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Photo by Phil Williams

Marvis Sweatt, 28, of Lebanon, testifies in a hearing Thursday during which he pled guilty to the aggravated rape and sexual battery of two MTSU coeds Dec. 19. An accomplice, David Shannon, 22, is set for trial Aug. 24. At right is the court officer, John Shacklett.

Rapist pleads guilty to charges

By DOUG MARKHAM
Staff Writer

One of two Lebanon men charged with raping two MTSU coeds Dec. 19 was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment Thursday after pleading guilty to aggravated rape and sexual battery.

Marvis Sweatt, 28, waived all rights to a trial by jury and was sentenced to serve his term in Tennessee's state penitentiary for the on-campus rape of a 20-year-old coed.

"CONSIDERING all the facts of the case," Sweatt's court-appointed attorney John Pittard said after the hearing, "the sentence he pleaded guilty to is fair to him, fair to the victims and fair to society."

Under an arrangement between prosecution and the defendant, Judge Whitney Stegall ruled that a second charge of aggravated rape be changed to sexual battery and sentenced Sweatt to five additional years, to be served concurrently with the rape conviction.

A third indictment of aggravated kidnapping was dropped.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY Guy Dotson said in court that the two women were satisfied with Sweatt's plea, and that one of the victims said she was not raped by Sweatt.

Dotson contended, however, that Sweatt was guilty of sexual battery because he acted as a

lookout for 22-year-old David Shannon, facing charges in the same incidents.

Prior to Sweatt's guilty plea, Sweatt and Shannon were granted separate trial dates.

SWEATT'S litigation was to have begun today.

Shannon is set for trial Aug. 24 on two counts of aggravated rape and one count of aggravated assault.

In statements taken by Murfreesboro police in December and entered into evidence Thursday, Sweatt denied raping the second victim, 23, outside the Murfreesboro Little Theatre.

"I THINK that woman will tell you that there wasn't but one of the guys that was there that touched her, and I think she'll tell you too, [that I] tried to get [the other man] off and that was the best I could do," Sweatt said in the signed statement.

Sweatt also told police that both men were drunk at the time of the rapes. He added that he and Shannon would have probably been arrested at the site of the second incident if he had not been intoxicated.

"[Be]cause we would have been fighting," Sweatt explained, "[be]cause I don't like...for no man to take advantage of a woman like that."

SWEATT WAS ARRESTED Dec. 20 in Murfreesboro, while Shannon was apprehended in Gallatin Jan. 7.

Pittard said his client avoided the possibility of a life sentence by waiving the trial and pleading guilty.

"The 30-year sentence favored [Sweatt]," Pittard said. "I don't

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Bush visits area tonight to back Beard campaign

By GREG TUTER
Staff Writer

Vice President George Bush will visit Rutherford County tonight to assist Congressman Robin Beard's attempt to unseat Democratic Senator Jim Sasser.

Bush, who is expected to arrive at Smyrna airport aboard Air Force Two at 6:45 p.m., will attend a \$250-a-person picnic given by Beard's election committee.

AFTER THE picnic, Bush will then attend a \$250-a-person reception being held at the Jere Benefield home in Murfreesboro.

Beard's election committee does not expect to realize a monetary profit from either event, but publicity resulting from the visit should more than compensate for the expense, according to a committee member.

Bush will speak to those in attendance after a few "brief remarks" from Beard, a spokesman said.

ALTHOUGH details of the vice president's speech were not available at press time, it will basically be a "general update" of the administration's activities on the economy, national defense and foreign and domestic policy, according to



Vice President George Bush, shown in a visit last summer to Paris, will visit Smyrna and Murfreesboro tonight to add prestige to Congressman Robin Beard's campaign for U.S. Senate.

Alex Read, a member of the Vice Presidential Press Office.

Security arrangements for Bush's arrival began last week, and every possible precaution has been taken to assure his safety.

Secret Service agents declined

to give out any information which could hamper security.

SOME PRECAUTIONS include a pre-arrival check of the grounds with dogs, and background checks on all volunteers, according to a volunteer worker for the event.

Fall applications jump 9.2 percent; dorms tight

By MIKE CROWDER
Staff Writer

Freshman applications for admission to MTSU for the fall semester are up 9.2 percent over last year, the director of admissions announced last week.

As a result, student affairs officials say there is little housing left for women, while men's applications are being added to an overflow list.

THE TOTAL NUMBER of freshman applications filed for next fall—as of July 1—is 2,986, compared to 2,738 filed on the same date last year for fall 1981, according to W. Wes Williams, director of admissions.

Williams attributes the increase in freshman applications to a "caring" faculty, quality academic programs and a "concerted effort to personalize our admissions procedure."

Admissions personnel, along with trained student volunteers, have prepared the admissions procedure through a newsletter series, the recent "Sneak-A-Peak" week and telephone calls to prospective freshmen, according to Williams.

