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NIXON RETURNS

by Sam Sludge
Special UFO Correspondent

PEKING(UFO)—In a startling announcement from the People's Republic of China Bicentennial Election Commission, it was announced here today that Richard Milhouse Nixon and Premier Mao Tse-tung were nominated for president of the United States.

Nixon said it was his attempt "to bring two great and powerful nations together as brothers," while flashing the once familiar victory sign to the convention delegates.

The Nixon-Tse-tung ballot is the first in history from China and President Jerry Ford said he welcomed the latest addition to the race.

"Richard Nixon is not a criminal," Ford said late last night on the campaign trail in Wisconsin. "We certainly do not want to refuse the Chinese such a historic request," the President said.

The Peking convention, reportedly a request of Nixon's on his last visit to China, nominated the former president and Tse-tung on the first ballot.

"We will form the Bicentennial Party," Tse-tung said in a joint statement he and Nixon prepared for the throng of wildly cheering Chinese.

"That will be the strangest looking twosome since Sonny and Cher," Alabama Gov. George Wallace said last night.

"Mark my words, it will never happen again," Wallace said after sending his top aide to the restroom to look for wiretaps.

The nomination marked the first time since August, 1974, that Nixon

held or was running for the highest political office in America.

"I'm proud to be an American," Nixon said, "and I promise that my administration will be an open and honest effort working for peace and togetherness between the two greatest powers ever known to mankind—me and Mao."

Ford hinted that the election could turn into the greatest tag team bout in history.

"I have yet to pick a running mate," Ford said, "but I do know of an excellent and capable politician in the USSR who might accept an offer. If that fails I can always turn to Jimmy Hoffa," Ford said.

When told by reporters that Hoffa had been missing since late July, Ford tripped and fell.

The Nixon-Tse-tung entry into the 1976 election did not surprise former White House aide John Dean.

"I thought all along that Nixon was a communist," Dean said, "but I never thought he would try to disrupt the American political scene like this."

Pat Nixon, the wife of the ex-president, and his only real friend for the last couple of years, said she was glad her husband had decided to "throw his hat into the political ring again."

"I was never convicted of a crime in the United States," Nixon told the delegates. "And you can bet your sweet impeachment proceedings that I know how to run that country."

"Look at all that I was able to accomplish despite the very dishonest staff I had," Nixon said.

"It sure does feel good to be a winner again," he said.

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Student found guilty of disorderly conduct

by Frank White

An MTSU senior was found guilty and sentenced to probation until graduation on a charge of disorderly conduct in ASB General Sessions court Tuesday.

Richard L. Edmondson, of Nashville, was also charged with littering in connection with the same incident but pleaded guilty on that charge.

Edmondson was told that another parking ticket would be considered a violation to his probation. He expects to graduate in August of this year.

The incident allegedly occurred during final exams last semester when Edmondson was issued a ticket for a parking violation.

Edmondson said he returned to his car while the ticketer was still there and "to express disgust, took the ticket, tore it up and tossed it to the wind."

Edmondson said he was disgusted because parking spaces in the lot behind the Student Union Building had been reserved all day for a Board of Regents meeting that was to be held that afternoon. "This denied the use of those spaces for MTSU personnel," Edmonson said.

After throwing the ticket on the ground, Edmondson said two security personnel on horses who were guarding the reserved spaces rode over and told the ticketer to write him a ticket for littering.

The ticketer wrote the ticket and tried to hand it to Edmondson. When Edmondson refused to take the ticket, the ticketer placed the ticket on the windshield.

Edmondson then reportedly took the ticket and threw it at the ticket writer.

The two officers on horses then surrounded the car, Edmondson said. "They were going to take me downtown."

"I assume that means they were going to arrest me," Edmondson said.

One of the officers, Dan Hicks, then gave Edmondson a dean's citation for disorderly conduct.

Several witnesses were called to the stand by both the defense and the prosecution.

As a witness for the prosecution, the ticket writer, Timothy Ball, said he now feels intimidated because of the ticket being thrown at him.

"Even though Edmondson apologized later, I still remember the incident. Nothing like that has

ever happened to me before," Ball testified.

The two security officers, Andy Garrett and Hicks, have both left the university to take jobs with the Lebanon Police department and were not available for testimony.

Virginia Tenpenny was called as a witness for the defense. Tenpenny was with Edmondson when the incident occurred.

Tenpenny said she felt the whole incident got out of control. "Everyone was upset," she said.

"I don't think Edmondson was any more disorderly than the guy who wrote the ticket."

Tenpenny said she had been told that commuters could park in that lot.

Students are allowed to park in the lot behind the SUB, according to Security Sergeant Claire J. Hendrickson. (See related story on this page.)

Character witnesses were called to the stand that Edmondson is not a violent person and is "a pacifist."

Parking spaces allotted commuters

"Even though spaces in the parking lot behind the Student Union Building are marked red, black and white, commuters are allowed to park there," according to Security Sergeant Claire J. Hendrickson.

Those spaces will be changed to commuter parking spaces, because they aren't needed for administrators, Hendrickson said.

A request to have the curb repainted to signify student parking was sent to maintenance from security last summer.

Since that time, ticket writers have been lax about writing tickets to students parking in that area, Hendrickson pointed out.

When the curb is repainted, the number of brown spaces for dorm residents will remain the same, Hendrickson said, but "only five black and five red spaces will remain behind the SUB."

The red spaces are for faculty while the black spaces are for administrative staff. All other spaces in the lot will be painted blue for commuter parking.

"Since the request was put in last summer to have the curb repainted, we follow the policy of allowing students to park there as they would if the lot had been repainted," Hendrickson said.

