

Sociology head defends prof's denial of tenure

by Trina Jones

"The (sociology) department has to be doubly sure that subsequently tenured persons aren't marginally prepared," sociology department chairman Donald South said Thursday in an open forum in which he defended the recent denial of tenure to sociology professor Richard C. McEwen.

The denial of tenure to McEwen has sparked a drive by students to have McEwen's case investigated by the university. The forum, which drew approximately 50 faculty members and students, was called to answer questions and explain departmental policy concerning awarding of tenure.

A letter of protest directed to Chancellor Roy Nicks asking for an investigation of the denial of tenure to McEwen was circulated and signed by over 150 students last week. An ASB house resolution calling for the suspension of university action in McEwen's denial of tenure passed unanimously Wednesday.

Pointing to the fact that McEwen does not hold a Ph.D. in either sociology or anthropology, South explained in the forum that "we would expect persons getting permanent positions in anthropology, sociology or social work to have a terminal degree in their teaching area or to have a master's and additional training."

McEwen, who has been a sociology faculty member since 1971, holds a master's degree in sociology-anthropology from Vanderbilt University. He will be receiving a Ph.D. in public administration from Florida's Nova University at the end of this semester.

With only one of the nine tenured

sociology faculty holding a Ph.D. in sociology or anthropology, departmental efforts to secure persons with terminal degrees are being made to improve the educational quality of the department, South said.

When asked if McEwen's denial of tenure meant that he was inadequately trained, South replied that it would be "unethical of me to divulge his training" and directed students to ask McEwen for his transcript records and judge for themselves.

Turning to allegations that student evaluations of McEwen were ignored in the decision to withhold tenure, South said that student support of McEwen made the difference between contract termination and non-tenure with continuance.

"What you (students) say does make a difference," South said. "He didn't get the ax, but got a non-tenured contract continuation."

The non-tenured with continuance status means that his contract may be renewed on a yearly basis and McEwen will be eligible for tenure again next year, South said. However, South could not say how many years the contract could be extended.

The validity of departmental student and peer evaluation results which have recently circulated among some sociology students was questioned by South during the forum. The circulated results showed McEwen to be the highest ranked professor by students and had McEwen rated first in four of 12 categories in peer evaluations.

South, who declined to say whether the publicized results were true or false, said that the results being circulated were put together by McEwen himself.

"These materials have been put together and distributed by McEwen," South said. "An official ranking of teachers has not been distributed, and I cannot support these ratings because they would be a violation of the faculty members' right to privacy."

South charged that the publication of evaluation results without the faculty members' permission was "highly unethical." "There is a professionally ethical way to show results of other faculty's evaluation," South said.

McEwen, who did not attend the forum, said yesterday that he did put copies of the evaluations together and gave copies to South, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts Clay Tucker and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jack Carlton.

"The results aren't official, but were derived by data provided by South and given to me by another professor," McEwen said. "I did not consider it (the releasing of evaluation results) an invasion of privacy."

Though he would not validate the publicized evaluation results, South acknowledged that "McEwen has a good reputation among students." However, the Purdue evaluation scale measures appeal of teachers to students, not how much the student has learned, South explained.

"I would hate to have to defend in court a tenure decision based entirely on the Purdue Rating Scale, which would also be true of any other scale," South said.

South emphasized that other factors besides student evaluations

are considered in tenure and promotion decisions. Evaluations of a professor's research and publication, community public service and peer evaluations must also be considered, South said.

James McBroom, associate professor of sociology and former acting chairman of the sociology department, stated that such evaluation should be made at the time faculty are hired, not later. "It is ruthless to chop them at the tenure point," he said at the forum.

"The total person should be considered in choosing personnel," he said. "I hired him (McEwen) and I would hire him again now."

At the forum's conclusion, South again emphasized the fact that present personnel decisions are being made to upgrade the educational and academic quality of the sociology department.

"You, as students, should be concerned with how people out there view MTSU generally and the sociology-anthropology department, specifically," South said.

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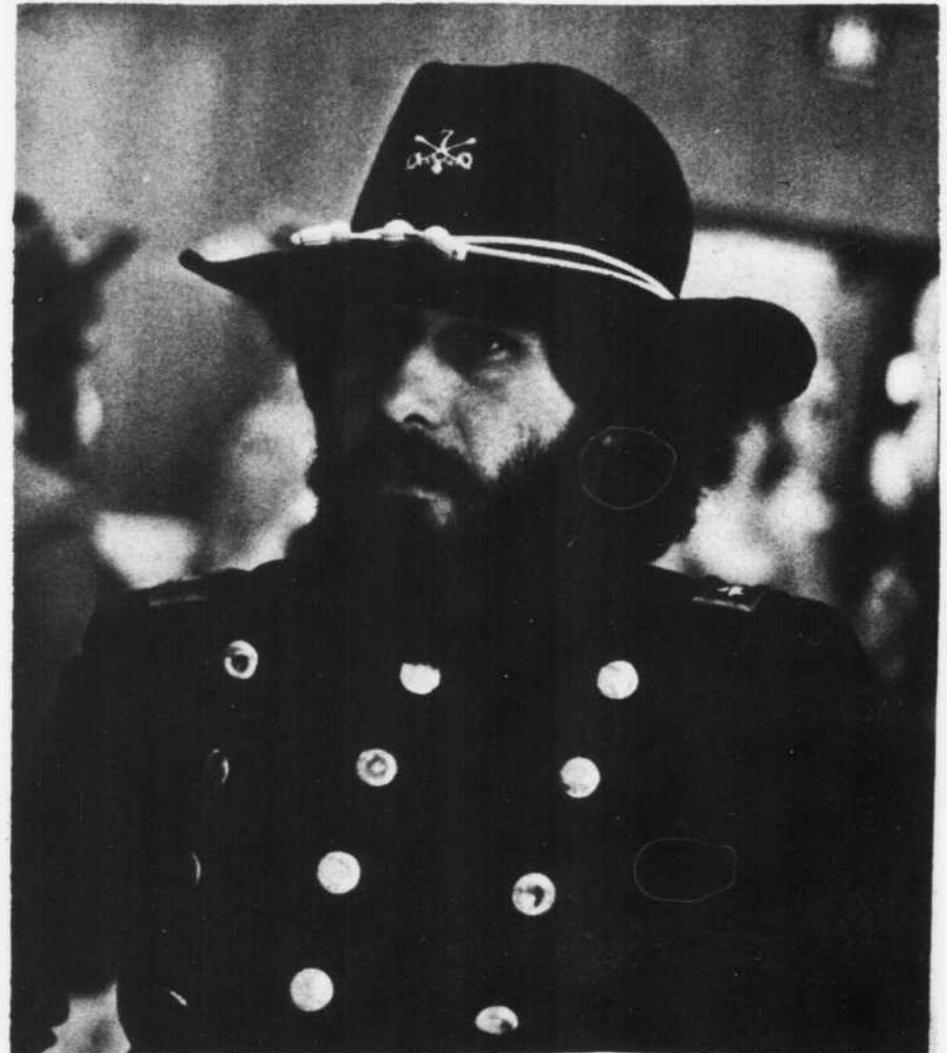
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Kappa Alpha Order member John Wood dresses as the only union soldier at the organization's annual Old South Ball at the Sheraton South in Nashville.

Danny Lowe Photo

Action 'came as a complete surprise,' prof says

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McEwen, commenting yesterday, said he was "not too sure I know the reason why I was denied tenure."

"This came as a complete surprise to me," McEwen said. "I have made no plans and have not made any applications with other schools."

McEwen said that no one had ever told him that his performance as a teacher was substandard or unsatisfactory.

"In fact, South once told me that I was a valuable member of the department and that he appreciated my job," McEwen said.

McEwen says he is now appealing the tenure decision through the prescribed appeals process. Appeals will be submitted to Tucker, Carlton and President M.G. Scarlett.