"IN THE PAST we've had 59 percent of the [freshman] applicants actually show up," Williams said. "We want to increase that figure."

"The real truth of the test comes on registration day when we see how many of these people [freshman applicants] actually matriculate," he added.

In housing, as of Friday, there were 108 spaces available for females, while males were experiencing an overflow of 122, according to Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs.

LaLANCE INDICATED the figures cited above are constantly changing because the

housing office receives 15-20 applications per week.

However, LaLance added that he is expecting some no-shows.

"Our best estimate is maybe up to 5 percent of our folks that we have prepaid contracts on [for housing] will not show up," LaLance said.

Last year the rate of no-shows was 12-13 percent.

THE OVERFLOW problem for males will be dealt with by

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MTSU draws tourist dollars for Rutherford

By NITA COOK
Staff Writer

MTSU and its facilities provide a magnet for drawing tourists and rank Rutherford County ninth in the state in tourist-related industry, a Chamber of Commerce officer said Monday.

The annual TSSAA State Tournament is "one of the major tourist attractions in Rutherford County," according to Helene Colvin, vice president of the Murfreesboro and Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

IN ADDITION, the MTSU athletic department also sponsors many events, including regular games and tournaments, which bring people into the county from out-of-town.

The recent addition of the livestock pavilion also increases MTSU's drawing power, allowing MTSU to sponsor major livestock shows and events which attract people from all over the state and out-of-state as well, Colvin said.

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Trio named to administrative posts

The personnel director of the Smyrna-based Capitol Air Inc., has been named director of personnel at MTSU, effective Aug. 2, replacing Robert Arnette, whose resignation became effective June 25.

Linda Mason, whose job at Capitol Air involved personnel administration for over 1,850 workers, was chosen from 25 applicants, according to William Greene, vice president of business and finance.

IN OTHER appointments, Greene announced that, effective July 1, budget director Jerry Tunstall had been named assistant vice president, while part-time employee Tom Burks had been hired as the full-time financial analyst.

"We had some good applicants," Greene said Friday of the personnel job. "I required a

great deal of thought in making the selection.

"She will bring to the university some skills and background that will be beneficial in carrying out the personnel function."

MASON, 35, holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va.

She is a member of the Interchange City Industrial Managers Association and Zeta Beta Chi, a national business and professional women's sorority.

In addition to her position at Capitol, Mason served from May 1979 to July 1980 as employment specialist at the Murfreesboro-based Chromalox Division of Emerson Electric Co.

SHE WAS ALSO personnel director for Maledosop Inc. of Atlanta from July 1978 to May 1979.

Tunstall, who received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from MTSU, succeeded Greene as budget director in April 1981, after working several years as chief accountant.

Burks, 35, of Murfreesboro, graduated here in May with a master's in business administration.

Student loans dip 35 percent across nation

The number of Guaranteed Student Loans for the first three months of 1982 is down 35 percent, according to figures released last week by the Department of Education.

Education officials are uncertain, however, if the drop will be representative of the entire year, according to an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. One-half of all student loans are made in July, August and September.

Officials offered several explanations for the decline.

- New rules governing the program led many to believe they were ineligible for the program.

- Many states may have postponed processing of applications because of a delay in the issuance of guidelines.

Although the number of loans dropped, the amount loaned declined only by 9 percent.

Officials said students are taking out larger loans this year.

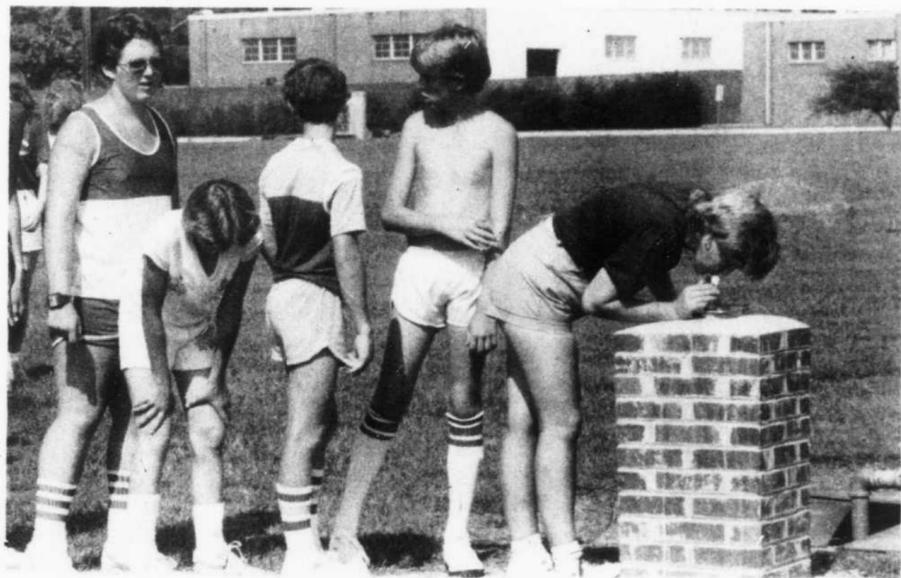


Photo by Lesley Collins

Hurry up!

