

Telethon marathon

John Knox, SAE president, leads off the first leg of the Cerebral Palsy telethon relay run Sunday from the Jackson Heights shopping center. SAE donated \$2,255.17 to the charity and made the third largest contribution in the state. The run lasted over three hours with \$600 in bill and 250 pounds of coins in tow.

ASB officials delay campus elections

By Mike West

Charles Lea, ASB election commissioner, Bart Gordon, ASB president, Rodger Hardaway, speaker of the house, and Joey Livesay, attorney general met yesterday at noon in the ASB office and decided to postpone the March 17 ASB election date until March 31.

This decision was made so the students of MTSU can have time to act on four proposed constitutional amendments that concern qualifications of ASB office seekers, according to Lea. He also said that the deadline for candidates' petitions will be extended to March 24.

The constitutional referendum will coincide with the senior superlative elections that will be held on March 17, stated the ASB election commissioner.

"There is no sense in not postponing the election," said Hardaway. He gave two basic reasons for his opinion. The class officers bill has not been approved by President Scarlett yet, according to the speaker.

This bill passed last week by the ASB Congress will eliminate several class officer positions. It will create an executive board which will consist of one representative from each class

who will aid the class presidents in the execution of their duties, and it will provide for the election of representatives to the House from the classes.

Hardaway also cited the amendment changing the qualifications for the higher ASB offices as a reason for postponing the election date.

The first of the proposed amendments will open student executive posts to juniors, graduate students as well as seniors. These offices will also be open to students who might wish to take a part-time class load during their term of office.

Under the second amendment newly elected ASB officers will assume their positions the first week in May.

An additional amendment calls for the addition of another senator, who will represent MTSU's graduate students.

The last of the proposed constitutional amendments will change the method of nominations of the senate from requiring nominations in class meetings to petition by application only.

Bragg to propose change in state UT-N legislation

Rep. John Bragg (D-Murfreesboro) will propose an amendment to a bill passed by the state senate last week granting full university status to the UT-Nashville Center.

The amendment which will be introduced when the house considers the bill today would limit UT-Nashville to a curriculum with mostly night courses.

Bragg said that Andrew Holt and Edward Boling testified in federal court that the projected plans for UT-Nashville limit it

to a nighttime status. This amendment, he said, would express the spirit of their testimony.

The Senate passed a bill elevating UT-Nashville to full university status only after attaching an amendment which requires the school to consult the legislature before expanding its facilities.

He said a case now in federal court could change in any way the relationship among the state's institutions in Nashville.

Support grows for recess of legislature

Rep. John Bragg of Murfreesboro said yesterday that there is growing sentiment among the state's lawmakers and their constituents for the state legislature to call a recess without acting on Gov. Winfield Dunn's budget proposal.

Many legislators feel that the General Assembly should wait until the Jarman Commission completes its report, he indicated. The study, headed by Nashville businessman Maxey Jarman, has been appointed to study efficiency in state government.

The study, financed and staffed by private business, has been billed by the Governor's office

as possibly saving the state \$40 to \$50 million.

Bragg said that if the Legislature approved all or part of Gov. Dunn's \$95 million tax package, without considering the saving that might be found by Jarman's panel, the state could end up with a surplus of as much as \$40 million. He said it would be unthinkable to increase taxes if the state could end in a surplus.

The Jarman study will not be finished until August or September of this year. Some lawmakers have expressed the belief that the 87th General Assembly

has too much important business to take care of and that a recess until that time would be irresponsible.

However, Bragg said that any decision about a recess of this length would come only after the legislators had looked closely at the governor's proposals. He predicted that within two weeks the Legislature would dissolve into a committee of the whole to study the fiscal problem.

A resolution which Rep. Bragg plans to introduce would limit consideration of bills up to that time to legislation which does not necessitate a major budget adjustment.

VISTA worker returns to work in poverty

By Becky Freeman

Working in an urban slum is no novelty to Jim Weatherspoon. The Vista volunteer, raised in the slums of Memphis, joined the OEO program because he wanted to become a "part of the solution" rather than the problem.

In his three years in the VISTA program, the recruiter has worked with blacks in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Newark, New Jersey, and Memphis. Before joining VISTA, Weatherspoon stated that he had completed training in the Job Corps, and had training in social work at Thysocial Institute.

The black recruiter began his service as a guidance counselor at a halfway house for youths on drugs. He indicated that these programs were especially successful because the kids

Editor's note: This is the concluding part of a two-part series on VISTA. While the first article was concerned with the problems of the rural and urban poor, this article concentrates on specific problems faced by Jim Weatherspoon, a Vista volunteer in the ghettos of New York, Newark, N. J., and Memphis.

worked on their own program. Weatherspoon commented that his duties also included informing the community of drug dangers to their children.

Working in housing, the volunteer also informed needy mothers of their welfare rights.

Continuing his work with drug addiction rehabilitation in Newark, N. J., Weatherspoon also aided renters in protecting their

rights. The Newark citizens, under the VISTA Program strove to establish a rat control program.