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Rape needs 'proper perspective,' author claims

by Merry Lynn Starling

"Rape needs to be put in the proper perspective. It's not the worst thing that can happen to you. What's the worst thing? Well, you can get beaten up, or mutilated, or killed...That's the worst thing. The actual penetration, the rape, isn't your major worry."

Frederic Storaska, author of *How to Say No To a Rapist and Survive* spent over two hours at the LRC Tuesday night exploding myths about rape, trying to put rape "in the proper perspective."

Storaska was brought to speak on campus through the efforts of the Ideas and Issues committee.

"We think the bad thing about rape is the sexual intercourse," Storaska pointed out, "but that's not it. It's the mental attack, the loss of human rights and the forced intimacy. Nothing a woman does justifies rape."

"Let's be candid," Storaska said. "Anything a woman does could be classified as teasing to some men. A woman could walk down the street in snow shoes and it would turn some men on. We can't blame women for rape."

"But that's what society does. Society makes rapists. We condition men to be aggressive and our double standard is the main cause of rape. Women are forced into passivity," he said.

"People think of the rapist as a

'We can't blame

women for rape.'

stark raving maniac. But he's not. A rapist is just a man (or woman) with an emotional problem. And his problem is that he has this terrible need to degrade women, to humiliate them," he said.

"Rape isn't a sex act—it's a crime of hate. People want to be treated as human beings, and that's the key to protecting yourself against rape," according to Storaska.

People treat women as if they have no sense, Storaska stated. For years, rape education has been simply "scare tactics."

"Scaring the hell out of a woman is no way to prepare her against rape. It's like teaching a child how to swim by letting him watch people drown," he said.

There is only one viable program of rape prevention, Storaska stated, and that is the program which prepares a woman for alternatives in a rape situation. "Violence leaves you no alternatives."

In discussing women carrying weapons as a defense, Storaska stated that "weapons just don't work. Why? Where do most women carry weapons? In their purses. And what is the first thing that happens when a woman is attacked—she drops her purse.

-Weapons just don't work'

Now what is she going to say to her attacker? Oh, pardon me while I hunt for my purse?"

"People tell you to scream. Okay, 50 per cent of the time the attacker is going to turn and run, but the other 50 per cent of the time he's going to try his darnest to get you to stop. And this includes beating you, choking you, stabbing you—anything. Then people tell you to scream because people will hear you. Sure they'll hear you, but that's no guarantee that they'll help you."

What about screaming "Fire?"

"Well, if you're in an apartment house and you yell 'fire,' everybody is going to run outside and there you'll be—all alone with your attacker," he said.

"These odds may be okay for you, but they scare the hell out of me. You've got to do something that will work everytime—some-

thing that will protect you from bodily harm. And that thing to do is diffuse your attacker's violence," the author pointed out.

Kicking, beating and scratching doesn't work unless you can do something to incapacitate him. But unless you're skilled in the martial arts, almost nothing you can do will incapacitate him, you will only antagonize your attacker further. So you've got to try something else. "You've got to use your head," Storaska emphasized.

"We don't give women any credit for having sense. We tell them to scream, kick, bite and run and what happens? She gets herself beaten up and raped. When women use their heads, their imaginations to gain control of the situation, they can often diffuse the attacker's violence and she can escape harm," he said.

'Rape is so taboo,

women aren't prepared...'

Storaska related the case of one woman who averted bodily harm and rape by telling her attacker she had leukemia and was dying. The rapist stopped beating her and ran away.

In a similar situation, a woman pretended submission and asked her attacker to be gentle with her since she was pregnant. He immediately stopped beating her,

Storaska said.

In each of these instances, the woman averted possible harm through the same tactics—they appealed to the attacker as a human, and he responded, Storaska stated.

"No I'm not saying it always works like that—but in most cases, when you use your imagination to appeal to him as a human, his violence will subside," he said.

Only if you perceive your life is in immediate danger should you resort to violence, he said.

He outlined three tactics to use as a last resort. One method is to poke your fingers into the attacker's eyes; another is to bite his tongue or lips hard while he is kissing you. The final, and most effective, is to search gently for his testicle area (he won't be expecting harm if you do it gently), then "smash."

"Rape is so taboo, women aren't prepared at all for it. Maybe if you talked about and think about it, you'll be mentally prepared for it," he said.

Storaska concluded his lecture by appealing to the audience for help in a program the National Organization for the Prevention of Rape is conducting. He asked that anyone who had been raped, or knew of anyone who had, to send that information, along with the age of the victim and the approximate age of the rapist to NOPRA, 777 UN Plaza, New York, N.Y. This information will be used in studies of rapes, he explained.

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Rights cover freedom of sexual choice

On April Fool's Day it seems rather appropriate to discuss fools and their attitudes.

If you're preparing yourself for a humorous editorial, you'd better turn the page.

The kind of fool to be discussed are those folks who refuse to accept modern social forces like homosexuality.

Believe it or not, homosexuality isn't a new idea—in fact it has been around as long as man.

In our last edition, we attempted to show a different side of life that affects society by interviewing a female impersonator.

Sadly enough, the feedback on this subject has proven quite frustrating from so-called "enlightened" members of a university community.

Instead of accepting the homosexual as a person, many readers are condemning him even worse, closing their minds to his sexual preference.