Members of the Page High School Band, of Franklin, line up for a cool, refreshing drink of water, after a long marching rehearsal. The band is participating in a band camp being held on campus this week.

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Sex discrimination often ignored

By DR. JUNE ANDERSON
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(Women In Service to Education)

Sexual harassment has surfaced as a sex-discrimination issue only recently, although it is a problem women have always faced.

National consciousness concerning the issue has been focused through a rapid succession of books, pamphlets, network television shows, etc.

THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT Opportunity Commission has contributed to this burgeoning awareness by publication of official guidelines to let both employers and employees know that sexual harassment is illegal under a federal law.

But what about sexual harassment of students?

A woman's group, The National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs, commissioned a legal review of Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendment.

THEIR STUDY, published in 1978, concluded that sexual harassment of students was prohibited by Title IX, violation of which could cause the loss of financial assistance.

The Project on Equal Education Rights (PEER) published a 1977-78 report *Stalled at the Start*, which revealed that HEW, now the Education Department, had investigated and resolved only 7 percent of the complaints received in the first four years of Title IX's existence.

More than one-third of the cases filed in 1973 were still unresolved in 1976.

THIS REPORT found that in 76 percent of the cases in which HEW did make a finding, the investigator never left the office. An exchange with school officials was, in most cases, the entire investigation. This method of checking is likely to

miss all but the obvious problems

But even this poor record has brought about positive gains in enrollment of women through more equal admission into institutions, programs and curricula.

Title IX also covers extracurricular activities, and some positive changes have occurred in this area.

ATHLETICS IS FAR from

higher would not have to comply with Title IX.

ON A HAPPIER NOTE, in a May 17 ruling the Supreme Court decided that Title IX bars sex discrimination against employees, as well as students, in federally assisted education programs and activities.

This ruling is considered a victory by human rights advocates, but other controversies regarding Title IX are still unanswered.

Perhaps the saddest of all is that educational institutions continue to abdicate their responsibility to the student when sex harassment is reported.

MANY institutions, including our own, have issued a statement of policy prohibiting sexual harassment. They range from innocuous to strong.

But regardless of the statement or its strength, when facing an actual case many institutions usually fail to deal with the perpetrator, claiming anything from lack of proof to disbelief.

One cannot help but think the bad record of the federal government feeds their complacency.

I AM CONVINCED that there will be no help from the present federal administration for any protected groups—women, minorities, aged or Third World.

The present state of affairs may necessitate that the student carry a tape recorder as well as a calculator, pen or notebook to class so that "proof" can be attained.

How much better it would be for the institution to sponsor activities that would insure the faculty's awareness of the problem.

Institutions should feel obligated to deal with those who choose to continue the age-old practice.

Faculty Perspective

the sole focus for Title IX, but it is the area with the most visible and dramatic changes.

The vast difference between the budgets for women and men's university athletic programs is shrinking. Athletic scholarships are helping women, as well as men, to obtain a college education. These improved facilities and programs for women have not diminished opportunities for men.

As slow and ineffective as the government has been in dealing with Title IX complaints, the law has still threatened some of the present administration.

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SENATOR Orrin Hatch has introduced legislation that would greatly weaken Title IX.

There is a move to declare that federal financial aid programs to students do not constitute federal assistance to colleges and universities.

If this effort should succeed, many of the institutions of

Good grades necessary

Recent attention has been paid in *Sidelines* to the fact that the freshman grade-point average dipped to 1.78 during the spring semester.

This statistic, while alarming, is also disheartening in view of the present economic times—when people are clamoring about the waste of government monies.

IN APRIL, for example, the General Accounting Office reported that about one-fifth of students receiving federal financial aid had GPAs below 2.0.

This is cause for concern because the government, like any good business, has the right to demand that its investments

pay the intended benefits.

Each year, the government provides millions of dollars to help lower- and middle-income students to receive an education.

IN THIS TIME of slashed federal budgets, however, it would be easy for legislators to look at this statistic and cut financial aid because such grants are not producing the educated adults that they should.

Students should realize that the government has every right to demand that those receiving federal aid perform the very best they can.

Fair is fair!

Reject budget proposal

No one has ever questioned Ronald Reagan's ability as a master of public relations.

In fact, Congress is now considering action which appears to be nothing more than a shrewd publicity stunt.

THE PROPOSAL to add an amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced federal budget seems to be just that—a feeble attempt to divert public attention from the country's worsening economic condition.