Weatherspoon indicated that he concentrated his service in Newark in a recreation program for high school dropouts. The youths formed a basketball team, entered a league, and within six weeks were the top team, Weatherspoon added proudly.

The volunteer said that these boys supposedly unable to adapt to teamwork, learned discipline and coached themselves.

Furthermore the boys helped younger members of the community form a Little League Baseball League, and made their own baseball diamond.

The volunteers in Newark also organized a multi-purpose community service center including

a family planning service, a nursery for children of working mothers and a tutorial program.

In his third year of service the Memphian returned to his native city to work with the community in solving urban renewal problems.

Weatherspoon expressed dismay concerning the housing code violations in subsistence in Memphis. He cited one case in which the landlord was guilty of 150 out of 170 possible violations.

The VISTA volunteer reported that the Human Rights Commission reported that 40,000 families in Memphis live in substandard housing. He complained that while the housing was rapidly being destroyed through urban renewal, they needed to build back three times the housing under construction to keep up with

the present growth rate.

The recruiter indicated that the racial situation in Memphis had deteriorated badly since Martin Luther King's death. He said that the situation could only be calmed by the recognition from the white population that "We (the black citizens) want the same things they (the whites) do and pursue the same goals."

Weatherspoon credited much of the Memphis Community Action Program's success to Washington Butler Jr. He also noted that Ellsworth Morgan, a black VISTA program officer, and David Volcke, an MTSU graduate and volunteer were active in the program.

The recruiter indicated that VISTA is presently attempting to recruit members of minority groups to aid in its programs.

Theatre in review

Saroyan play reflects '30's mood

By Pat Allen

As one enters Nick's Place (the Arena Theatre) for William Saroyan's "The Time of Your Life," he finds himself engulfed in the lives of its habitués.

The production centers around the efforts of Joe, a small-time philanthropist, to arrange the marriage of Tom, his friend, and Kitty Duval, a kind-hearted prostitute.

Joe, the philosophical and guilt-ridden patron was portrayed by Lane Davies. Joe characterized himself as having a Christian conscience in a world where there is no conscience.

At times, Davies seemed almost unsure of his character but considering the size of his role, this is understandable.

Mike Stewart shines as Kit Carson. He was Kit Carson, as he told hilarious tales in a western drawl. Stewart was able to reflect an added dimension in the aging cowboy when his humor turned hard.

Underlying the humor of the play was the tragedy of coming war that influenced the lives of the bar's patrons.

Ron Burns as Harry, a comedian who could never be funny, evoked sympathy and admiration from the audience in his portray-

Editor's note: This is an opening night review by Pat Allen, a Murfreesboro graduate student. The production will run nightly through Saturday, March 13 at 8 in the Arena Theatre.

al of a frightened man trying to be funny.

Nick, played by Dan Radojevic, was excellent sustaining the characterization of the other actors throughout the production. Radojevic was very convincing as the tough-on-the-surface bartender.

Kitty Duval, the prostitute "with the heart of gold" was portrayed by Joyce Anderson. Miss Anderson exhibited her versatility in playing the wistful innocent while portraying the anger and pride of the harsh existence.

Tom, Joe's friend, was played by Bob Forsythe who complimented the rest of the cast, as an optimist who saw the goodness in Kitty.

Blick, the antagonist and a psychopathic cop, was portrayed convincingly by Barry Underwood.

The settings and costumes readily evoked the imaginations of the audience in adopting to the honky-tonk atmosphere of the

1930's. Nevertheless, the closeness of the Arena Theatre sometimes made it difficult to view the action.

One drawback in the production was the presence of a few seemingly unnecessary characters that detracted from the action between the main characters.

Saroyan's play is reminiscent of a modern-day morality play with its purity of characterization, and Saroyan's concluding remarks.

Although the production was a vehicle of Saroyan's philosophy of life, the conclusion of the performance is able to evoke strong response from the audience.

Pollitt to discuss Selective Service

Bob Pollitt, Episcopalian seminarian, will conduct a seminar on Selective Service problems March 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the University Center Theatre, according to Mike Kozee of the Ideas and Issues Committee.

The committee is sponsoring the seminar which is the first in a proposed series, Kozee said.

Pollitt, who attends St. Luke's Seminary at Sewanee, will give a 10-15 minute introduction to general Selective Service problems and then will answer questions from the audience, he said.

Pollitt is a member of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and one of the Canterbury Association team which conducts programs on campus.

Other campus programs they coordinate, he said, include a weekly rap session and a weekly radio show.

Kozee indicated there are three Selective Service seminars planned, with other seminars to cover such topical subjects as legal first-aid.

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Jackson announces class meeting

John Jackson, sophomore class president, has announced a sophomore class meeting for Wednesday, March 10, at 5 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. A class favorite for the Midlander will be selected.

Canterbury group plans supper, talk

The MTSU Canterbury Association will hold a spaghetti supper and a rap session on racism Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Both events will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 315 E. Main Street.

Honeycutt announces junior assembly

The junior class will discuss the President's Ball and elect class favorites, Thursday, March 11 at noon in the University Center Theatre, according to Garland Honeycutt, junior class president.