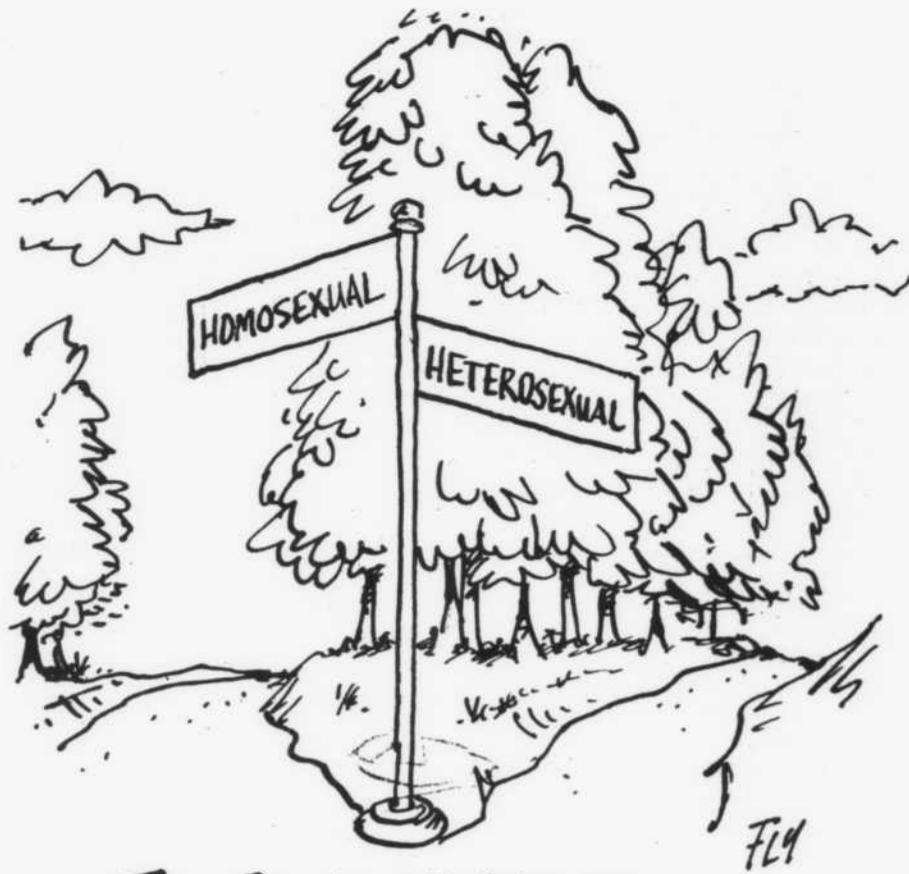
Why can't we accept a homosexual? They, too, are human. It is not a mental illness—only a personal preference.

But we forget that every one of us has the right to choose our individual sexual preferences.

We are not advocating homosexuality, but we intensely believe that each individual has the right to choose.

We defend the individual's right to choose the lifestyle most satisfying to him—just as we defend your right to enjoy freedoms of religious affiliation, speech and press.

We urge you not to infringe on the rights of others—including their sexual choices.



comments

America 'selling her soul' to foreign monopolies?

By Van West

In an 1823 letter to then President James Monroe, the aging Thomas Jefferson said that one of our most fundamental maxims should be that we should never allow the nations outside the Americas to meddle in our interests for America "has a set of interests distinct from those of Europe, and peculiarly her own. She should, therefore, have a system of her own, separate and apart from that of Europe. While the last is laboring to become the domicile of despotism, our endeavor should surely be to make our hemisphere that of freedom."

Despite this bit of wisdom from an old revolutionary, America today seems set on a course which would eventually find herself selling her own soul to Europe. As an answer to our present-day lack of capital for business expansion,

we have turned to other nations of the world for money which we can spend for our selfish aims. True, such foreign funds may lead to profitable business ventures—but for what does a country gain when she sells away her own soul!

By allowing foreign-based corporations to buy into American banks, industries and farm land, we are seriously compromising our national security and are allowing a threat against the unity of the nation to silently multiply.

One might wonder why foreign investment would be a threat to our security. The reasons are really quite simple—one only has to look at the recent problems of Chile, Italy and Japan.

These countries found themselves embroiled in domestic disputes because of bribes and downright sedition by U.S. monopoly corporations: ITT in Chile, and

Lockheed bribery in both Italy and Japan.

Is this the road we as a nation want to take? Do we want our high government officials to dance to the tunes called by foreign businessmen who do not care for our nation's interest, but only care for the U.S. dollar? I certainly hope not.

However, our generation should not only think of the possible benefits foreign investment can bring us, but we should also think about how this investment will affect the future. Maybe the corrupt influence which foreign investment brings will not show itself significantly during our lifetime. Yet, do we want to saddle our children with the bondages of modern slavery where their work benefits no one but their foreign masters? To do so would be so irresponsible as to be totally reprehensible.

Of course, there will be some groups who will argue that why worry about possible seditious foreign influence by investment—once the foreign corporation has developed their property to a profit-making level, we can just step in and "nationalize" the industry.

I disagree with such contentions. I do not believe that the United States would want to sink to the level of thievery that many Third World nations have by taking the road of nationalization. Even if we take the road of nationalization, control over foreign investment

would not be assured; in fact, our national security may be in even greater danger. We should remember what happened to the Chilean government in 1973 following the nationalization of ITT and American copper companies.

The only answer to this continued growth in foreign investment banks, industries and property seems to be tough federal legislation. Our founding fathers could not even imagine the day when the American people would allow large foreign investment in the new nation; therefore, the Constitution contains no direct prohibitions, although by implication and by the spirit of the document we realize that the revolutionaries of 1776 would not condone such investment.

It seems strange that Congress has passed laws to protect us from military threats, but not from economic threats. The economic threat that arises from foreign monopolies owning significant amounts of American property will not hit us like a bomb, but will steal upon us in silence until it is too late to act.