Consider the history of the bill.

For example, Reagan went on nationwide radio and television to call for the amendment the day after the collapse of bipartisan negotiations over his 1983 budget.

THE MOVE, in the words of Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., was like Argentina "invading the Falklands to take everyone's mind off what's going on back home."

Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker has also warned that the amendment "could be viewed as a substitute vote for doing something about the budget here and now."

As further proof of the intentions of the proposal, take a look at the record of the one who proposed the bill.

REAGAN has proposed in his 1983 budget a deficit in excess of \$100 billion.

This is the same president who may have tried to improve the public relations problem of his economic package by falsifying projections, according to a high Gannett News Service article.

Regardless of the intention, the balanced-budget amendment is totally unnecessary.

ALTHOUGH our country cannot tolerate the enormous budget deficits which we have seen since the Lyndon Johnson administration, what is needed is not a constitutional amendment, but a new attitude from within members of Congress.

If our representatives can unite on an amendment to the Constitution, why can't they simply change the way that they can't go about the budgetary process.

On the other hand, even Volcker, a staunch critic of deficit spending, agrees that budgetary balance is not always appropriate.

As a result, the amendment proposal should be recognized for what it actually is—a well-timed public relations stunt—and should be rejected.

Bizarro Planet scary

In a skit on a rerun of "Saturday Night Live!" last week, the improvisational actors examined the possibility of living in a country that has less common sense than we. Their effort is indeed worth recounting.

Set on a fictional counterpart of Earth, the satirical skit told the story of the Bizarro Planet—a reflection of our world—which is cube-shaped instead of fashioned like a ball.

DURING THE VISIT to this nonsensical planet, we drop by the Black House, the seat of government for one of the Bizarro Planet's most powerful countries, where coincidentally the president's name is Ronald Reagan.

In this world where fire is used to wipe up spilled water, we find the president returning from his home in California. He has been vacationing because all of the work has been in Washington.

While a crisis is occurring in this

bizarre world, for example, the president sleeps.

LIKEWISE, the president's choice of cabinet officers is equally ridiculous: a secretary of interior who likes strip mining, a secretary of education who wants to dismantle the department and a head of the country's environmental protection agency who is content to let industries pollute the planet.

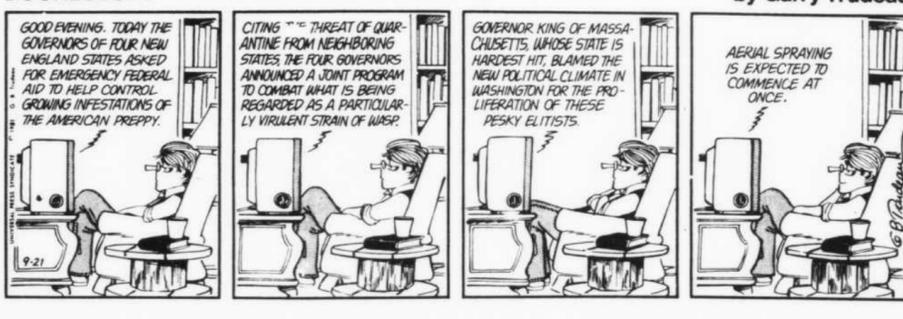
In the president's personal beliefs, he supports the right-to-life movement—and the death penalty.

Carrying the idea a bit further, we could imagine a country that wants to build more and more weapons "to insure peace."

ALTHOUGH this skit was, of course, simply an exercise in "make-believe," it was almost frightening.

Perhaps, we should be thankful we don't live in a world as ludicrous as the Bizarro Planet.

by Garry Trudeau



From Our Readers

Reader praises Ed Kimbrell

To the editor:

Dr. Ed Kimbrell is MTSU's answer to mass communications' madman! Not in the sense that he turns into a Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde, but because of the energy and enthusiasm he generates when he presents his lectures and presentations.

Although the Mass Communications 321 class I took under Dr. Kimbrell was only a five-week course during the summer session, I was very impressed with the amount of material covered in such a short period of time, and also with Dr. Kimbrell's ability to hold his students' attention for a full two hours and twenty minutes worth of class each day.

DR. KIMBRELL has worked in journalism, radio, television, public relations, with the Federal Communications Commission and also as head of the mass communications department at MTSU.

After attending the first couple of lectures presented by

Dr. Kimbrell, it became very obvious to his students that he is very knowledgeable in this field, and relates this knowledge and work experience to his students through a very interesting presentation.

Dr. Kimbrell's class is like a breath of fresh air compared to some of the humdrum courses offered by the university.

Remember, a course is only as interesting as the professor who presents it.

John Wade
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Parents solicit petition help

To the editor:

We would appreciate your letting us use your open forum for the benefit of our children.

The Parents Against School Punishment in schools are at the present time working on a state and local petition asking our state government to abolish corporal punishment in Tennessee schools. We are a non-profit, volunteer group. We have no political ties.