Discount cards to go on sale

Student discount cards will be sold March 10, 11, and 12 in the University Center, according to Bart Gordon, ASB president. These cards will provide students who buy them a discount at participating merchants.

Freshman class to meet

MTSU's freshman class will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in the University Center Theatre. Freshman class favorites will be elected at the meeting.

Free University to discuss Cayce

The "Free University" class on Edgar Cayce's Atlantis readings will be held Wednesday, 7-8 p.m., in Room 324-A of the UC, according to course instructor Bill Douglas.

Representative to discuss civil service

A representative from the Civil Service Commission will be available in the Placement Office March 22, to discuss federal employment opportunities with students.

He will not interview for specific jobs but will furnish information on available positions and procedures for making applications. Interested students should make an appointment with the Placement Office prior to March 22.

Doctors to speak on birth controls

Birth control will be the topic discussed at a symposium March 11, sponsored by the Physical Education Club, according to club co-sponsor Mary B. Ginanni.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, the symposium will feature Dr. Howard Young of the Murfreesboro Medical Clinic, speaking on current methods of birth control.

Male sterilization and family planning will be discussed by Dr. Thomas Turner, Murfreesboro urologist, and Dr. Robert Sanders, director of the Rutherford County Health Department, Mrs. Ginanni stated.

Dr. Robert Hackman, MTSU physician, will also participate.

The program will consist of about 40 minutes of formal presentation, followed by discussions by other program participants, and a question and answer period with audience participation.

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Overseas summer tours

Gordon cites travel information

Information concerning special overseas programs for students may be obtained in the ASB office, according to student body president, Bart Gordon.

ASA, The American Student Association, provides jobs for students desiring to spend their summer in Europe. This is a way, Gordon explained, for students to spend the summer abroad, learn about Europe's people and its customs, and get paid for it.

The salaries, he explained aren't large, but in the past, they have enabled students to pay for both their airfare and most European summer expenses.

In its eighth year, the ASA Overseas Employment Program, centers most of its job offers in the hotel industry of such countries as Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. Gordon urges students

to inquire and pursue such a mind-broadening and enriching experience as is offered through this program.

Another such opportunity, offered through the Foreign Language Institute in Running Springs, California, makes it possible for students and teachers alike to learn Spanish, travel in a Spanish speaking country, and receive six units college credit.

Accredited through the University of San Francisco, this 21 year old program, Gordon said, insures two equally beneficial two month summer sessions abroad. One is in Valencia, Spain, and the other is in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. A one month equally accredited session is available in Guadalajara, Mexico, he added.

Another European experience is offered and explained. Gordon

informed that a one month, \$228 tour abroad is also being planned through Nashville's Vanderbilt University.

In addition to pamphlets concerning summer jobs and tours, Gordon said material is available on spring vacations at Daytona Beach. Even now, he informed, all the major chain motels are sold out for the spring vacation.

Information on getting access to a motel directory is in the ASB office. The directory includes the names, location, accommodations, and prices of over 125 ocean front motels in the area. All the information to make and confirm a reservation is also included.

Gordon urges students to utilize these ASB vacation materials in order to make their summer or spring vacation a more fulfilling one.



Snake charmer

George Murphy, biology department assistant professor, cavorts with his most unusual pet—a three-foot boa constrictor he received a year ago from one of his students. The reptile feeds on approximately four rodent victims per week. Wild relatives of this unnamed boa can grow as long as twelve feet.

At Emory University

Business team attends seminar

MTSU's team in the eighth annual Emory University Collegiate Business Games attended a special seminar in Atlanta, Ga., March 4-7, concluding the competition, according to team adviser Mary Dunstan.

The business professor stated that Brandeis and Stanford Universities won first and second place in the contest, respectively. The other teams, including MTSU, have not yet learned their final standing.

Each team was called upon to explain its strategy in the games, which began Jan. 25 and simu-

lated three years of business maneuvering.

Each team relayed weekly management decisions to a central Emory computer, which compared and analyzed them, returning results in the form of printed balance and income sheets.

The Atlanta seminar, according to Mrs. Dunstan, featured a speech by John Z. DeLorean, vice-president of the General Motors Chevrolet division.

DeLorean, who personally holds over 200 patents, discussed industry's responsibility for the

social, political, economic and especially environmental conditions of society, the MTSU teacher explained.

Representatives of various manufacturing firms interviewed the students for possible job consideration.

IBM was impressed with the MTSU group, Mrs. Dunstan said.

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Editorial

It concerns us

The battle for limitation or expansion of the University of Tennessee extension in Nashville enters another round today in the state House of Representatives.

Hints of the conflict to come were experienced Sunday afternoon on a Capitol News Conference on WSIX-TV. In the course of the televised panel discussion, Sen. Jerry Agee (D-Nashville), a supporter of the bill to give UT-Nashville campus status, suggested that MTSU's President Scarlett should stay out of the legislative area.

Representative John Bragg (D-Murfreesboro) will be proposing an amendment to the bill which was passed by the Senate last week with modification to the extent that the Nashville school will have to consult the legislature before expanding physical facilities.