Therefore, we need strong and strict legislation for bidding, without any exceptions, increased foreign ownership of American property. Everyone should urge their Congressman to fight for such legislation. As Americans, we should not allow our nationalism and our distinct American experience to be prostituted by foreign money.

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Justification of 'sexual deviance' bothers reader

I hope other readers were as bothered as I was to read about the female impersonator in the Tuesday edition of Sidelines.

To me, the acceptance of homosexuality by both the sacred and secular worlds represents another step toward the demoralization of America's social structure.

Psychology tries to explain away the problem of homosexuality to make it look normal and perfectly acceptable. However, despite what psychologists in general have to say, homosexual activity is not normal and the person taking part in it is not normal whether he cares to admit it or not.

As far as liberal attitude goes, may I suggest that any person accepting what he knows to be wrong as being right is not "in" or "with it."

He is merely afraid of losing social standing which requires his conformity to the standards which society dictates.

A perfect description of what I



am saying is found in the Bible, Romans 1:25-27. The people spoken about here chose to believe the opposite of what they knew was right and were given over to a reprobate mind, engaging in all types of sexual deviancy.

However, the homosexual is not a hopeless case. There is help for him if he wants it.

I do not speak from experience (and boy am I glad!) but from what I have learned about sexual behavior, without the liberal, modern psychology approaches and "new morality" apologetics.

Last but not least, what makes up homosexuality does not call for ridiculing one who is homosexual.

The gay life is miserable enough. We can only be understanding of his problems.

So let's quit justifying sexual or any other deviancy as being normal. After all, the "new morality" is nothing more than the old immorality try to be hip!
name withheld by request

Fall fashions--chastity belts?

This is in response to the March 23 Sidelines column [letter] concerning the letter signed "The Protected."

It was ironic that this letter appeared in the same edition as the news of the accused rapist being freed on bond appeared. I wonder how protected the writer felt when the latter news was read?

Freeing an accused rapist or any identified and charged lawbreaker is seemingly as bad as the crime itself—maybe worse.

I wonder if the judge or lawyers involved would have a different point of view if a member of their family had been a victim, or how they would feel if this person attacks another woman while out on bail.

Maybe fashion designers could produce cute bullet proof vests and chastity belts for the upcoming fall fashions.

David L. Guy
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'Darla's' liberation questioned

At a gay bar recently I saw a parade of female impersonators performing. As I watched, one after another, I began thinking about the term "female impersonator."

I don't act like that, I thought; none of my female acquaintances act like that. I started feeling like a modern-day black might feel watching an old minstrel show which portrays the black man as a mindless, step 'n' fetch nigger, mumbling "yessah bozz," grinning, dancing and eating watermelon.

Here were people flitting around the stage, acting like mindless manipulative, cute little sex machines and calling themselves female impersonators.

Come on, Darla, you say you a liberated sexually. I say baloney. It seems to me you are just as much a slave to sexual prejudices as anyone else in our society. You can't see the forest for the trees.

Anna Grupke
Box 3878

Sidelines' 'courageous effort' cheered

Three cheers for Sidelines! Despite the incredibly "straight" atmosphere at MTSU, our newspaper had the decency to portray Darla Child as a "normal" person, and to portray gay people as people, not freaks.

I admire the paper's courageous effort in dispelling the rumors and untruths concerning homosexuals and I admire Darla Child for standing up for his beliefs.

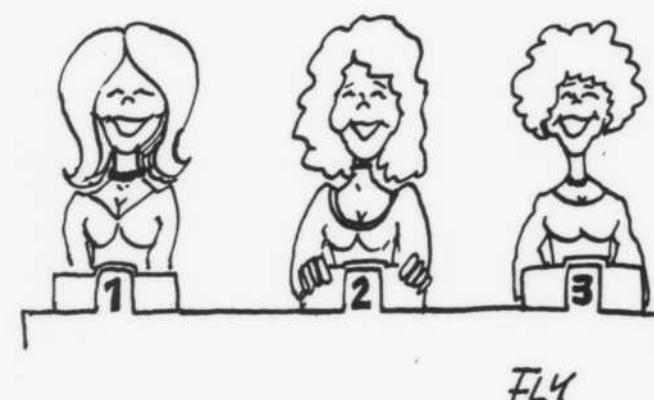
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Woman in majority mourns male deficit

In response to the article about the female impersonator, I would like to say that with the population of women outnumbering men, it is a damn shame that half of the men are unable to perform the one thing we need them for!

Valerie Beavers
Box 1200

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Letters Welcome

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Regents required to make tenure guidelines

by Trina Jones

Legislation passed recently by the Tennessee General Assembly will make it necessary for the Board of Regents to provide additional guidelines for the granting of tenure, Chancellor Roy Nicks told members of the American Association of University Professors here last night.

The legislation requires the board to define the nature of tenure, outline minimum qualifications for granting of tenure, and to provide guidelines for the termination of tenured faculty, for dismissal of faculty for financial or curricular reasons and for retirement and disability policies, Nicks said.

Faculty already tenured will retain their status under the new legislation, but the board will now have to approve tenure for all faculty members who qualify, he said.

The legislation also states that probationary faculty whose contract is not renewed must be given an oral statement as to the reasons for non-renewal, the chancellor said.

The Board of Regents should recognize that tenure must provide some measure of academic freedom and economic security for tenured faculty, but tenured faculty must also be accountable for their performance, Nicks commented.

In order to determine who is accountable, an evaluation process must be used, Nicks said. The evaluation process now being used is controversial and imperfect, Nicks admitted, but added that "we have to have one."

"Peers have to be critical of other faculty members," Nicks said. "You can't protect those who don't do their jobs or the whole system goes down the drain."