IT IS OUR opinion that our

children—our future leaders of our great country—are the only citizens who our state law and state government allow legal assaults upon each school day.

What in our U.S. Constitution states that this antiquated law should be forced upon our school children?

If you would like to join in and volunteer to help us obtain this petition in your area, write us for a copy of our petition. We would appreciate it greatly.

Write to: PACP, Mary De Los Santos, 1443 Magnolia Avenue, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311.

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Please address all letters and other inquiries to: *Sidelines*, Box 42.

Olivia to perform here Sept. 12

By DOUG MARKHAM
Staff Writer

Olivia Newton-John, songwriter, singer and actress, who has said she may be touring this year for the last time, will perform at MTSU's Murphy Center Sept. 12, *Sidelines* has learned.

Tickets go on sale July 30.

HAROLD SMITH, director of student programming, declined comment on the concert or ticket information until announcement of the concert is disclosed in Sunday's *Tennessean*.

Newton-John, 33, appeared at MTSU's Murphy Center April 17, 1977, to a sell-out audience. She is now a millionaire who has proved herself a versatile entertainer who needs not tour for monetary reasons.

Her decision to tour, she explained recently to United Press International, stems from her loyalty to her fans.

"I'M DOING THIS for my fans. Most of the letters I get ask me when I will appear again...when you become popular you also have a growing desire not to disappoint the people

who buy your records or see your movies," Newton-John told UPI.

Newton-John is touring much of America and parts of England and plans to perform in 50 different cities.

After touring she wants to return to movie-making and perhaps co-star with John Travolta in another movie, she told UPI.

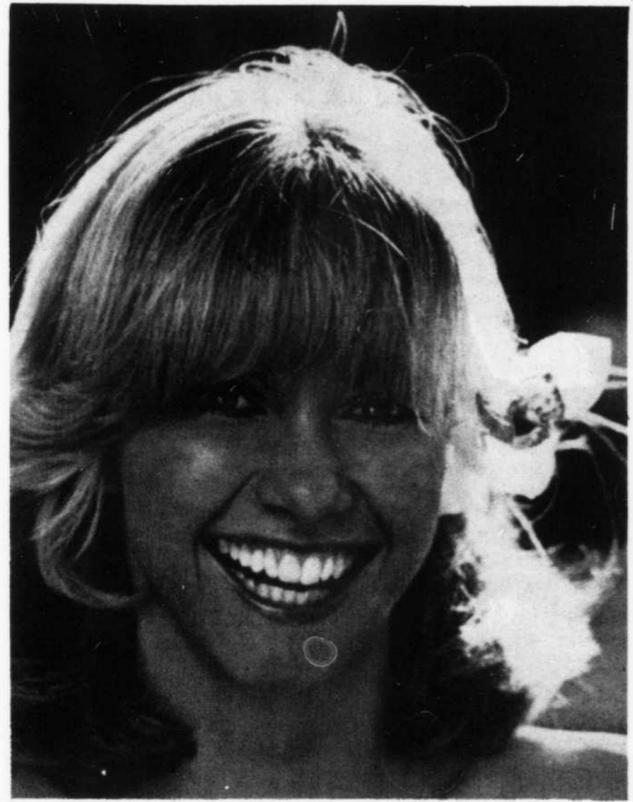
IN MAY, *People* magazine pictured Newton-John on its front page and in the same month she hosted her own television special on ABC.

Newton-John's most recent album, "Let's Get

Physical," sold over two million copies and every album she has released since 1973—one dozen—have turned gold.

The theme for the tour is "Physical Tour of North America '82."

"My concerts will be composed of the songs that made me famous," Newton-John told a Hollywood reporter. "The first half will be from the first five years of my career. The second half will be the songs since 'Grease.' I'll include a couple of new ones too."



Singer Olivia Newton-John will perform at MTSU's Murphy Center Sept. 12, marking her second appearance in six years. (Photo courtesy of Century 21 Records)

'Star Trek' fails to meet full potential

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Editor

In 1979, producer Gene Roddenberry attempted to recreate the enchantment of his hit television series "Star Trek."

The results of his efforts, "Star Trek: The Movie," was much less than a critical success. In fact, it was heralded by *New Yorker* reviewer Roger Angell as a "medium-range, medium-boring vehicle."

"AS FOR THE ACTORS," Angell went on to say, "well, who wants acting in outer space."

In spite of the poor review by movie critics, "Star Trek: The Movie" was a box-office success, grossing over \$80 million.

As a result of the financial success, there was of course a sequel.

THIS SECOND effort by Paramount Pictures, "Star Trek: The Wrath of Kahn," is a truly enjoyable film, but less than inspired.