The basis of the amendment Bragg proposes will be to restrict UT in Nashville to its present mission of providing only evening programs, except in nursing, social work and non-credit continuing education.

Among a series of three resolutions overwhelmingly adopted by the ASB Congress and sent to the state legislature last Friday was a resolution stating that the student body representatives "concur in

the belief that the Nashville center . . . serves vital functions as a night institution and deserves degree granting powers."

The statement adopted Thursday night resolves that "we strongly urge the sponsors of the bill in the state House of Representatives to amend their bill to insure the continued operation of the UT at Nashville center as a primarily night institution which would not make it a competitor for funds or students with the other already existing state universities in the area."

The other resolutions sent by the student government support the extension of voting rights in state and local elections to 18-year-olds by state legislative action this year, and recommend the abolition of capital punishment.

President Scarlett and the members of this university community are concerned about local, state and national legislative action.

It is our responsibility to make our opinions known to our legislators, particularly in such areas as the possible creation of another full-time, four year, degree-granting institution at a time when all state institutions are currently facing financial problems which seriously retard needed improvement and expansion. It concerns us.

National Perspective

Martha Mitchell misbehaves

Martha Mitchell, the bad girl of the Nixon administration, has again captured national headlines because of her antics and her acid tongue.

The latest case involves her treatment of a doctor called to treat her daughter while she and the girl were visiting Houston.

Her comments concerning the doctor were gelled into a story and sent out across the Associated Press wire; when Martha returned to Washington, addition derogatory comments concerning the doctor were reported in the Washington Post.

This latest foray by Mrs. Mitchell brings memories of her interview with CBS news when she stated that she and her husband felt that the Moratorium demonstrators belonged in Russia rather than the U. S.

Then there was the time she called the Arkansas Gazette and asked them to get Senator William Fulbright because of anti-war stance.

Other historic actions by Martha include her calls to news media at strange times and from usually stranger places.

The intriguing question in all these incidents is what mystique does Mrs. Mitchell have that captures the attention of the nation by her rudeness and wit or

By Jim Leonhirth

perhaps, in polite terms, her irascibility.

In the past decade first ladies have been seen and heard. Jacqueline Kennedy was the "grande dame" of Washington society and her presence was always felt both in public and private affairs of state.

Although "Lady Bird" Johnson lacked the elegance of the present Mrs. Onassis, Mrs. Johnson was also greatly in the public eye either on a tour for her husband or opening a new highway beautification project.

Where is Pat Nixon? Presumably in Washington or Key Biscayne or California or wherever President Nixon is holding court at the time.

Wherever Mrs. Nixon is, however, she is not very much in the public eye or in national headlines. Most news stories concerning her deal with charity projects and benefits which she is coordinating.

Perhaps the nation after all the years of a public first lady is lost without her; perhaps not, but "ole Martha" is still in there fighting and providing an interesting substitute.

Bill Mauldin



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Support our boy in Vietnam

Washington, Sept. 12, 1972

Waves of B-52s and carrier-based bombers hit Communist supply routes today in North Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma and Tibet.

"I have ordered this all-out assault," the President grimly told a national television audience, "in order to protect our troop in Vietnam."

The name of our troop in Vietnam is, of course, Private Oliver Drab, 378-18-4454. He has become something of a cause celebre since the last of his fellow GIs were withdrawn six weeks ago.

The President justified today's attack by citing his policy declaration of February 17, 1971: "As far as our air power is concerned, it will be directed against those military activities which I determine are directed against and thereby threaten our remaining forces in South Vietnam."

He said recent Communist build-ups on the Ho Chi Minh and other trails certainly threatened Private Drab. "I will not hesitate to fully unleash American air power in Asia," said the President firmly, "as long as the safety of one American boy is at stake."

At the same time, the controversy over keeping Private Drab in Vietnam continued to grow.

A near riot broke out yesterday at the Washington Monument when peace groups staged a huge rally under the slogan: "Bring Our Boy Home!" They were confronted by several hundred hard-hat construction workers carrying placards declaring: "Support Our Fighting Man in Vietnam!"

In the resulting melee, seven pacifists were badly bruised and five hard hats severely dented.

Despite public protest, however, it appeared unlikely that Private Drab would be withdrawn

By Arthur Hoppe

in the foreseeable future. For one thing, the Saigon government is unalterably opposed to such a move.

"Words cannot express how highly we value the fighting qualities of our beloved American ally," Vice President Ky told newsmen while holding his hand over his heart, "and all those big beautiful bombers that come with him."

For another, with Private Drab at his post, efforts in Congress to curtail the President's power to launch ever-expanding air attacks in Asia have been stymied -- no Congressman being willing to vote for a measure that might jeopardize a single American life.

Meanwhile, a group of 14 Republican Congressmen, headed by Rep. B. J. Broadbinder arrived in Vietnam to "assess the morale and needs of our boy in the front lines." They visited Drab in his foxhole 47 miles northwest of Saigon.

"When it comes to the President's withdrawal program," said Broadbinder, clapping the Private on the shoulder, "you are living testimonial to its success."

