
Belinda Overkleeft
WOMEN 20-29
Amy Lynch and Carol Preston
WOMEN 30-39
Gail Hines and Sara
Waterman
MEN 20-29
Gary Sawsiveri and Gary
Perry
MEN 30-39
Ron Messier and Skid
Williams
MEN 40-49
Bob Alt and Bubba Logan

Sports Stuff

by Bob Gary

The weekend after Thanksgiving of this year will see the birth of something unique in Middle Tennessee sports—the first annual Tennessee Classic basketball tournament.

The tournament will involve Middle Tennessee State, Tennessee State, Austin Peay and UT-Chattanooga. The site will be rotated among those schools on a yearly basis, according to Blue Raider head coach Stan Simpson.

"We're going to start in Nashville at TSU next year," Simpson said from his home yesterday. "Then the tournament will come here (MTSU) in 1982, it'll go to Clarksville in '83, and then to Chattanooga."

According to Simpson the idea was first brought up by UTC head coach Murray Arnold during the state high school basketball tournament at MTSU Center.

"During the TSSAA tournament, Coach Arnold kind of initiated the conversation," Simpson said, "and before long, he and I were talking it over with Ed Martin up at TSU."

THERE WAS some question as to how to fill the final spot in the proposed four-team format. One idea was to have UTC, MTSU, and TSU invite a different state team each year to round out the field. Also, contact was made with Tennessee Tech to test their interest in the proposal.

Tech, however, had a commitment in their schedule on the proposed tournament date, which precluded their selection. So, the decision was made to include Austin Peay.

"We (Simpson, Martin, Arnold, and Peay coach Ron Bargatze) all got together and talked about it, and had a meeting here in Murfreesboro last week to finalize things. All it requires now is final approval from each school's administration," Simpson said.

SIMPSON says that there were two main considerations in getting this type of tournament together.

"First, there's the money. This tournament has the potential to be a pretty good money-maker. And, add to that the money you save by not going far away somewhere, and you can come out pretty well ahead," Simpson said.

"There's also the interest factor," the Blue Raider coach continued. "This is one of the few tournaments that brings together four really intense rivals. All of these teams have rivalries with each other, and it should stir a lot of early-season interest to bring them together for a tournament."

As well as the sites, the administration of the tournament will rotate yearly, with the sports information directors of the various schools joining with members of the media in promoting the Classic at the different cities.

"We've been in contact with some people in the governor's office about their possible involvement," Simpson said. "The idea is that along with the all-tournament team, most valuable player award, and the other awards given in an invitational tournament, the governor or a representative of his office would give the winning team a rotating 'governor's cup' that the team would keep for a year and bring back to the next tournament."

While the tournament is taking some time and effort of the coaching staff, recruiting is in full swing. According to an informed source inside the athletic department, we can look for the Blue Raiders to sign Dewayne Dorsey, a 6 foot 4 wingman from Atlanta, on Wednesday evening at his home. Dorsey has previously attended Gainsville (Ga.) Junior College.

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