In the latest addition to "the continuing voyages of the starship Enterprise," we find Adm. James T. Kirk (William

Shatner) in the 23rd century as an aging administrator "flying a computer console" at Starfleet Cadet Training School.

Craving the excitement of commanding a starship, Kirk goes along for the ride with a novice crew on a training flight.

THE JOYRIDE turns into a

nightmare, however, when the training ship responds to a scientific space station's call for assistance.

In the process, Kirk meets up with his arch enemy Khan (Ricardo Montalban)—a product of genetic engineering who Kirk had marooned on a desolate planet 15 years earlier.

The pawn in this battle of wits is a project, taken from the space station, that has the ability to create "life from lifelessness" by reorganizing the total molecular structure of an environment.

THIS MARVELOUS device—known as the Genesis Project—has a great potential for being

"perverted into a terrible weapon" because it could be used to reorganize the molecular structure of a living planet.

"We're talking about universal Armageddon," Kirk summarizes.

Like that melodramatic statement, the movie overflows

film review

with great philosophical discussions.

ONE IDEA expressed repeatedly is that there is always a solution to any given problem.

A statement by Kirk—"I don't believe in the no-win scenario"—is a commonly heard line throughout the movie.

Dr. Spock (Leonard Nimoy) also frequently expounds upon the insignificance of the individual—an idea which becomes the basis for his actions in an emotional closing scene.

"THE NEEDS OF THE MANY," Spock observes, "outweigh the needs of the few."

In contrast, neither the

direction by Nicholas Meyer nor the editing reach such great heights of profundity.

Each scene, for example, seems to build to an exciting climax about every eight minutes, as if leading into a commercial.

THIS TECHNIQUE IS, of course, understandable in television, but in a film it becomes very bothersome and destroys the overall flow of the storyline.

The special effects, commendably, are adequate, but not overdone. This is refreshing since the current tendency is to have effects with a bit of story added later.

Overall, "Star Trek: The Wrath of Kahn" is good entertainment, but would have been just as enjoyable if it had been a one-hour television show.

In the coming sequel (the ending leaves little doubt that such is a definite possibility), the filmmakers would do well to remember the theme of this work: "There are always possibilities."

Admissions

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filling up every possible space in existing dormitories and putting three students in each room, according to Ivan Shewmake, director of housing.

In other areas of admissions,

applications for freshman females have increased 7.1 percent from 1,501 to 1,608.

For freshman males, applications have increased 11.4 percent from 1,237 to 1,378.

The grand total of undergraduate applications filed for the fall semester is up 6.5 percent over last year, from 3,880 to 4,132.

TRANSFER applications for undergraduates have increased from 904 to 909. Applications for transfer females have increased 8.2 percent, while applications for transfer males have fallen 7.5 percent.

For undergraduate re-enrollees, the number of applications has increased 15.2 percent from 112 to 129.

In the graduate student category, applications have gone up 6.9 percent from 275 to 294. The respective increases for male and female graduates are 3.5 percent and 5.4 percent.

Guilty

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think he would have gotten a less severe sentencing with a trial."

PITTARD, Dotson and Stegall quizzed Sweatt for about 20 minutes, asking him if he understood what waiving his trial meant and was willing to accept his 30-year sentence.

Sweatt indicated he understood and agreed to receive sentencing at that time.

"You understand the rights you are giving up...and when you might be able to get out of prison?" Dotson asked, referring to Sweatt's first scheduled parole hearing.

"YES SIR," Sweatt answered. "I think approximately 12 years."

Sweatt's jail term began immediately after sentencing.

Stegall allowed Sweatt to serve his first week of incarceration at the Rutherford County workhouse so he could take care of "personal business."

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MTSU Sports

Simpson has new assistant coaches in the fold

By CRAIG ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Two new assistant basketball coaches who were recommended by MTSU head coach Stan Simpson will be hired by MTSU.

Phil Hopkins, head coach at Piedmont (S.C.) High School, and Coleman Crawford, an assistant at Delta State College in Cleveland, Miss., will be MTSU's two new members of the basketball staff.

SIMPSON'S recommendation for the pair to be hired came last week. Now, approval of Simpson's recommendation by MTSU President

Sam Ingram, his administrative assistant Otis Floyd and the State Board of Regents appears to be a mere formality.

Crawford and Hopkins are scheduled to go on MTSU's payroll on Aug. 1.

Both men will be full-time assistants to Simpson, who says his final decision was a "tough one."

"I BELIEVE we would've benefited from any of the four finalists," he said.

Other finalists considered for the coaching positions were Bill Muse, part-time assistant at the University of South Alabama,

Dave Hammer, head coach at Delta Junior College in Saginaw, Mich. and Houston Kennedy, head coach at Birmingham (Ala.) Minor High School.

Hopkins, 32, served nine years as head coach at Piedmont and has worked at numerous summer basketball camps. During those years, Piedmont teams won five conference championships on the way to amassing a 165-54 coaching record for Hopkins.