"Yes, sir," said Private Drab, nodding. "I hope to keep it that way."

Broadbinder frowned. "I trust you realize, Private," he said, "that you are the most heavily protected soldier in military history. At this very moment, thousands of American bombers are blasting hell out of the enemy all over Asia -- just for you. Thanks to the President, you're safer than you would be at home in your own bed. I hope you appreciate the honor."

"What I'd appreciate more, sir," said Private Drab earnestly, "is the choice."



Scene From the Hill

Tennessee's Legislature has seen efforts in the past to extend the vote to the state's 18-year-olds. The 87th General Assembly again faces the problem, but in a different light.

Congressional action has given the right of suffrage to 18-year-olds in federal elections. They will be able to vote for the president, senate, and house of representatives. The Supreme Court held that Congress cannot change the requirements in state elections.

Therefore, if state law remains the same, county registrars will be faced with the headache of having to keep two sets of books. In addition to that, they will have to set up some system which would keep the semi-enfranchised voters from participating in state elections while enabling them to vote for president and congressional representatives.

It is going to be very difficult to set up an election procedure like this. Estimates of the cost range into the tens of thousands of dollars. Some counties will be forced to use separate paper ballots. The prospect throws fear into the hearts of election officials.

Aside from the practical problems, there are many legislators who feel that the 18-year-olds should be able to participate. However, there is considerable disagreement about the best way to change the law. There are several bills in the hopper, but they all boil down to two courses of action.

There is the possibility that a mere change in the wording of the State Constitution would be sufficient. The proposal is to delete the word twenty-one and substitute the word eighteen.

Supporters of this method believe that this may be constitutional since the Constitution does not specifically forbid persons under twenty-one from voting. It simply reads that anyone who has reached that age may participate.

The bills that would use this method have considerable support in the House, enough for passage. However, the situation in the Senate is a little different. There are many legislators who feel this is unconstitutional and won't support it. In the upper chamber they may be in the majority.

Senator Talarico of Memphis has proposed a constitutional amendment which would extend the vote to 18-year-olds. This is almost sure to

pass, because it has support not only from those who think it is the only correct method of changing the law, but, also, from those who realize that the State Supreme Court may declare the other method of change unconstitutional. Additionally some lawmakers feel that the question of permitting young people to vote should be decided by the electorate.

As a proposed amendment to the constitution, it would have to pass both this General Assembly and the Legislature elected in 1972 by a two-thirds majority.

It could not get on the ballot until 1974, where it would have to receive a majority of the votes of all persons voting in the Governor's race. No amendment has ever been approved in this manner. Usually, not enough voters get far enough down on the ballot to give the amendment anywhere near the number of votes it needs for passage. It is likely that the United States Constitution will be amended to lower the voting age in all elections before any change can be made in Tennessee's Constitution.

The problem was reflected in the discussions during the meeting of the Democratic Caucus last week. Rep. Allen Richardson of Columbia said the bill that would change the wording in the law is unconstitutional and that the Legislature should not even consider passing it. Supporters of the measure agree that it may be, but they feel the Constitution is unclear on the point and that the State Supreme Court should make the interpretation.

As one Democratic lawmaker and The Nashville Tennessean pointed out, the legislators are not as deeply concerned about the constitutionality of some special interest bills pushed by a well organized lobby. The Democratic Caucus endorsed the concept of participation by 18-year-olds, but took no position on specific legislation.

At any rate, by today young people in Tennessee should have some idea how long it will be before they have a voice in who sits on Capitol Hill.

Both the Senate and the House are scheduled to consider similar bills which would allow 18-year-olds to register and vote in state and local elections. If there is passage, a court test will be forthcoming.

18 year olds;
to vote, or
not to vote

By Lawrence Harrington

Netmen win two matches

Freshmen Jerry Borysko and Paul Adler opened up their tennis careers at Middle Tennessee State by winning over the weekend as both won singles and doubles matches against Northwood Institute and Sewanee. Borysko, a freshman from Buffalo, N.Y., is playing in the number four spot for Buck Bouldin's netters and Adler is from Ft. Lauderdale and is the number five man.

Opening the season on the right path, the Blue had little trouble

with either opponents, downing Northwood--a pretty good team--6 to 3 and then walloping Sewanee 8-1 for a road trip victory.

Eustace Kigongo lost the first set in the Northwood encounter 7-5, but bounced back for a 6-0 win before losing a 6-1 set and match. He bounced back against Sewanee however and led the squad to the victory with only the number three doubles team, Todd Harris and Adler, losing. Number two man Lee Mayo

from Nashville lost his match in two straight sets to the Institute but won against Sewanee, while number three man Charles Beckham, who got married over the summer, won in both contests.

Number six Terry Havens also was a double winner.

Against Northwood the number one doubles team composed of Kigongo and Boroysko was a 6-3, 6-4 winner, and Harris and Adler took 6-2, 8-6 sets.

Raiders sign 6-11 forward

Middle Tennessee State University kicked off its 1971 basketball recruiting in a big way, literally, this week when 6-11 Bill Hughes of Ash., N.C., signed an Ohio Valley Conference grant-

in-aid with the Blue Raiders.