Discussing those points which are used in making decisions regarding reappointment, promotion and tenure, McEwen said that "teaching and student advising should be considered the most important factor in faculty evaluation for tenure, advancement and pay at MTSU."

"Our primary goals should be closer cultivation of the genuinely intellectual motivations of students and renewed responsiveness to their different interests and learning styles," McEwen claimed.

McEwen criticized the emphasis given to the drive for securing personnel with Ph.D's, saying that "having earned a Ph.D. does not make a person a good teacher."

"I believe teachers should be evaluated with the whole-man concept," he said.

Emphasizing the importance of

student evaluations of professors, McEwen stated that "to get first hand information of a teacher's skills, one must go to students."

Commenting on faculty peer evaluation, McEwen said that such evaluations "should be a frank, accurate and comprehensive portrayal of the performance of a faculty member. Neither outstanding good points nor bad points should be stressed to the exclusion of the others."

"Some people realize the importance of this document and exercise corresponding care and thoroughness in completing it."

Campus Calendar

Today

Blood Drive: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; UC 318, 322 & 324

Movie: "The Magical Mystery Tour;" 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.; UC Theatre

Religious Studies Banquet: 6:30 p.m.; dining room C, SUB

Fencing Club: 7:30 p.m.; dance studio B, Murphy Center

AAUP Chapter Meeting: 7 p.m.; UC 305

Tomorrow

Movie: "Chinatown;" 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.; UC Theatre

Trike Race: 3 p.m.; front of UC

Phi Alpha Theta Banquet: 6 p.m.; dining room B, SUB

Council recommends 3 dean applicants

An advisory committee formed to recommend a new assistant dean of students has proposed three candidates for consideration by Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

The three nominees are Vickie Spodek of George Peabody College, John Osborne of Western Kentucky University and David Bragg of

MTSU.

The three will be interviewed individually and given tours of the campus from March 30 to April 2. Cantrell hopes to have a single recommendation ready to submit to Vice President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance within a week after the interviews.

Board chooses media editors

Editors for *Sidelines*, fall semester, and *Midlander*, 1976-77, and a fall advertising director for *Sidelines* were chosen by the Committee on Student Publications last Tuesday.

Murfreesboro junior John Pitts was selected editor-in-chief of *Sidelines* for the fall. Pitts recently served as managing editor and feature editor for the newspaper.

Chattanooga senior Tim Hamilton was named *Midlander* editor for next year. Hamilton has worked as photographer for *Midlander* for three years and served as this

year's managing editor.

Shelbyville senior Robert Davidson will fill the post of *Sidelines* advertising director in the fall. Davidson, who has worked for *Sidelines* in advertising for two years and as its advertising manager for one year, was chosen by acclamation by the publications board.

Vacancies in the positions of *Collage* editor for 1976-77 and *Sidelines* editor for the summer will be filled in a meeting next week.

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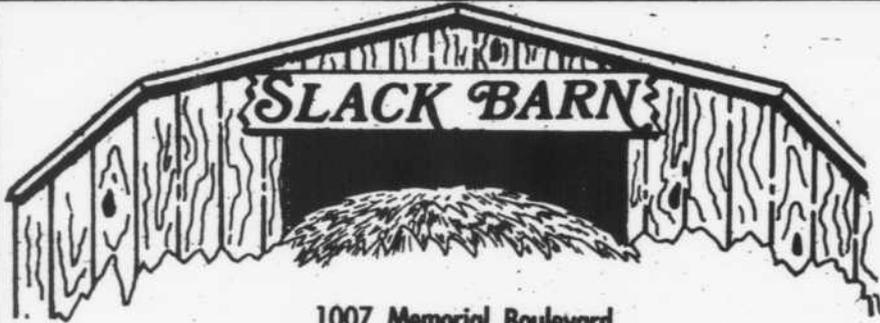


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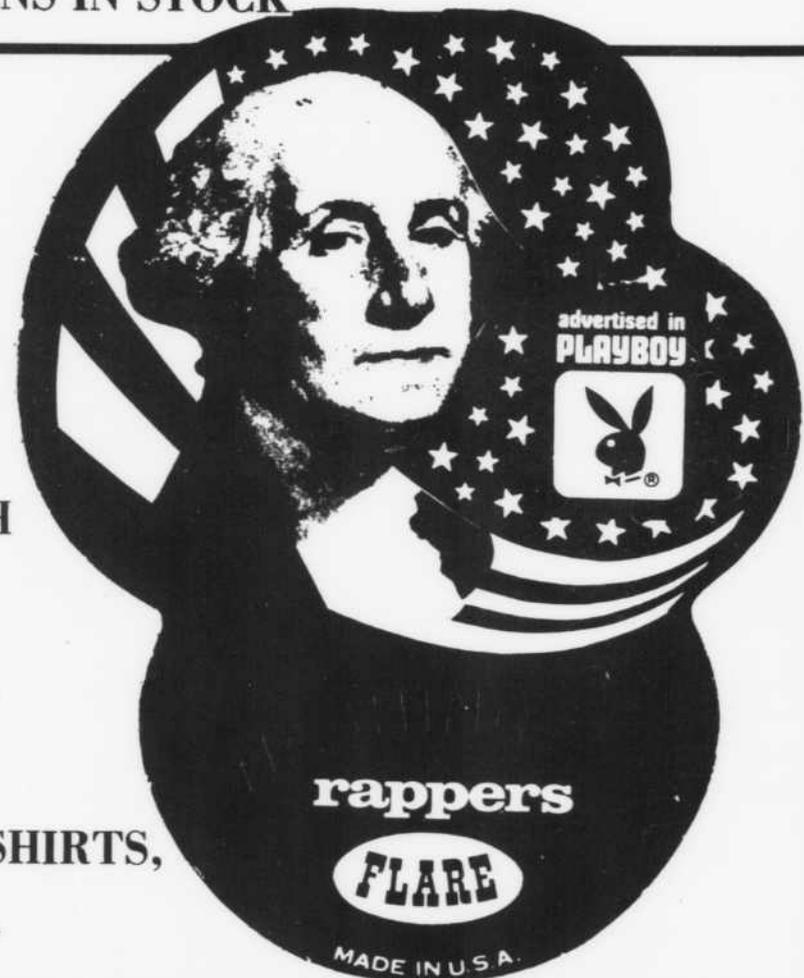
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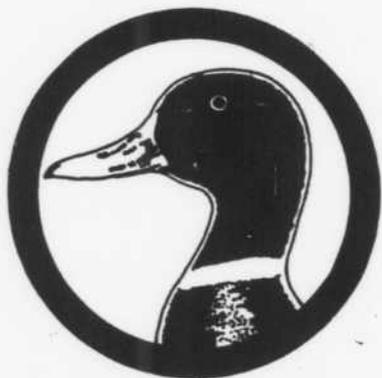
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One way to clear up any misconceptions is to explain this newspaper's policy.

News stories are simply those which inform the reader. Hopefully, the opinion will be filtered out and you will read only facts.

We welcome ideas pertaining to campus events we might consider newsworthy to our readers, but we cannot guarantee that every event will be written about and used.

The editorial and op-ed (opposite the editorial) page are reserved for opinions. The editorial is written by the editor with approval from the managing editor and news editors.

Columns are written by staff members or guest writers. Letters may be written by anyone. Names will be withheld upon request, but we must have your name before your letter is printed.

Features, and reviews are written to entertain our readers. Reviews are solely the opinion of the author.

The sports editor has individual autonomy over his section of the newspaper.

The editor decides what stories will be placed in the paper. At times, some stories will remain unused due to a lack of space.

This newspaper does not speak for the university or the mass communications department. Sidelines is written and produced by students.

When members of the university community have complaints concerning Sidelines, the department chairperson or the newspaper adviser is often contacted.

We ask our readers to file complaints with the editors.