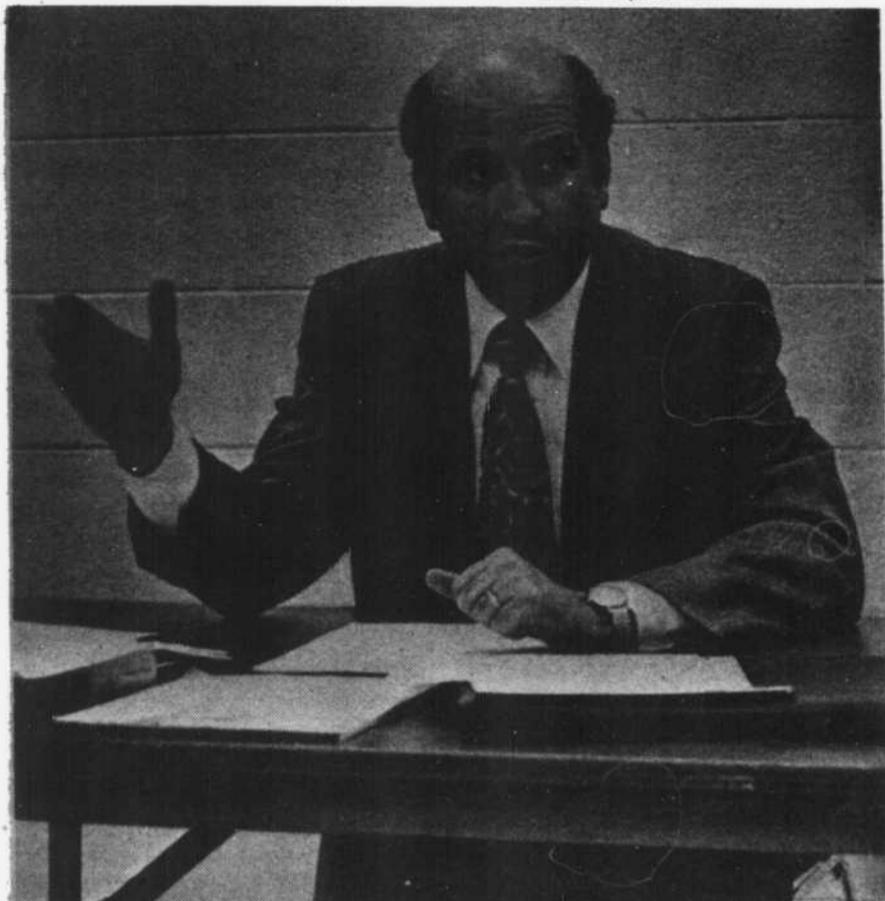
In granting of tenure to university personnel, Nicks denied that any kind of quotas are used to put ceilings on the number of faculty tenured allowed at the state's universities.

When asked if teaching, public service or research should be weighed equally in a teacher's evaluation, Nicks said that emphasis in any of the areas depended on

the emphasis of each department and faculty member.

"Areas of emphasis vary in departments and from faculty member to faculty member," Nicks

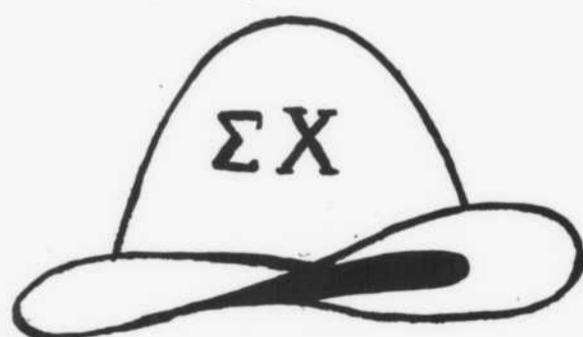
said. "Ideally, each faculty member should have objectives he outlines in cooperation with the department head and be evaluated on those objectives."



Chancellor Roy Nicks explains pay raise possibilities and tenure guidelines to the American Association of University Professors meeting here Tuesday.

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Bible studies discussed by Harvard prof

"God has died by too many interpretations if God has come close to dying at all," Krister Stendahl, Harvard Divinity school dean said last night as the first speaker in the Harrell Lecture series Tuesday.

The study of the Bible in the "university setting will let the text glow again," he said.

"I choose to speak on the Bible because I love it, was trained to study it and study is not a luxury to be kept outside the university," Stendahl said.

"We are constantly tempted to use classical or Christian texts to help us to our advantage and not considering what the original text was doing at that time," he added.

Langford tags ASB appointees

ASB president-elect Richard Langford has announced 17 cabinet appointees effective April 14.

Two positions have not been filled, Langford said, but will be finalized soon.

Appointees and the post are Matt Little, Atty. General; Margaret Alexander and David Shelton, homecoming directors; Butch Burns, election commissioner; Gary Brock,

Stendahl said that one cannot simply go to the Bible for the answers, even the sexual ethics should be rewritten due to the inventions of modern contraceptives.

"News and telecommunications make us more aware of many other people and Christians are truly a minority, he said.

Colonialism and imperialism has brought Christianity to virtually all non-Christians through missionary efforts, he said.

"We first brought them (non-Christians) syphilis and then we gave them the Bible" or salvation, Stendahl said.

He referred to the fact of

ombudsman director; Greg Vick, external affairs director; Steve Moorman, minority affairs; Sharon Sullivan, academic affairs; Amanda McClendon, campus services; Rick Smith, new student orientation; Art Swary, travel board; Lee Cohen, faculty senate liaison; John Parks, athletic director; Mike Wesson, TISL representative; David Davis and Leshia Batson, administrative assistants.

pollution in today's Christian theology but, "even a little pollution might be accepted."