Hughes, who has made tremendous improvement since the beginning of his basketball career as a junior, averaged 23.6 rebounds and 16.0 points per

game this past season.

His high game for the season was a 32 point, 32 rebound, 11 blocked shot performance.

"His scoring statistics are misleading," noted Blue Raider assistant coach Ray Rich, who signed Hughes. "Of the 26 games he played, six were real slowdowns in which nobody did any scoring. He is such a dominant factor in any game, that the other teams had to resort to this measure."

Rich stated that, despite his phenomenal rebounding ability, Hughes strong point is actually his shooting. He is a 70 percent free throw shooter.

"He has a soft touch, and has increased his effective range up to 18-20 feet. Bill played center and forward in high school, but will be a forward for us," Rich added.

Hughes, who is only 17 and still growing, played for Waccamaw High School where his uncle Earl Hughes is head coach.

Ruffner releases schedule

Intramural dates and schedules have been released by director Joe Ruffner with basketball finals heading the list for March 9. Seven other sports finals will be held throughout the spring, with the action concluding April 20.

March 27 is the date set for the men's weightlifting contest,

and April 12 and 13 call for the women's softball finals and the women's track meet. The following day, April 14, will be the track meet for the men and April 19 will be the men's softball finals and the badminton and tennis finals.

Tennis competition will be held in both men and women's departments, with singles, doubles, and mixed doubles the order of the day.

The golf tournament will close out the spring intramural schedule on April 20. Further information can be obtained by contacting Coach Ruffner in room 104 of Alumni Memorial Gym.

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Season over

Finish with 11-15 year

By Ron Merville

Middle Tennessee wound up its OVC basketball season with a finale last Monday night against Murray State. Middle Tennessee lost this game by a 92-62 margin and thus ended the '70-'71 season with an 11-15 overall record.

The final resume of a season, of course, is reported by a single statistic--its overall record. But, does an overall record truthfully record the ability of a team, its hardships, its moments of glory, or even the heartaches felt by its players, coaches, or fans?

Certainly a single statistic, such as the overall record, cannot accurately measure the pulsation or overall performance of a basketball team over the period of an entire year.

A splendid example of an unreliable overall record is the one accumulated by MTSU this spring. A clarification of a few points at this time would tend to support this evidence.

First--How many basketball teams across the country after losing two of their top starters, could win a majority of their games? It is bound to hurt a team anytime it loses two starters especially if they are as capable as Jimmy Drew and Percy Hariston. Where would Western Kentucky be if they had lost Jim McDaniels or Jerome Perry?

Second--Every team has moments when it plays well, but it also has moments when it does not play so well. Maybe these breakdowns in play would not have occurred if all of your best players were available and playing at the time.

Of course, this point can be argued two ways. But, one statistic is fact--Middle Tennessee led the OVC in total team defense for the second consecutive year in a row.

Third--An overall record cannot disclose the reasons why a team lost a one point game or a three point thriller. Its figures are in black and white, placed in a "vital" book of

statistics, and left to forever smolder in someone's book case, until finally no one can remember who played on the 70-71 team much less why it lost two one point games.

Fourth--It is also hard to measure a team's attitude and desire by their overall record. According to Head Coach Jimmy E. Earle, "The players had great attitudes this year and we had some fine young men on the basketball team."

Attitude and desire are two of the fundamental prerequisites for a winning season. With the return of such players as

Drew, Herman Sykes, Nick Prater, Chester Brown, and others the continuance of a fine attitude and burning desire is certainly to be expected.

The final resume of the situation is this: A 'cold' statistic, such as the overall record, is just that--cold. It gives no insight into the season's happenings or why when they happened.

Potentially what is in store for MTSU basketball fans next fall? To begin with there are several returning players from this year's team. Add a few fine junior college prospects to your list and the result is enough to make anyone smile, that is everyone except your opponents.



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Poll shows Murray tops in OVC spring sports

Murray State's Racers will have the team to beat this spring in the Ohio Valley Conference spring sports championships--according to the coaches of the four spring sports.

In an effort to determine what the coaches thought about the upcoming spring sports' season, plus wanting to give the four sports their fair share of the spotlight, the Austin Peay State University Sports Information Office conducted its second annual poll this past week.

Each member university of the OVC was contacted and asked to poll their spring sports coaches on how they felt the league standings would finish this spring.

The results of each coach's opinion was sent to APSU and points were assigned on the following basis: eight points for a first-place pick, seven points for second, and so on, down to one point for last place.

Two coaches at East Tennessee, for reasons of their own, did not wish to make predictions. Their votes, however, did not prevent the predictions from being put together from the rest of the schools.

With the predictions from the other schools, this, the second annual OVC Spring Sports Forecast, indicates that the league mentors feel Murray State will replace Western Kentucky in dominating the spring sports picture.

BASEBALL

Because of the two-division baseball set-up in the OVC, the coaches were asked only to list the schools in their division. A new format also will be used for the first time this season by the baseball teams.