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We hope this explanation will give our readers an insight and better comprehension of all newspapers.

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letters

Election board member rebuts 'false' charges

It is a pity that someone with an extremely limited knowledge in a given area feels that he/she is capable of writing a newspaper article on that subject. I refer specifically to Frank White's article in the March 23 issue of Sidelines.

The degree of misinformation and unsubstantiated statements is inexcusable.

Mr. White implies that the ASB elections were not publicized in a manner necessitated by the electoral act. He also states "...the

election commission chose to allow the student newspaper's staff to seek out the information."

If Mr. White were to check with Lisa Marchesoni about these charges, he would find out that they are not true. Also, I wonder how many students Mr. White can find that "had to actively search for a poll in order to vote."

I would like to know how Mr. White can claim that commuters "were not given an opportunity to vote on the first day" when the poll at the UC was open for eight hours each day.

About why the NCB poll was not open on the first day: Mr. White, do you remember the weather conditions last week? I guess you don't. It would have been impossible to try to have poll set up outside on the election days. Also, I

might add that signs were placed in the NCB to direct students to the polling place in that building.

Mr. White makes other uneducated statements in his article, but his main point is that the Election Commission failed to give the students the opportunity to vote.

This point is ridiculous, as three polls, open 16 hours each, and one poll open eight hours, meant that polls were open for 56 hours. Also, absentee ballots were available before the election for students with only night classes.

Mr. White, before you write your next article, please do a little research. If you do, you might find that article unnecessary.

Danny Dunkleberger
Election Commission member
Box 2895

Chairman commended for open forum

I recently attended the open forum sponsored by the faculty of the department of sociology. Being a sociology major myself, I was very concerned about recent personnel decisions made by the chairman of the department, Donald South.

I now believe, however, that all concerned students should join with me in thanking Dr. South for taking the time to answer all pertinent questions raised by the students in regard to the denial of tenure to (assistant professor of sociology) Richard McEwen.

It should be evident to anyone who looks at the reliable evidence in a manner that dispels prejudices and emotions that the personnel decisions which were approved by

the tenured faculty only seeks to upgrade the program of studies offered within the department.

Dr. South exposed himself to a very hostile group in an effort to answer the questions of many seemingly misinformed students. I now urge Mr. McEwen to uphold the ethics of his profession and release documented information concerning his areas of studies in both graduate and undergraduate work, a listing of his papers which are published, and answer to the credibility in regard to the evaluation sheets now being circulated across campus.

It is most important that we as students do not allow ourselves to be taken in by idle rumors and printed information from unknown sources.

I urge you all to support Dr. South as he concentrates his efforts upon improving the quality of instruction within the department.

Randy Mills
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Is foreign aid milking America's coffers dry?

by Jack Anderson
with Joe Spear

WASHINGTON—The American people have been the most generous in history. But we might be excused if we now ask ourselves whether it has been worth it.

Since the end of World War II, we have rained dollars on the needy and the greedy alike. The total economic and military aid has now reached a staggering \$168

billion. This is the greatest financial fallout of all time.

The money has gone to support opposite sides in the same war, to prop up corrupt dictators, to underwrite nations which hold us in outright contempt. By the most conservative count, at least 34 military and civilian dictatorships around the world are on the U.S. welfare rolls.

Take just one of them—Uganda's Idi Amin. He has expelled Americans from his country, detained Peace Corps volunteers and sent insulting telegrams to our presidents. So what have we done about it? Why, we've rewarded



him, of course, with more than \$43 million.

American aid has gone to 134 nations and eight territories. Only about \$18 billion have been paid back. That's less than \$1 billion repaid for every \$10 billion paid out. And some of the worst deadbeats are some of the world's most solvent nations.

Millions are still owed to us, for example, by the oil sheikhdoms. Saudi Arabia has been piling up oil profits literally faster than it can spend the money. Yet the Saudis still owe us \$38 million from the past.

The shah of Iran has been awash in petroleum. He has squandered his oil millions on weapons, palaces and jewelry. But he still hasn't paid \$165 million that he owes Washington.

This is an election year and our politicians are railing against government spending. It should be a good year, therefore, for foreign aid cuts.

But politicians apparently aren't paying any attention to their own speeches. America's Bicentennial budget for the world is another whopping \$4.7 billion. And, as usual, the money will go to friend and foe, to the just and the unjust alike.

Here at home, meanwhile, crime

is running rampant, drug addiction has become epidemic, thousands are dying from cancer and heart disease. These problems might be less troublesome if they could receive the same attention we give foreign nations.

Watch on Waste: The Navy, according to insiders, has too many tugboats. This has been confirmed by government accountants who conducted a confidential audit of the Navy's multimillion-dollar tugboat operations. We have obtained a copy of their confidential report.

"During a recent survey of the Navy's port service fleet operations," it says, "we noted more tugboats are operated than can be economically justified." The auditors claimed that more efficient tugboat management could save as much as \$245,000 at the Treasure Island, Calif., naval station alone.

—Restless bureaucrats also waste a lot of money trading offices. It's a never-ending game that might be called "musical offices."

For example, the Health Resources Administration packed up and moved seven years ago to offices near the National Institutes of Health. The justification was that it needed to be closer to its parent agency.

But now, the Health Resources Administration is preparing to

move again to offices some 15 miles away from the parent agency. A confidential document estimates the move will require the employees to travel an extra 10,000 miles daily. That's nearly two and a half million additional miles a year.

A spokesman told us the move would cost \$180,000. But our sources say it is more likely to run over \$1 million, after all the relocation expenses are added up.

The move, of course, is part of another game of "musical offices." Health Resources is moving into offices which the Navy is vacating. The Navy people, in turn, are moving to new offices 10 miles away.

Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration has its eye on the offices that Health Resources is vacating. In another seven years, they'll probably do it all over again.

—At Fort Lyons, Colo., the chief of the Veterans Administration psychiatric hospital just spent \$12,721.91 to fix up his living quarters. His name is James Parsons. He decided he needed new wallpaper, a paint job and new bathroom fixtures. So he spent the taxpayers' money to spruce up his place. A spokesman said the renovations were authorized.

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Financial red ink smears country's fiscal records

by Van West

Benjamin Austin, an American radical politician of the 1770's, pointed out to his age the basic fault and corruption of man which would impede the formation of republicanism following the American Revolution: "We may contend about forms of government, but no establishment will enrich a people, who wantonly spend beyond their income." Mr. Austin hit upon a problem which has wreaked much havoc in today's society. With our "spendthrift" government taking the lead, the American people have become convinced that deficit spending is the way to prosperity. I maintain that such attitudes are faulty and dangerous.

The way the Congress has acted the past few years, one would think that money grows on trees. Well, my friend, it ain't necessarily so! Every problem that has arisen, Congress throws money at it and when they realize that the problem is still unsolved, they decide to spend more of the taxpayer's hard-earned cash, succeeding only in throwing good money after bad and placing the national debt at record peacetime levels.

This trend was born during the Depression era. However, President Roosevelt was perfectly

justified in spending beyond the government's means because something had to be done to snap the nation out of its economic disaster.

Basically the theory FDR utilized provided for deficit spending during economic hard times and balanced budgets during times of economic expansion. Yet we have not seen a balanced budget since the early 1950's and today's

in order to "buy" (or bribe) that group's voting influence. No matter if such spending policies are causing high inflation and other economic problems, this "bribery" is the most important goal of our government.

One can lament forever the confused financial policy of our government. Let us hope that they wake up before the United States becomes as solvent as New York

most materialistic generation to come around for a number of years. We not only want what is "ours," but a little bit of what belongs to the next man.

If we tried to gain such high materialistic goals by hard work and effort, maybe such goals would be constructive, but we strive to meet our goals by the easiest possible method available—easy credit at high interest—and such a method is destructive to our self-reliance and self-discipline. We have lost that individualistic spirit which had been such a hallmark of the American personality for over two centuries. If we seem convinced that our credit can be extended forever, history tells us that this idea is not so.