On studying the Bible, Stendahl said "its use and function cannot be allowed if it is not studied, analyzed and criticized."

"Measure love by tension" was illustrated by the fact that the apostle Paul in the book of I Corinthians, Stendahl said. Home

is where one can release tensions, not in public.

In the university setting, Stendahl remarked the study of religion with the use of the Bible, "must be rescued from misuse and misinterpretation."

The history of constant prodding of the Bible and sources of discovery make religious studies a sending or an apostolic discipline, he added.

SDX plans kite contest

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi will sponsor a spring kite tournament at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, behind Cummings Hall, according to Robin Freeman, president of SPJ/SDX.

The tournament, which will have two categories of the "Most Original Kite" and the "Highest Flyer," is open to all ages with an entry fee of \$1 per kite in either category, Freeman said.

Judges will be Aerospace Department Professors Gene Jacks and Dewey Patton, and winners will receive \$10 with runner-ups

receiving \$5.

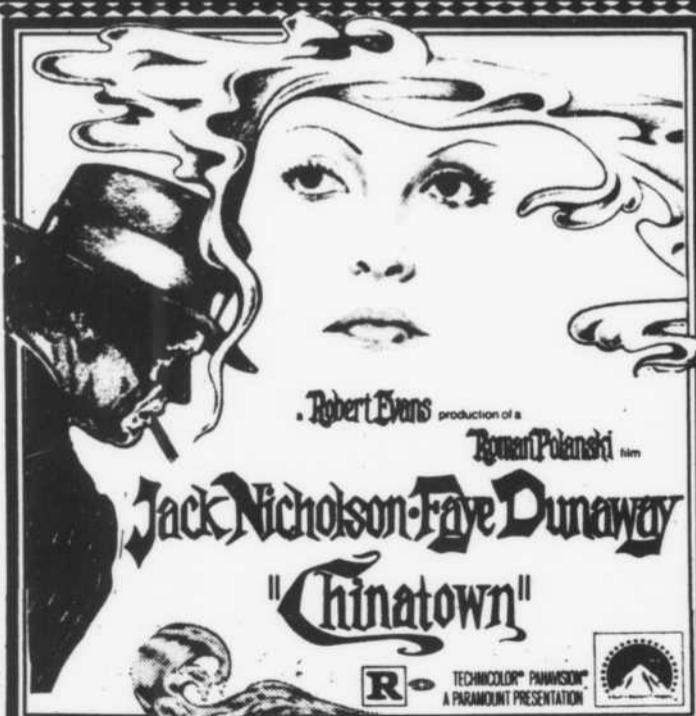
In the most original category, a kite will be judged on construction, performance and decoration with highest altitude reached at the end of a ten minute period being the criteria for the highest flyer, she said.

No wires, nails, tacks or metal of any sort will be allowed in kite construction, she said.

In case of rain, Freeman said the tournament will be held April 7.

Anyone desiring more information should contact Freeman at 898-2533 or MTSU box 618.

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'Credibility' talk to keynote press meet

Media credibility through a strong press association will keynote the Tennessee Collegiate Press Association's convention on April 2-3 at MTSU, according to Nancy Nipper and Jenny Tenpenny, co-coordinators of TCPA.

Nancy Green, adviser of student publications at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, will deliver

the keynote address at the 1 p.m. luncheon on Saturday, Tenpenny said.

Green, Kentucky's Outstanding Young Woman in 1974, incorporated and planned the move of the award-winning University of Kentucky Kernel student newspaper to financial independence, according to Tenpenny.

Also under Green's direction, the student yearbook at Kentucky, The Kentuckian, was revived from a circulation of only 400 in 1972 to more than 1,500 copies in 1974, she said.

The two-day convention will also include workshops on Saturday morning aimed primarily at the collegiate media which will be conducted by professionals from the media including Bracey Campbell, managing editor of The Nashville Banner; Frank Sutherland, Capitol Hill reporter for the Tennessean; Larry Woody, sports-

writer for the Tennessean; Natilee Duning, feature writer for the Tennessean; Harry Hix, editor and Chuck Snyder, advertising director, of The Daily News Journal.

All the major schools in Tennessee will be present at this convention, Nipper said. Among those registered to attend are Memphis State University, Vanderbilt University, George Peabody College, Tennessee Tech University, Middle Tennessee State University, Austin Peay State University, Chattanooga State Technical Community College, Columbia State Community College, University of Tennessee, Walters State Community College and East Tennessee State University, she said.

The public is invited to attend the workshops on Saturday morning, but there will be a \$3 charge for the luncheon, payable to TCPA, Box 42, MTSU.

Campus Calendar

Today

Retailing Symposium: 7:45 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tennessee Room, SUB
Graduate Test: 8 a.m.-noon; UC 314
HPERS Health Fair: 8 a.m.-noon, North Concourse, Murphy Center
HPERS Career Day: 1-5 p.m.; Dance Studio, B & C, Murphy Center
Baseball: MTSU v. U. of Wisconsin-Whitewater; 1:30 p.m.; baseball field
Women's Tennis: MTSU v. David Lipscomb; 2 p.m.; tennis courts
Movie: "Chinatown;" 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; UC Theatre
Omega Psi Phi Pearls-Dance: 9 p.m.; Tennessee Room, SUB

Tomorrow

Future Business Leaders of America: noon-11 p.m.; UC Theatre and selected rooms
Chi Omega Initiation: 5-10; Tennessee room, SUB
Tennessee Collegiate Press Association: 6 p.m.-10 p.m.; Lounge, SUB

Saturday

Tennessee Collegiate Press Association: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; SUB
Baseball: MTSU v. APSU; 1:30 p.m.; baseball field
MTSU Track Meet: 1:30 p.m. Jones Athletic Field
Piano Recital: 8 p.m. DA auditorium

Sunday

Baseball: MTSU v. Vanderbilt; 3 p.m. baseball field
Concert: Larry C. Vaught; 3 p.m.; DA Auditorium

Campus blood drive brings in 446 donors

Students donated 446 pints of blood at Tuesday's ROTC sponsored Red Cross blood drive, according to Col. James Taylor of the ROTC department.