A double elimination tournament in the last weekend of April will take the place of the divisional play that has been in existence for the past few years.

What's happening

News in the world of sports is happening at a rapid pace now that warm weather is finally coming on the scene. But a few indoor contests have to be decided first and the sports staff plans to take you there and see what's happening and make a few predictions.

Track athletes from MTSU will travel to Detroit, Mich., this weekend to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Indoor Track Championships, headed by sophomore Barry McClure in the triple jump. McClure was fourth in the outdoor meet last spring and became the first track All-American this school has produced.

The NCAA basketball tournament is also in the making and our own Western Kentucky, representing the OVC will take on powerful Jacksonville in Athens, Ga., I'll look at the contest and make a few predictions in Friday's paper.

Baseball season opens, the golf personnel, and a look at the other sports activities on this campus will all be a part of the Friday edition.

With the proposed double elimination tourney, a new alignment was also made in the two divisions. With the new set-up, the eight teams will rotate each year and new divisions will be formed until all eight teams have been involved in playoff's with each other.

Two teams have moved from their division of last year, with Western Kentucky moving from the Western Division while Tennessee Tech has moved from the Eastern Division to the Western Division.

The Eastern Division (East Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead and Western Kentucky) coaches picked Morehead and Western to finish in a tie.

Morehead was picked first by two coaches to win the Eastern Division while Western received three second place votes. The other two teams, Eastern Kentucky and East Tennessee, were picked to finish third and fourth respectively.

Last year's Eastern Division winner, Tennessee Tech, has moved to the Western Division.

The Western Division (Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee, Murray and Tennessee Tech) coaches predicted that Murray would repeat as divisional champs. Murray copped the OVC title in the playoffs last year, defeating Tennessee Tech in two straight games.

Following Murray in the Western Division standings were Austin Peay second, Tennessee Tech third and Middle Tennessee fourth. APSU received two first place votes while Murray received one and Tech the other.

GOLF

Defending champion East Tennessee was the odds-on-favorite of the coaches to successfully defend their 1970 golf title. However, they were not too far ahead of Murray State.

Both ETSU and Murray received three first place votes with another league coach picking them to finish in a tie. ETSU showed a total of 57.5 points as opposed to Murray's 53.5 points in the balloting.

Following Murray in third place was Austin Peay and rounding out the top four was Middle Tennessee. The bottom four in the league, according to the coaches, will find Morehead in fifth, Western Kentucky in sixth, Tennessee Tech in seventh and Eastern Kentucky eighth.

In the 1970 championships, East Tennessee dethroned West-

ern Kentucky for the team title. Following ETSU in the team standings were Murray State, Western Kentucky, Middle Tennessee, Austin Peay, Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Tech.

TENNIS

The 1971 poll in tennis shows that the league's coaches feel Murray State will dethrone defending champion Western Kentucky. However, it shapes up as a three-way race among Murray, Western and Tennessee Tech.

The final 1970 standings showed Western Kentucky ousting Tennessee Tech from their championship slot by a six point margin. This year's poll showed Murray the coaches choice with 57 points to Western's 55 and TTU's 53.

The rest of the predicted finish finds East Tennessee in fourth place, followed by Middle Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Austin Peay and Morehead.

This season, MTSU will have the services of Eustace Kigongo, clay-court star from Uganda, who is expected to carry much of the load for the Raiders in 1971.

The 1970 final team standings found Murray State in third place followed by East Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State and Austin Peay.