Our generation's materialism must be tempered by the reality of the economic situation in which we live. The natural bounty of the earth is running out; just because we want more and more does not mean that the earth will be able to meet our demands. Our selfishness and unreasonable demands could pull down the society that surrounds us. Everyone in the nation and especially the national government should be realistic and not "wantonly spend beyond their income" for the betterment of the nation and future generations.



government seems convinced that a balanced budget is not even a legitimate goal for our society. What they see as legitimate is the spending of money for certain projects for special interest groups

City. However, our individual "financial policies" are just as bad if not worse than the government's. We are a very selfish people today and the campus youth of the nation, according to a recent poll, are the

Author to advise 'non-violent' rape defense methods

by Merry Lynn Starling

You may never get another chance to hear a speaker like Frederic Storaska.

Tonight at 8 o'clock in the Multi-Media room of the LRC, Storaska will speak on rape and rape defense. But he isn't just another speaker and his speech isn't just another speech. His ideas on rape defense are as new as rape is old, and he advocates non-violent tactics to prevent this crime.

Storaska, author of *How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive*, says that women are taught all their lives to fight back in a rape situation—kick, bite, carry a weapon, gouge at eyes—anything to hurt the attacker. But all this advice fits neatly into one category: worthless. Worthless?

Yes, most of this advice is

worthless, for it establishes right from the beginning that violence will be the tone of the attack. And violence can get the woman killed.

While these tactics may work some of the time, the majority of the time they only succeed in getting the woman maimed, killed and raped. An attacker, Storaska states, will be expecting a woman to kick and bite and so will ward off her blows, and when she screams, he will only try hard to keep her quiet. All this simply means the woman will not only get raped, but probably killed as well.

And it definitely isn't worth the risk, Storaska says. Only when a woman is sure she can get free by violence, and only when someone is near enough to hear her screams should she resort to these methods.

Storaska's rape defense is new in

that it advocates non-violence, but it is also new since it advocates submission if absolutely necessary. The woman's life is more important than anything else in the rape situation and the preserving of her life should be uppermost in her mind. Too many women are taught that submission is as bad as rape itself, and this has cost thousands of women their lives.

Storaska's key to rape defense is in maintaining control. By using your head, he states, an attempted rape can stay that way—attempted, and not a fact.

But who is going to keep her head when faced with the terrorizing situation of a sexual attack? It is hard, but it can be done, and it can be done successfully. Storaska has spent years studying rape cases and has

found in every case where rape was averted, the woman used her head to gain control at the scene. And when she held control, generally the rape was prevented.

Rape defense takes many forms, and Storaska's methods make more sense than most. His lecture "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive" isn't just rhetoric aimed at amusing lecture audiences, it is hard fact aimed at rape prevention that makes sense.

Bicentennial speech set

J.H. Plumb, former professor of modern English history at the University of Cambridge, will speak on "British Attitudes to the American Revolution" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Learning Resources Center auditorium.

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Student meeting planned for Tech

The Tennessee Student Association will hold its annual convention at Tennessee Tech University April 8-10.

Speakers for the convention include Sen. Bill Brock, Chancellor Roy Nicks, NORML state director John Shenk, Higher Education Commissioner Wayne Brown and Dwight Henry, student member of the State Board of Regents.

Arrangements for other speakers are being made by the convention organizers.

Tryouts are scheduled for cheering hopefuls

MTSU cheerleaders for the 1976-77 year will be chosen Thursday at 3:30 p.m. on the indoor track in Murphy Athletic Center.

Approximately 40 students will be competing for 12 positions, Dean Judy Smith said.

There will be six male and six female cheerleaders chosen, she said.

Any full-time student who is at least a sophomore with a 2.0 GPA may try out. The out-going cheerleaders will practice with the in-coming cheerleaders for a three-day period.



Two superimposed pictures give a dual view of singer James Rogers as he performs at Friday's Mini-Concert.

Tim Hamilton Photo

Hardaway set to speak at college convention

Jane Hardaway, former candidate for State Public Service Commissioner, will be the guest speaker at the statewide College Republican Convention banquet on April 3 at the Ramada Inn in Murfreesboro.

The three-day convention, on April 2-4, is expected to draw

approximately 100 College Republicans, according to Chris Lenier, state College Republican president from Memphis State University.

The convention delegates will attend a meeting with Senator Bill Brock and House-hopeful Robin Beard at the Nashville Hyatt Regency on Saturday afternoon.

Registration will begin Friday afternoon at the Ramada Inn and officer candidates will be nominated in the Friday night meeting.

There are about 100 registered College Republicans at MTSU, according to president Butch Burns.

The public is invited.

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Gay student describes job as female impersonator,

by Janet Basse

Decked out in denim trimmed with rhinestones and fur, the performer stands on stage and delivers Joplin's "Piece of My Heart" in a style that might have pleased even Janis.

The setting is a gay bar in Nashville, and the person on stage is a student from MTSU—a male student.

Known as "Darla Child" or Miss Gay MTSU" by his contemporaries, this student agreed to speak frankly to *Sidelines* about his experiences as a homosexual and his current profession as a female impersonator.

Reporter: When did you first acknowledge your homosexual tendencies?

Darla: I began being attracted to guys when I was in the seventh grade. At that time, I condemned myself as being a "queer" because I didn't understand what was wrong, so I went to my parents. I'd always been close to them and they referred me to a doctor.

At that time, homosexuals were not accepted as much and it was considered a mental illness. And then, as time progressed, it was labeled a sexual deviancy. Now it's considered by many psychiatrists as just a general preference of sex. It is not something you choose to do. It is something that happens—something you have no control over.

Reporter: How did your friends react?

Darla: People did not know that much about me probably until my junior year here when rumors

' I was very paranoid

and scared... '

began. At that time, I was not active—I didn't go to gay bars or perform in Nashville.

A lot of it was just rumors at first. People would come up to me with these rumors, and for a long time I tried to deny them because I was very paranoid and scared. At that time, I went to no ends of lies to

deny it. Finally, I got sick of all of it and decided to tell people the truth and how wrong a lot of the rumors were and how many misconceptions they had. I really found out at that time who my true friends were. friend and thought of me as a person, not being gay.

Reporter: How did you get your start as a female impersonator?

' I don't want to be a woman

and have never wanted

to pass as a woman... '

Darla: I had a very good friend in Florida who was a female impersonator. He was married and had two children. He suggested that I could make a lot of money doing it because I had the right facial structure. He said that with the proper makeup applications I could pass as a woman on stage, but not necessarily on the street.

At that time and also now, I don't want to be a woman and have never wanted to pass as a woman on the street. I do it strictly for the glamour, publicity and the money. It's very much of an act. A lot of people do not realize that it is a talent and that it's very hard to do because you have to go through a complete personality change.

If I'm sitting at a table, I sit with my legs spread or with my foot crossed up on my knee just like any normal guy. When you're impersonating a female, you have to change so much. You can't walk with a stalk and you have to maintain a certain femininity about you to get across to your audience to the point that they can't believe you're a man. You know you've succeeded when they start referring to you as "she," although I do not like to be called that. I got my start in September of 1974.

Reporter: How did you arrive at your stage name, "Darla Child?"

Darla: A girl that I was engaged to in high school was named Darla. My last name came from a friend of mine who "lost it" when the rumors started. He/she is one of the people who stopped being my friend when I came out.

Reporter: What is the income of a female impersonator?

Darla: Well, I only perform two to three weekends every month and it's putting me through school. It's paid for my housing, clothes, books and materials and food. I get some help from my parents. If I were not in a profession like this, working on

fired. They're very discriminated against. I've never wanted to go through a sex change. I impersonate females strictly for the performance—it's an art form. It's important to me that I can walk out on the street without people saying, "There goes a female impersonator," or "There goes a faggot".



weekends at my own choosing, it'd be very hard for me to keep my studies up.