Red Cross personnel announced that 502 people showed up for the drive, and of those, only 56 were not accepted. First time donor totaled 169.

The bloodmobile will be at the Smyrna City Hall on April 12 from noon to 6 p.m. The next visit to the MTSU campus is scheduled for the fall.

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American Revolution freed England

by Trina Jones

The American Revolution revitalized the concept of freedom and liberty and bound Britains and Americans alike in a common goal for representative government, noted British historian J.H. Plumb said last night in the second lecture of the MTSU Bicentennial Lecture series.

Speaking before approximately 300 persons in the Learning Resources Center Multi-media room, Plumb noted that the American Revolution revitalized England's efforts to escape the grasp of monarchial power and a corrupt Parliament.

"In the 1770's, Parliament was in a state of decay, with power concentrated in few hands," he said. "The revolution produced a common cause between those excluded from power in England and the American colonies."

The revolution not only divided the colonists, but divided England merchants, gentry and royalty. "By 1778, English society was sharply divided by the revolt," he said.

The outcome of the American Revolution also served to change the nature of British empirical rule, Plumb noted.

"The Anglo-French rivalry no longer was based in the Atlantic after the revolution," Plumb said. "After 1783, the focal point of Britain's empire shifted east to India and the basic nature of her

empirical focus shifted from trading to maintaining order and control over foreign subjects, much like the Roman Empire."

The shift in empirical focus caused a decisive impact on the Industrial Revolution in England, according to the noted scholar of eighteenth century England.

"The upper classes had to train men to go to India and Africa in order to keep order and to keep subject peoples reasonably content," he said. "A number of qualified and able persons had to go into government service, not industry, and England subsequently lost its leadership in the Industrial Revolution."

In conclusion, Plumb said that the American Revolution served to establish new forms of liberty and equality and became a land of hope and vision for the downtrodden and persecuted of Europe.

"We tend to undervalue the meaning of America to Europe's downtrodden and persecuted," he said. "No other country has given so much hope to mankind or opened its doors to such a flood of humanity."

Plumb's address was one of four lectures featured in the Bicentennial Lecture Series which is being jointly sponsored by MTSU and the Rutherford County Bicentennial Commission. The two remaining lectures in the series are scheduled for April 7 and 13.



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SPORTS

Raiders sign 7'6" giant to basketball pact

In an all out effort to appease the graduation of All-American center Tim Sisneros, MTSU basketball Coach Jimmy Earle announced yesterday the signing of a 7-6, 420-pound high school great from Anapolis, Brazil.

Sykoium Bripalovics returned a grant-in-aid yesterday and said he would enroll in classes this fall.

"It's just super," Earle said

Chuckwagon

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor



yesterday in his office at Murphy Center. "This kid can really play the game," Earle added while twisting the huge 1975 OVC championship ring on his right hand.

How would you describe the ability of Bripalovics?

Earle said the massive recruit could play back court like Walt Frazier, power forward like Elvin Hayes and center like Julius Erving.

Bripalovics averaged 48 points and 29 rebounds a game for Anapolis, which is 100 miles south of Brasilia, in guiding his team to the Eastern Regional title.

In that championship tilt, Bripalovics scored 58 points and hauled down 39 carrems in leading Anapolis to an 89-43 romp of



previously unbeaten Rio de Janeiro.

Bripalovics blocked 17 shots in the game.

The signing was said to be due to Bripalovics' high school coach, Nats "Fanbelt" Nospmis, who seemed most impressed with the Blue Raider program.

Earle said the clincher came from a past foreign exchange student,

teams were unbeaten with him in the starting line-up.

During his high school career, Bripalovics reset all but one schoolbody record in Brazil—and that was in the pole vault.

Earle said besides the obvious tremendous size Bripalovics has, that he is a "tremendous shooter and a fantastic leaper."

"He hit 75 per cent of his shots from the field," Earle said, "and was 92 per cent from the foul line. His greatest asset, though is the ability to block shots," he said.

During his junior year at Anapolis high school, Bripalovics had to be removed from a basketball game during the last quarter when he cut a four-inch gash in his chin after it hit the rim.

"The funny thing was that he was on his way down," Earle said.

It was rumored that when word of the signing was released, each member of the Blue Raider coaching staff rushed to the office of MTSU athletic director Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy.

No ruling was made, however, as to what additional sports Bripalovics would be allowed to play.

"See you next March in the Omni," Earle said at the conclusion of the interview.

That is the site of the NCAA finals next year.

PARTING SHOT: Happy April First.

Lassiter sinks nine-ball trophy

David Lassiter withstood a field of 37 entrants to claim first place in the MTSU nine-ball tournament last night.

Lassiter downed Greg Craig 11 games to 8 in the championship match. Mike Ford came in third place and Bill Reaney placed fourth.

It was a single elimination tournament with the victor of a match being the first player to win 11 out of 21 games.

By coping first place, Lassiter was given a trophy and \$25 gift certificate.

Craig received a trophy and a \$15 gift certificate while Ford and Reaney were awarded \$10 and \$7.50 gift certificates, respectively.

"We did not have any problems with the nine-ball tournament or with any of its participants; it ran very smooth," said Nelson Dennis, manager of the UC Games Room

and director of the tourney.