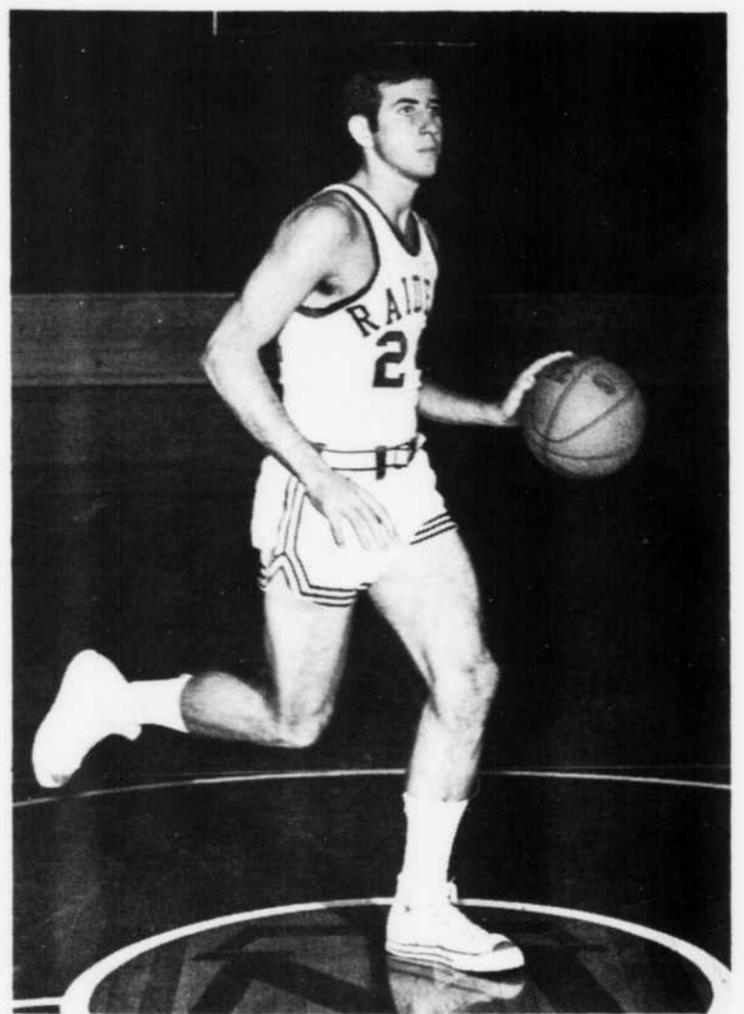
TRACK

The closest race in the four sports' championships, as predicted by the coaches, should be in the track competition. The league's coaches picked Murray State to dethrone Western Kentucky by one-half a point.

In the poll, Murray received 51.5 points while Western was receiving 51 points. Middle Tennessee was selected to finish a distant third with 42.5 points. After MTSU, there was another big drop in points.

East Tennessee was in the No. 4 spot, but showed only 29 points. Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Tech tied for fifth place with 26 points each while Morehead (seventh) and APSU (eighth) rounded out the voting.

Murray State has the most "points" returning from the 1970 track meet while Western showed perhaps the biggest loss with the graduation of Henry Jackson, the OVC's "Track Athlete of the Year" for the past four consecutive years. Jackson personally accounted for 23 points last year.



Steve McElhaney

Former star found dead

Steve McElhaney, former Blue Raider star guard and a member of the Chattanooga City basketball squad as a prep, was found dead at his home Friday, according to sources and releases in local papers.

Mac, as he was called by most of his friends, was listed as having died from the effects of an overdose of sleeping pills. While at MTSU he was a stellar guard known for his hustle and determination. He was a leader when he was in and kept the team of last year in the thick of all

its games until injuring his leg and back on the court.

As a prep star, Mac was All-City, All-Regional, and All-State and was named the Most Valuable Player in the Tennessee All Star basketball game. He played a season with UTC before coming to MTSU, but left last season for undetermined reasons and was drafted.

Several of McElhaney's former teammates acted as honorary pallbearers at the funeral held last Sunday in Chattanooga. He was 22.

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years successful teaching experience.

The nominees include; Billy Balch, associate professor of economics; Harold Baldwin, associate professor of industrial arts; Lane Boutwell, professor of speech and theatre; James Brown, professor of chemistry; Dwight Bullard, assistant professor of business education; Martha Chambers, associate professor of HPER; Roy Clark, professor of chemistry; Bobby Corcoran, associate professor of economics; Robert Corlew, professor of history and department chairman; Buleah Davis, associate professor HPER; Robert Garrigus, associate pro-

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Winners of the awards in previous years were Jack Arters, Dalton Drennan, John Patten, Norman Parks, James Huhta, Mrs. Ortrun Gilbert, William B. McCash, Miss Frances Stubblefield, Boyd Evans, Gerald Parchment, Harold Spraker and William T. Windham.

Student group begins accreditation plans

By Mike West

MTSU's Student Mobilization Committee began, last week, action on organizational plans that will lead to recognition of the committee as an official campus organization.

The committee was formed from the MTSU Student Rights Committee because the members of the group considered war as the greatest infringement of students' rights.

It was decided by the organization that if specific rights of the student are violated, the SMC will form a sub-committee to work to stop these violations. Although the committee is concerned with these problems, its primary purpose is still to work for an end to the war in Southeast Asia.

The members of SMC stated that they do not expect President Nixon to end the war soon but that they want to add pressure to speed the process of ending the Southeast Asian conflict.

Programs for the campus are also being planned by the anti-war group. The committee hopes to provide educational material to the people on campus in order to let them know the facts on the Vietnam War.

They are also planning an attempt to get a referendum on the ASB election ballot that will ask student voters whether they support the war or if they desire bringing U.S. troops home.

They are also considering the possibility of sponsoring a campus memorial for Martin Luther King as a part of a national period of mourning April 2-4. This idea was questioned by some of the SMC members because this time segment falls on a weekend.

Campus speakers are to be an important part of the anti-war group's project to educate the students of MTSU.

Rodger Clark, who acted as temporary chairman of the committee, stepped down from his post and Tom White was elected by acclamation to fill the post of chairman. The SMC also took steps to establish steering, finance, literature and constitutional committees at this meeting.

The next meeting of the Student Mobilization Committee is planned for Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the University Center.

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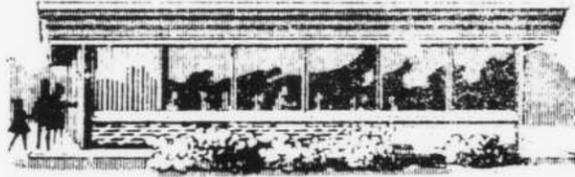
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