Reporter: Do you prefer working at a gay bar or straight bar?

Darla: I enjoy working at a bar that predominates straight people because you know that they're looking at your performance in a different way—they're more skeptical. On the other hand, I generally make more tips when I work in a gay bar because straight people are afraid to tip or they don't know what's going on. Gay people really get into the emotional end of it. They're watching how much emotion you portray and how involved you get in the song.

Reporter: Have you ever wanted a sex change?

Darla: No. There are two different types of people working as female impersonators. I truly believe that a lot of them have been put in the wrong body because they think as a woman and they look upon their sex as a deformity. They are working in a job that is very fitting to them as they're going through treatment to have their sex changed. It's the only way that they can have a good income to pay for their operation.

I've had many friends going through a sex change who've worked in factories or department stores and when people find out what they really are and what they're going through, they're

because I see no point in flaunting it.

Reporter: What do you think are some of the greatest misconceptions about homosexuality?

Darla: A lot of people stereotype homosexuals as being the greasy old man in the bus station or the man who goes out and tries to pick up a little boy or the guy or girl that dresses up in clothes of the opposite sex and tries to pick up a straight person.

Before I came out and recognized myself as being gay, these people really turned me off and scared me. I was approached one time in the

'...some churches are even

beginning to accept homosexuals '

bathroom in University Center and I almost got sick to my stomach. It's enough to make you very ashamed that you're gay. I don't believe on stepping on anybody's toes unless they step on mine.

Reporter: Where do you hope to go from here?

Darla: Right now, my degree is very important to me. I know that a lot of people are having trouble getting a job with the job market as it is. At least I know that if I can't get a job in my desired field, I can rely on my impersonations as a

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discusses misconceptions shrouding homosexuality

source of income for a while, anyway.

Reporter: Have you noticed any change in attitudes toward homosexuals on this campus?

Darla: A lot of the guys in my dorm know what I do for my

a sportswear competition (because most guys don't look very good in bathing suits), an evening gown competition and talent competition.

Reporter: What do you think are some indications that homosexuality is gaining some social acceptance?

Reporter: Are there other homosexuals on this campus?

Darla: Yes, but most of them are pretty uptight and paranoid about it. They're afraid of losing a lot of their friends. I was forced out in the open against my wishes because of all the rumors. Homosexuality is a

within their homosexual lifestyle. I would want them to be brought up with a good religious background.

Reporter: What do homosexuals prefer to be called?

Darla: A homosexual does not like to be called "faggot" or "queer" but prefers to be called



At left, Darla Child sings while wearing an evening gown in a Nashville gay bar. Above and at right, Darla performs a number by Janis Joplin entitled "Piece of My Heart."

profession and they knew me before I started. They know that I'm not going to bother them—I have no desire to. They respect me and don't tease me. They know that when they come up and talk to me that they can shake my hand and I'm not making a pass at them.

Reporter: Weren't you in a gay beauty contest?

Darla: I was first runner-up in Miss Gay Nashville. The person who won is a very good friend of mine and one of the most qualified persons I can think of. He's an extremely good look-alike for Olivia Newton-John. The pageant was really professional. There was

Darla: Well, some churches are even beginning to accept homosexuals. The fact that some of my

straight friends think nothing of my sexual preference is one indication.

very private part of their lives that they don't want anyone to know about because they are afraid of being prejudiced against as the racial groups have been.

Reporter: If you were ever to marry a woman, what would you do if your son/daughter were gay?

Darla: I would try to bring them up where they'd have morals to use

"gay." "Gay" is a term which does not seem to have a degrading connotation.

Reporter: How do you think homosexuality has affected your thinking?

Darla: It's liberalized my thinking an awful lot. I have learned to accept people for what they are—not how they live.

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Student aid program subject to Blanton approval

Funds appropriated to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation could be matched equally with \$750,000 worth of federal monies if Governor Ray Blanton approves it, Financial Aid Director Winston Wrenn said

last Monday.

Applications for some 140 former tuition grant recipients are "in the envelopes and ready to go," Wrenn said. All that remains is Blanton's approval this week of the legislature's plans to match the

federal funds allocated to the State Student Incentive Grant Program, he said.

Money will be committed to about 140 "renewable" students first, Wrenn said.

A proposed 10 per cent increase in tuition fees (or \$450 a year per person) could put MTSU's share between \$50,000 and \$75,000, Wrenn said.

However, the 140 persons involved in the "massive push" for renewal includes several graduating seniors who will be unable to gain funds, he said.

Replacing the Tennessee Tuition Grant program, the TSAC would award money directly to the

applicant. Last July, a three-judge federal court ruled the former tuition grant program unconstitutional on the grounds that funds were going to institutions with church affiliations, a violation of the separation of church and state doctrine.

Some 671 students had been accepted last year before the ruling, Wrenn said.

Transfer students or any past recipients of a tuition grant who do not receive a TSAC application form after Blanton's possible approval should stop by the Financial Aid Office in room 217 of the Administration building, Wrenn said.

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Harvard dean slated

Lecture series begins with two talks

MTSU's first annual Henry Harrell Memorial Lecture Series in Religion will feature Krister Stendahl, dean of Harvard Divinity School, today, according to John McRay, professor of religious studies.

Stendahl will deliver two lectures. The first, entitled "Why Study the Bible?", will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Multi-media room in the

LRC. The other, "The Future of Christian Missions," will be offered at 8 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the SUB, McRay added.

An informal "dutch treat" luncheon will be held today in Dining Room B of the SUB. Interested persons are invited to attend, McRay said.

This lecture series is provided as a gift from Mrs. Henry Harrell to the MTSU Foundation, he said.



on albums

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Album draws line between gimmick, innovation

by Steve Huhman

The borderline between a new gimmick and something genuinely new, different and innovative is ephemeral at best. To my mind, Patti Smith is the newest genuine different innovation in music to appear in years. After being tantalized by bits and pieces of her work for over two years, I was rewarded last fall by the release of her first album, "Horses."

Patti is essentially a poetess, a very exceptional one. Her verbalization of her imagination is in a style uniquely her own. Words rush by you somewhat like the colors near the end of the movie "2001." Subject matter is derived from things beyond the scope of most poets.

Smith's presentation is by song and spoken word over a four-piece rock band. The melodies are ingeniously written to accent the mood of the lyrics. There is something of a throwback to '50's "beatnik" coffee house poetry in this, but this is far more sophisticated.

Only a fair rating can be given to the abilities of the band and to Patti's singing voice, but the freshness of the entire offering elevates the album quality to excellent.

On "Break it Up," Patti sings part of the song while beating on

her chest for an unusual effect (try it yourself to get an idea of the sound). Also featured is some very unusual guitar by guest Tom Verlaine of the notorious, unrecorded New York band, "Television."