THE PAST TWO YEARS his teams have advanced all the way to the semi-final round of the

state playoffs. Hopkins sent his team to the state tournament seven of the last eight years and the last five in a row.

Simpson said Hopkins' responsibilities will be on- and off-floor coaching, monitoring athletes' academics, assisting with recruiting and scouting.

"I don't believe I could've found a better place to start my college coaching," Hopkins said Monday in Murfreesboro.

"WORKING for and with Coach Simpson is a great opportunity."

Hopkins added that he and his wife "are really excited"

about moving to Murfreesboro.

"We have one boy who's four and a girl that's two, and we think Murfreesboro is a good town to raise a family in," he said.

CRAWFORD is a "proven recruiter," Simpson said, and will be handling the majority of Blue Raider recruiting efforts along with his other coaching duties.

Crawford resigned Monday from the post he held for three years at Delta State. He had previously served as boys basketball coach at Columbia High School in Atlanta. The 28-year-old coach is a graduate of the University of North Alabama.

Last season's top assistant spot was left open when Larry Slaughter resigned to return to Bainbridge, Ga. where he will be head basketball coach and vocational school supervisor at Bainbridge High School.

THE OTHER assistant spot was vacated by Austin Clark. Clark is one of the leading candidates for head basketball

coach at a new high school in Brentwood.

High school teammates at Bainbridge, Ga., Raleigh Choice and LaRae Davis will be incoming freshmen on next season's MTSU basketball squad. The pair will be playing in the Georgia High School All-Star contest at Atlanta tonight.

Former Blue Raider cagers from last season Rick Campbell and Jerry Beck will return this month for play in New York's Rucker Basketball League, and there is a possibility that Buck Hailey may go with them.

HAILEY, a starter for MTSU along with Campbell and Beck during the successful 22-8 season has now been picked up by Beck and Campbell's agent, Ron Cross.

Simpson said Cross wants to give Hailey some exposure in hopes of getting him on the European basketball tour.

MTSU hosts coaches' clinic

By CRAIG ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Several top-name college and high school football and basketball coaches are gathering this week at MTSU for the annual Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Coaches School.

The three-day clinic, which has no tuition charge, starts today and will run through Friday.

THE LIST OF featured speakers at the clinic includes the following: Vanderbilt head football coach George MacIntyre; UT-Chattanooga head football coach Bill Oliver; Vanderbilt offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Watson Brown; Tennessee head basketball coach Don DeVoe; and Memphis State head basketball coach Dana Kirk.

Oliver and Kirk are on the program today, high school speakers are set for tomorrow, while MacIntyre, Brown and DeVoe are scheduled for Friday.

Three of the six high school football coaches on the clinic staff are from the Middle Tennessee area. They are: Jim Satterfield, Trousdale Co. High, Hartsville; Nick Coutras, Nashville Overton; and Brentwood Academy's Carlton Flatt.

HARRY GILL of Smyrna



High and Cornelius Ridley of Nashville Pearl are the only basketball coaches on the staff from this area.

An annual part of the coaching school includes a session sponsored by the Tennessee Medical Association. Speakers for tomorrow's TMA session are Dr. Clarence Sanders, Dr. Robert Synder and Dr. Tom Bowden.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will also be sponsoring a dinner tomorrow night open to all those attending the clinic. The FCA speaker will be University of Richmond head football coach Dal Shealy, who is a former offensive coordinator under Johnny Majors at Tennessee.

Kenny Gerhart continues to have hot bat in Bluefield

Former MTSU baseball standout Kenny Gerhart is playing with the current league-leading rookie team in the Appalachian League in Bluefield, Va.

The Baltimore Orioles' Bluefield team had a 16-3 record going into last weekend's play.

Gerhart was home two

weekends ago for the All-Star break and said he's playing right field for the rookie club.

He is batting .297 and has smashed 11 home runs. One of those homers was a grand slam that came during Gerhart's first-at-bat as a professional.

Fund-raiser decision to come today

By CRAIG ARNOLD
Sports Editor

A decision should be made today on who will be hired as MTSU's new athletic fund-raiser, Otis Floyd, executive assistant to the president, said yesterday.

Action was delayed last week on the decision in order for Floyd and MTSU Athletic Director Jimmy Earle to give more thought to their final selection.

FLOYD said he and Earle made a decision yesterday evening to offer the job to one of the four finalists.

"But he declined and decided to stay at his school," Floyd said.

The four finalists for the post have been Russell Guill, assistant in Clemson University's IPTAY (I-Pay-Thirty-A-Year) office; Henry Click of the Daughters of the American Revolution School at Sand Mountain, Ala.; Director of Promotions and Tickets at East

Tennessee State, Bob Brennan; and Beth Campbell of Auburn University.