"Most of the matches went from 18 to the maximum of 21 games as the matches were highly competitive," Dennis said.

The tournament was sponsored by the Games Committee and the UC Games Room.

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Saturday

1 p.m.—Ch. 2...Wide World of Sports

1:30 p.m.—Ch. 4...Baseball Special hosted by NBC's Joe G.

1:30 p.m.—Ch. 5...Women's Tennis Association

2:30 p.m.—Ch. 2...Greater Greensboro Open

2:30 p.m.—Ch. 2...Pro Bowler Tour

5 p.m.—Ch. 2...Dinah Shore Golf Classic



Virtually impossible shots by comical pool cue wizard Paul Gorod amazed and amused a packed house in the UC Games Room Tuesday night.

Carrie Steed photo

Host quadrangular meet Saturday

Raider trackmen place unbeaten mark on line

by John Shires

Coach Dean Hayes' thinclads will put their unbeaten outdoor track record on the line this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Horace Jones Field as the Raiders take on three schools in a quadrangular meet.

Supplying the opposition will be David Lipscomb, Illinois State and the University of Cincinnati.

"On the basis of our field event's strength, we'd have to be rated as favorites," Hayes said of his squad which features the "Grasshopper Gang."

"The Gang," is composed of leapers Sheikh Faye, John DoDoo, Jimmy Washington and Marvin Hill.

Faye qualified for a berth in the Olympic trials last weekend in the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla., with a leap of 25'8" in the long jump, while Washington qualified for the NCAA championships in the triple jump with a launch of 52'5".

Washington will compete in the triple jump and long jump along with DoDoo, while Faye will enter the long jump and high jump. Marvin Hill will enter the triple jump.

Hayes pointed out that MTSU's biggest challenge in the triple jump should come from Illinois State's Steve Martin, who jumped 51'9" indoors this year.

In the pole vault, MTSU's Jack Warner will have to compete against Clayton Harbeck and John Rettick of Illinois State who have previously vaulted 15 feet.

"Hayes' Heavies," the name given by Hayes to his group of heavyweights who compete in the shot put, javelin and discus, "should do well," he said.

Ted Hausauer and Scott Akins will put the shot, while Harrison

Salami and Bill Elmer will throw the javelin. All four men will toss the discus.

In the running events, Hayes regards the 440-yard run as "the toughest race," probably because Cincinnati features Jim Schnur who has run the event in 46.9 seconds. J.T. Musgrove will represent MTSU.

Louis Friend of MTSU will compete in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. David Lipscomb will enter Robert Smith, who runs the 100-dash in 9.4 seconds.

MTSU's Russell Holloway, who

in last week's Florida Relays, finished fifth in the intermediate hurdles with a lifetime best of 51.6 seconds, will compete in that event as well as the 120-yard high hurdles event.

Other MTSU representatives in the meet will be James Key and Dennis Votava in the half-mile run and John Timberlake in the mile run.

In the relays, Hayes pointed out that David Lipscomb would be favored in the 440-yard event while Cincinnati will be the favorite in the mile.

Clutchless hitting Raiders fall to Commodores

by Ed Arning
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite the fine pitching performance exhibited by MTSU's Randy Leindecker Tuesday afternoon at Vanderbilt, the Blue Raiders were unable to produce clutch hitting and fell to the Commodores 4-1.

"Leindecker threw a superb game, giving up only two unearned runs in six and a third innings," assistant Coach Steve Peterson said.

Steve Smith and Pete Sinopoli will take the mound for MTSU today in the doubleheader against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, here at 1:30 p.m.

Bob Hardin came on in relief for Leindecker and pitched two-thirds of an inning, yielding two runs.

The game was called off in the eighth inning due to darkness.

Leindecker's record now stands at 2-2 while MTSU falls to 11-10 on the year and 1-1 in the OVC.

"We were not getting the clutch hit against Vandy and we were leaving men on base in crucial situations, but that goes for all year," Peterson said.

"I am not about to panic because we have the material to get the runs across the plate," Peterson added.

MTSU was outhit by the Commodores nine to six and the Raiders committed the only three errors of the game.

The big attraction of the weekend will be when arch rival Austin Peay invades Murfreesboro for a doubleheader on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

"APSU is the strongest hitting club in the OVC, so the fans will be treated with quite an afternoon of baseball," said Peterson.

George Ploucher and Danny Neal will hurl for the Raiders in the Saturday twinbill.

The first annual Sidelines softball throw will be held between games of the MTSU-Austin Peay doubleheader, Saturday.

It is imperative that the participants be at the diamond at the beginning of the first game at 1:30 p.m. to receive a clarification of the rules.

The winning fraternity will receive a free keg of beer.

Not to be overshadowed, MTSU hosts Vanderbilt in a single game on Sunday with game time set at 3 p.m.

April Fool!

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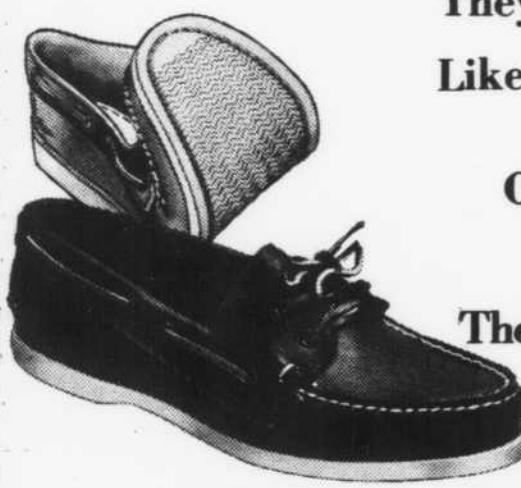
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