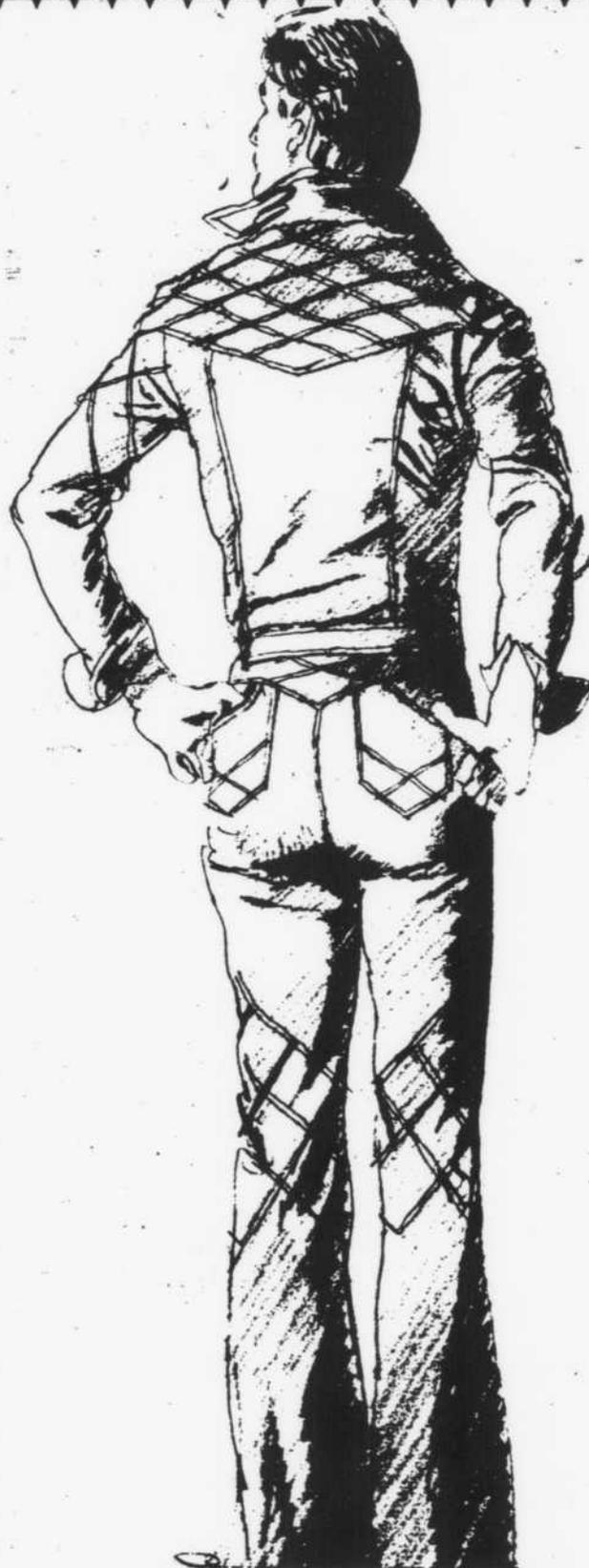
"Land" is about the fantasies of a high school boy who is having his

head smashed against a locker by the local young toughs, apparently a frequent occurrence. He manages to escape pain through his visions, which usually concentrate on horses.

While not being especially outstanding, Smith's singing voice

is pleasing and likable, and she makes the most of its variations on "Redondo Beach."

It's a crime that no lyric sheet is included with this record. However, anyone who is willing to patiently decipher them will find it well worth their while.



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Will the stigma live on?

There was a deep sigh of relief heard from the MTSU athletic department last week. And there was good reason for it.

The magnifying glass investigation was over. Nobody found the dirt under the carpet the rumors said was there.

Yet the stigma may loom with us for some time.

Some say the rumors will persist until the NCAA sends a Kojak or Colombo to "conduct an impartial investigation."

Throughout the ruckus I wondered on many a sleepless night just where all this mess started.

Between sheep I decided somebody was fanning the fire just a bit.

Chuckwagon



by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Oh, the ASB Court did what they had to do in asking for some answers. Ronnie Greenwade certainly provided some perplexing questions.

But I figured he would not have been before the court in the first place if all this "ticket fixing" by the coaches was going on. That just seems logical.

It was the possibility of giving money to athletes that could have sent the MTSU program to the NCAA and OVC cell block for a few years that continued to pop up.

The ad-hoc committee delved into that suggestion and found that a total of ten bucks had passed hands in six years and that was from a fan.

Several hours before this report was released a story made page one of the Nashville Banner proclaiming a source who said the committee's report contained information about a fund for athletes and all sorts of under-the-table deals.

I read the report three times and challenge anyone to find the first paragraph revealing such transactions.

My question again: Who is fanning the fire?

My answer: Check a couple of the OVC schools who might love to see MTSU shackled with a probation. That's a mighty potent recruiting weapon, you know.

Tim Sisneros and WKU's John Britt share OVC's 'Most Valuable Player'

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Anybody know a pro basketball team that wants a 6-8 post man who created holy terror during his last season in college ball and won co-MVP honors in the conference?

That's the situation for Tim Sisneros.

He tied in the OVC balloting for top gun with Western Kentucky's Johnny Britt. Raider George Sorrell had sole possession of the honor last year.

Coaches Jim Richards of Western Kentucky and Jack Schalow of Morehead ran a dead heat in the voting for coach of the year, too. That title went to MTSU mentor Jimmy Earle last season.

Richards guided the OVC champs to a rendezvous with

Marquette in the NCAA tournament and Schalow rebuked the preseason prediction of his club being a cellar dweller by guiding Morehead to third-place in the final standings.

Sisneros finished third in scoring (22.1), fourth in rebounding (9.9), second in field goal percentage (.570) and ninth in free throw accuracy (.698).

Britt was fifth in scoring (19.6), 19th in rebounding as a guard (5.8), 15th in field goal percentage (.475) and sixth best in the OVC from the charity stripe (.750).

Other players to receive MVP votes were Tom Schmidt of Tennessee Tech, Jesse Williams of Murray State, Austin Peay's Otis Howard and Wilson James of Western Kentucky.

Indiana wins NCAA title

Top ranked and unbeaten Indiana withstood the Cinderella charge of Big Ten rival Michigan in the NCAA tournament finals last night in Philadelphia for an 86-68 win.

UCLA outgunned Rutgers in the consolation tilt, 106-92.

The Hoosiers, now 32-0, fought back after trailing 35-29 at halftime on the clutch shooting of All-Americans Scott May and Kent Benson.

Indiana lost 6-7 point guard Bobby Wilkerson only three minutes into the game after he caught a Waymond Britt elbow on a Wolverine fast break. Wilkerson suffered a mild concussion in the collision.

It marked the first time in the history of collegiate basketball that

a coach returned to win the championship after playing on a team that won a national title as Bobby Knight did at Ohio State.

Michigan opened an 18-10 lead in the physical contest eight minutes into the first half before Indiana reeled off nine consecutive points to go ahead.

The biggest lead was never more than four points until the Wolverines, who shot 61 per cent to Indiana's 45 in the first half, went up by six with a minute to halftime.

Racking up the first four field goals of the second half, Indiana quickly took command of the game as Benson, 6-10 and 245 pounds, was all but unstoppable on close jumpers.

Indiana, which has but a lone defeat in two years to Kentucky in Mid-east semifinals last year, stayed atop by a slim margin until the Wolverines lost 6-7 freshman center Phil Hubbard with eight minutes to play.

Three minutes later All-American forward Waymond Britt fouled out and the Hoosiers waltzed to the national title.



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Murray heroics deal Raiders a split in OVC start

by Ed Arning
Assistant Sports Editor

As the old saying goes, "The game is never over until the last out is made."

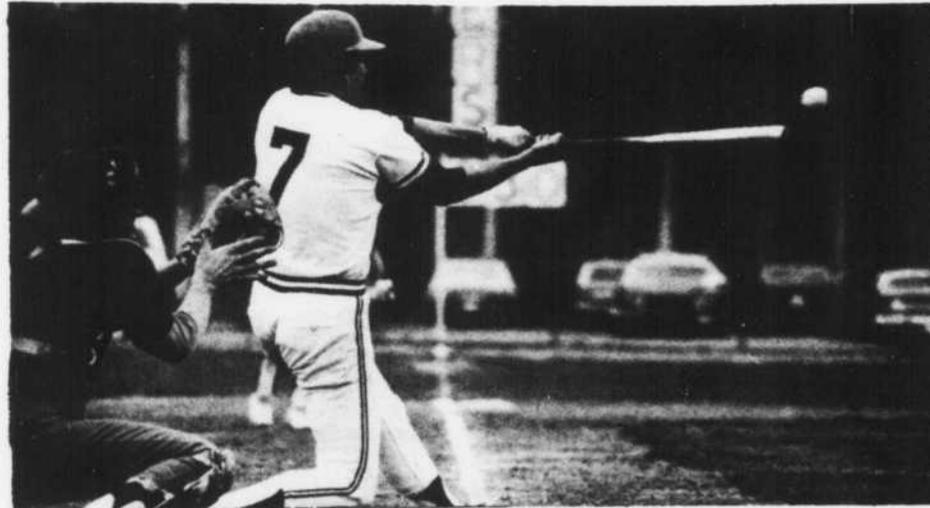
That proved to be the demise of the Blue Raider baseball team in the second game of the OVC season-opening twin bill at Murray, Saturday.