THE INDIVIDUAL who is hired will have three major responsibilities: managing ticket sales, directing promotions and raising outside funds.

He or she will work along with the football season ticket drive chairman, who will probably be named "sometime next week," Earle said yesterday.

The new fund-raiser will also work with Earle in setting up satellite Blue Raider clubs in several Middle Tennessee cities.

EARLE SAYS he is hoping to have satellite clubs eventually organized in Fayetteville, McMinnville, Lawrenceburg, Shelbyville and possibly Lebanon.

The Club is headquartered in Murfreesboro and currently has branches in Nashville and Chattanooga.

Tennis courts get repair

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Six tennis courts adjacent to Murphy Center are in the process of receiving a \$12,775 repair, Director of Campus Planning Charles Pigg said Friday.

The reason for the repair work is a "hydrostatic buildup of water" that is exerting pressure on the tennis courts, Pigg said.

"Water is being pushed up through the tennis courts," said an employee of operational services at Murphy Center.

"It's causing them to crack, so we're putting in perforated drainage lines to help that."

The contractors for the project are Rice and Papuchis of

Madison, Tenn.

Pigg said the tennis court repairs should be completed by the end of July.

WKU signee

Western Kentucky me's golf coach Jim Richards has signed Andy Valainas, the 1982 Indiana state high school golf champion, to play for the Hilltoppers.

Valainas prepped at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, earning All-City recognition three straight years. As a senior, he averaged 38.5 shots per nine-hole round.

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Yes, the National League came through for me last week with a 4-1 triumph in the All-Star game. Don't you really think the American League is due for a win next year?

Hey, how about those Braves! YES SIR, Atlanta manager Joe Torre has a heap big "pow wow" this season down in the Peach State. The Atlanta Braves have been winning since the first day of the baseball season and



now find themselves with the best record in the major leagues going into the dog days of the summer.

It looks like the only teams in the western division of the National League that can catch the Braves now are San Diego and Los Angeles. It really could be interesting, but I'm pulling for the Braves.

Some very good pennant races are shaping up in the other divisions also. No less than four teams in each of the three other divisions have a good chance of capturing their respective pennants.

AH, THIS baseball season is music to my ears after last summer's fiasco with a "second

season." As far as I was concerned, last season's division winner system, playoffs and World Series were a disgrace and a laugh (maybe a cry) a minute.

It was a season where winners weren't necessarily winners and even some losers were really winners—like the Cincinnati Reds.

The Reds had baseball's best overall record, but thanks to the whacky second season winner system handed down from the Baseball Commissioner's office, the Reds weren't even in the playoffs.

HOPEFULLY, such craziness and "strike fever" won't be rampant in pro-football.

Three days of negotiations last week between the National Football League players union and team owner representatives recessed without an agreement. I was only slightly surprised, even though I'd hoped they would settle this thing.

Nevertheless, more talks are scheduled for this week in Washington, D.C.

THE CONTRACT between players and owners expired last week with all players losing their individual rights to negotiate a contract and the union taking over the responsibility.

No unsigned rookies can participate in training camps until a settlement on a new

collective bargaining agreement is reached.

But not to fear football fans, I still say there will be NFL football this fall. Philadelphia, Eagles star Dennis Hariston, a former standout at Vanderbilt, seemed to echo my feelings when we spoke yesterday.

WHEN ASKED if he really thought a strike would come off, Hariston said, "I don't believe it'll come to that."

Look, the air will really be filled with footballs now in San



Diego. Did you hear that the Chargers picked up free-agent, veteran wide receiver Harold Jackson?

At 36-years-old, Jackson is the leading active wide receiver in the NFL. He needs only 19 more catches to surpass Fred Biletnikoff of Oakland Raiders fame. That would put Jackson in

fourth place on the all-time receiving list.

HE WILL JOIN an already sizzling Charger air attack with receivers Charlie Joiner and Wes Chandler.

Turning locally, it looks like we'll find out tomorrow who MTSU's new athletic fund-raiser will be.

Many people clamored early in this whole selection process for a qualified local figure to be hired for the post. But there just hasn't been a rush of truly qualified persons from this area applying for the job.

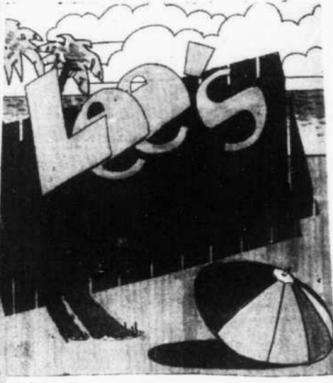
SO IT APPEARS someone from another area (possibly from out-of-state) with fund raising experience will come to MTSU, start virtually from scratch and hopefully get the job done.

One thing is for sure, it'll really be interesting to see how MTSU's future fund raising ventures turn out.

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