"We played smart baseball," Coach John Stanford said following the split that put the Blue Raiders at 11-9 on the year.

But in the first game MTSU came out the victor, 1-0, in a pitchers' duel.

George Ploucher, now 2-3 on the year, limited the Racers to two hits. He struck out seven and walked three in going the distance for MTSU.

Denton Peters got the sole Raider hit, connecting in the seventh



Right fielder Chuck Smith lashed this letter high pitch to the power alley in leftfield for a run-scoring double in a recent home game.

Tim Hamilton Photo

inning. Ricky Wheeler picked up the only RBI of the game as he plated Peters on a Racer error.

"We had good pitching and defense, but neither team could get very many hits," Stanford said.

Stanford pointed out that Murray is the defending Ohio Valley Conference baseball champion.

Any time you can split a doubleheader with them on their diamond, he said, you are showing the rest of the league teams that you are ready to play.

In the second game, Danny Neal was in control for six innings as he hurled no-hit ball for that span. He had a perfect game going for five innings.

But in the bottom of the seventh and final inning, the Racer batters

finally put the wood to the cowhide and on four hits, pushed across five runs to gain the come-from-behind victory, 5-4.

Bob Hardin, who came on in relief, took the loss for MTSU.

"We could have won both games," Stanford said as he pointed out that Murray did not begin to hit the ball until the last inning of the second game.

MTSU collected ten hits in the second game.

MTSU fell to the visiting Cardinals of North Central Illinois 11-8 here Friday afternoon.

The Raiders outhit the Cardinals 15 to 11, but MTSU committed five costly errors. Steve Smith, 1-1, was the losing pitcher.

The Raider's game at Trevecca yesterday was rained out.

Weather permitting, MTSU will travel to Nashville today to take on Vanderbilt in an afternoon game.

"We cannot look back at the near misses, we need to just keep looking ahead," Stanford said.

soccer tryout today

Anyone interested in joining the MTSU soccer team should attend the practice today, next to the parking lot on Greenland Drive, at 3 p.m. The team will play a round robin match here Saturday.

Lady netters eye Lipscomb

by Ed Arning
Assistant Sports Editor

The Raiderette tennis team, 1-2, plays their next home match against David Lipscomb at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 1.

MTSU's women's tennis team traveled to Baton Rouge, La., over the weekend to participate in the Jewel Tournament.

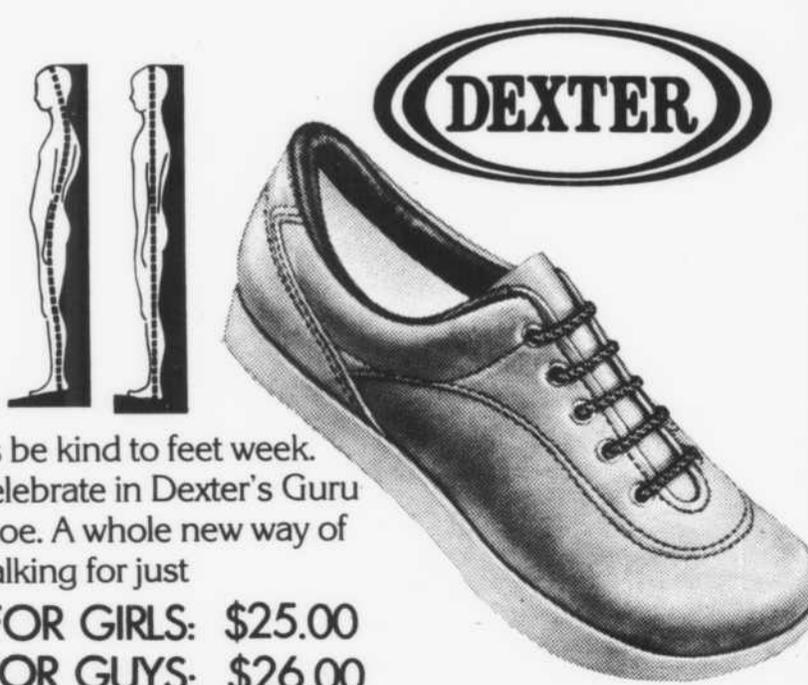
"Margie Nix, a senior seeded fourth on the MTSU squad, was the most outstanding performer for MTSU as she placed third in the singles competition," head Coach Susan Lawrence said.

All ten MTSU netters reached the quarter finals.

Corrine McDonald, MTSU's number three player, went as far as the semi-finals in the singles play before losing.

The doubles team of Sandy McMillin and Tracy Williams was the top finisher for MTSU in the doubles play as they lost in the finals of the consolation bracket.

McMillin is MTSU's number two player, while Williams is seeded fifth.



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Ben Hurt and football company content with progress for season preparations

by **Chuck Cavalaris**
Sports Editor

Phase II is complete. Phase III is in the works.

That is the capsule of the second scrimmage for the 1976 football corps of head Coach Ben Hurt.

The most frequent word in evaluation of the action was "improved." And "progress" popped up a couple of times, too.

The next scrimmage in a series of five will be Saturday at 10 a.m. and again it will be "the best against the rest."

The number one offense, directed by incumbent quarterback Mike Robinson and David Tucker, amassed more than 600 yards in total offense.

Running backs Mike Moore and Robbie Rogers ate up most of the yardage. Moore rambled for 191 yards and a pair of TD's and Rogers totaled 150 yards and a pair of touchdowns, too.

The top defensive unit, paced by defensive tackle Morris Bell, held the reserves to minus 49 yards in offense and a lone first down.

Robinson hit five of seven passes for 11 yards and two touchdowns, while Tucker raced 50 yards for a TD.

"We are real pleased with the effort and feel like there has been a lot of improvement in the past week," Hurt said before pointing out the knee injury cornerback Stan Murphy sustained.

Murphy underwent surgery yesterday morning for torn cartilage in Rutherford County hospital, but should be fully recovered by June, defensive back coach Jim Sypult said yesterday.

From the defensive line, Bell sacked the quarterback three times, recovered a fumble and tackled a runner in the end zone for a safety.

He joined the front defensive wall of Reggie Bell (no relation) at the other tackle, and ends Eddie Wright and Kim Bankston. They dominated the line of scrimmage.

But the strongest point defensively was in the secondary where Johnny Carver, injured mid-way through last year, and John Diefenbach both had interceptions, while Ronnie Cecil and Tim Moore both recovered fumbles.

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Thursday, April 1

BASEBALL: Wisconsin-Whitewater here (2), 1:30 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Spring Practice at 3:15
WOMEN'S TENNIS: David Lipscomb here, 2 p.m.

Friday, April 2

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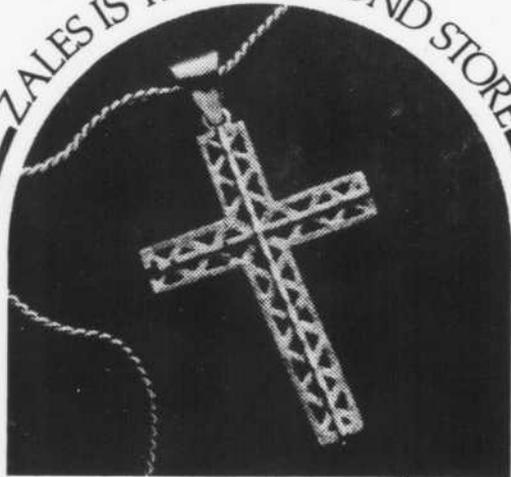


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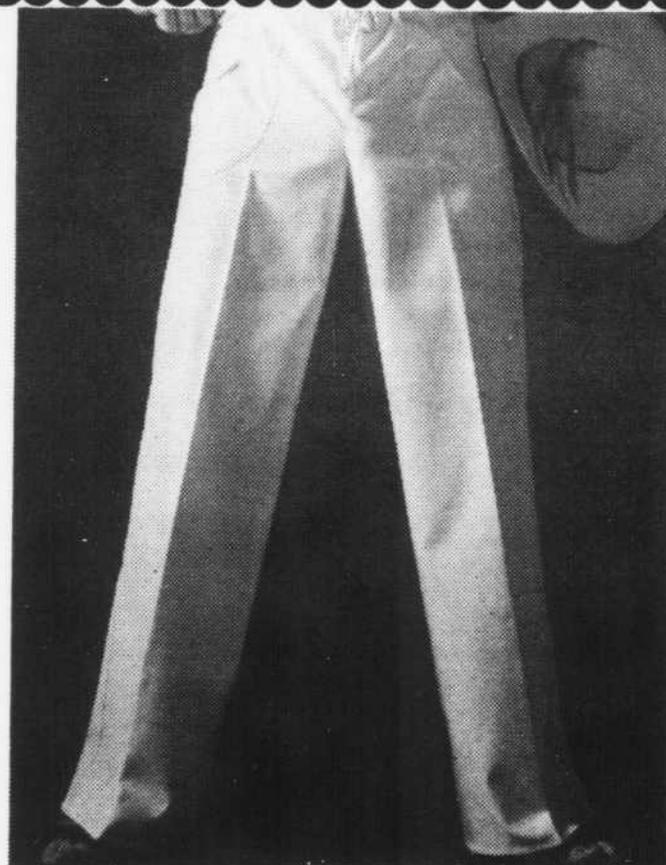
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Thinclads do 'best ever' in Florida Relays

by John Shires

MTSU track Coach Dean Hayes' thinclads earned eight places as well as a school record in last Friday and Saturday's Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla.

The school record came in the distance medley relay, a 2½ mile team running event, where a team composed of James Key, John Timberlake, Bill Moore and Dennis Botava came in at 10:5.7, good for second place.

Sheikh Faye, a member of MTSU's "Grasshopper Gang," finished second in the long jump with a leap of 25'8"—good enough to qualify for the Olympics and the NCAA championships (a jump of 25'7" is needed to qualify for the Olympics while a leap of 25' is required to make the NCAA championships).

Jimmy Washington, another member of the "Grasshopper Gang," just missed an NCAA qualification, finishing fourth with a jump of 24'8".

Washington finished second in the triple jump and qualified for the NCAA meet by soaring 52'5". He was followed by John DoDoo in fifth with a leap of 50'9¼".

Hayes thinks Washington and DoDoo will qualify later on for the Olympic trials.

Russell Holloway of MTSU

placed fifth in the intermediate hurdles, finishing with a lifetime best of 51.6 seconds.

Junior Harrison Salami, who last week set an MTSU record in the discus, came in second with a toss of 159'9".

Salami's distance and placement were possibly affected due to the fact he threw the discus in the rain, according to Hayes.

In the shot put, MTSU's Ted Hausauer placed fourth with a heave of 54'3¼".

A team composed of Louis Friend, J.T. Musgrove, DoDoo and Faye captured fourth place in the freshman division of the 440-yard relay with a time of 42.2 seconds. The time was .2 seconds better than last week's time of 42.4.

Linksters stump Vandy

Sam Hunt's two under par 70 bolstered the MTSU golf team to a nine-stroke victory over Vanderbilt Friday, 312-321, at Belle Meade Country Club.

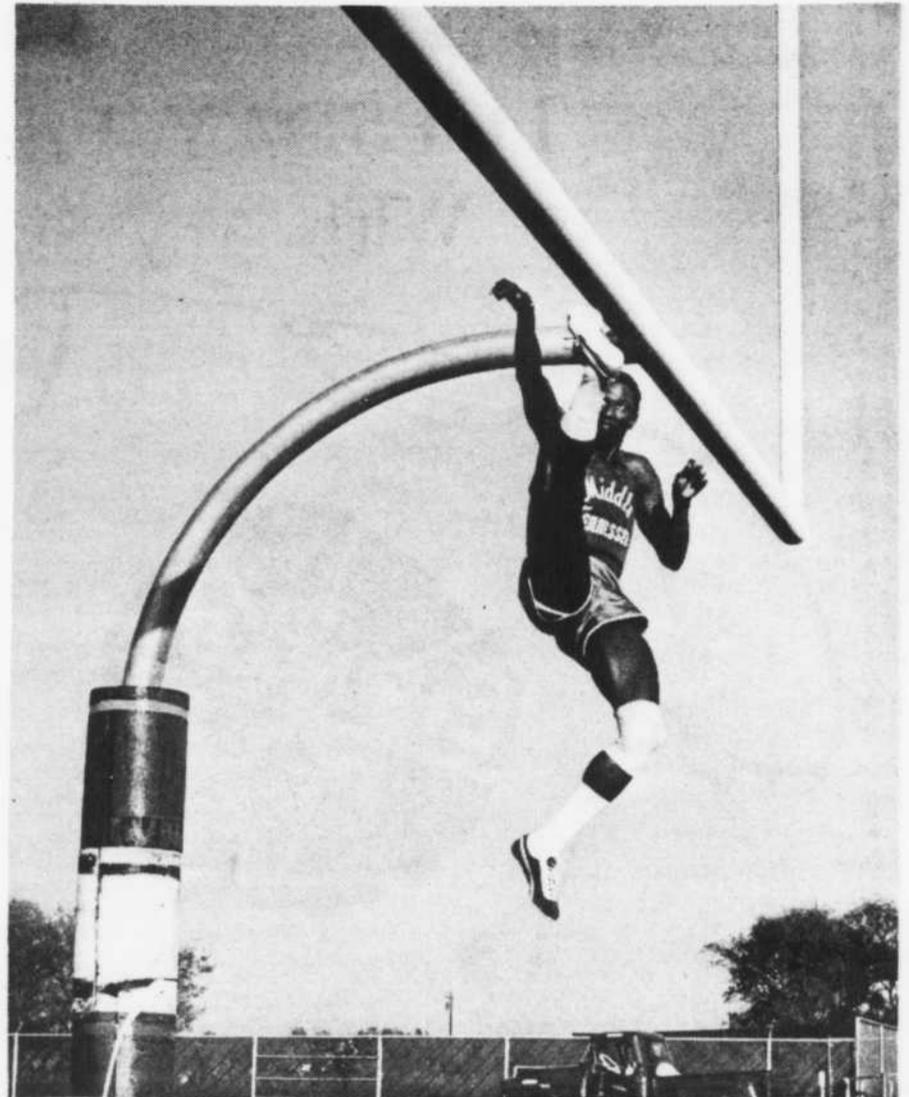
The victory was the second straight for the linksters who ran their record to 2-1.

Weather permitting, the linksters have a practice match with Martin Junior College today at Henry Horton State Park.

"Basically, we performed well in all divisions," Hayes evaluated.

"We got more individual places in this meet than we have ever had," Hayes said in reference to the eight places and school record.

Former MTSU track star Tommy Haynes, representing the Army, set a record for his team in the triple jump with a leap of 54'9¼", and in the long jump, rocketing 25'10½".



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