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Basic education is needed-Clement

by Jane Hamlin

Providing quality education throughout Tennessee and recruiting new industries into the state are two areas which need more emphasis, said gubernatorial hopeful Bob Clement yesterday in a press conference at MTSU.

Speaking to a group of students, Clement said, "The state proficiency test recently given to eighth grade students showed that a majority of them are not doing eighth grade work, they are doing only sixth or seventh grade work."

Clement said the proficiency test should be administered at the third or fourth grade level. "We can identify the deficiencies at an earlier age and offer new programs to upgrade the educational level of all Tennessee students."

According to Clement, a new curriculum should involve "getting back to the basics." "By working together we can solve the deficiencies that exist today in the basic learning skills of reading, writing and arithmetic," he said.

Clement said that many young people are graduating from high school and college, but are still missing the basics they need to find a good job. "I realize that not everyone wants a college degree and these people need more options. I am very proud of the vocational and technical schools in Tennessee."

The General Assembly has authorized \$4 million to reduce the student/teacher ratio to 25:1 in grades one and two, according to Clement. "This is not enough, however," he said. "I would like to add another \$2 million and extend the 25:1 ratio to the third grade also."

When asked where the \$2 million would come from, Clement said, "The money could possibly be made two ways, by recruiting new industries into Tennessee and also by generating tourism." Clement added that by gaining revenues from these areas there would be no need for the state income tax, to which he is opposed.



Bob Clement

New industries would also provide more job opportunities to Tennessee residents, according to

Clement. "We want to get our fair share of the industries moving South."

Clement said he is in favor of the amendment to the state constitu-

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Robert Corlew appointed new Dean of Liberal Arts

by Susan Osburn

Dr. Robert E. Corlew was appointed last week as Dean of the School of Liberal Arts effective July 1. This includes the departments of English, geography and earth science, history, foreign languages, philosophy, speech and theater, political science, sociology and anthropology and social science. As Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, he will plan and give direction to

the instructional programs of these various departments.

A selection committee, under the direction of Dr. William Kohland of the geography and earth science department, worked "three or four months" screening the nearly 100 applications received for the position

Corlew, currently chairman of the history department, has served as a member of the Board of Directors at the Commerce Union Bank of Rutherford County, Chairman of the Rutherford County Bicentennial Commission and chairman of the ad hoc committee to screen applicants for the vice-president of academic affairs at MTSU. He now presides as President of the Tennessee Historical Society.

After graduating from Austin Peay and Vanderbilt Universities, Corlew earned his Ph. D. at the University of Alabama. He is the author and co-author of several historical publications such as History of Tennessee (1960), Tennessee: A Short History (1969), and Statehood for Tennessee (1976).

Access to center clarified

Ed. Note—This second story on the MTSU day care center is being run to clarify last week's story and to bring about greater public understanding of the situation.

by Valorie Vaughn

Only children of lower-income families may have access to the MTSU day care center because of federal guideline changes made in 1972, according to Janet Camp, director of the MTSU day care center.

"We had to change our regulations or lose federal funding," Camp said. Without federal funding it would cost a parent at least \$2,400 per year for the care of one child at the center."

Camp also said that the center did not have adequate physical space to meet the demand for married student childcare. "It is a federal regulation that there be 30 square feet per child in the center, and we only have the space to accommmodate 24 children."

Last February, a meeting was held between Camp, Robert LaLance, vice-president of student affairs, Jim Craig, director of

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The above is an example of student art work being exhibited in the art gallery during the summer session. [Debra Ross photo]



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tion which placed a limit on tax expenditures. "The amendment states that state government cannot spend any more money than the growth of Tennessee's economy."

In a session with a group of teachers, Clement said he feels it is important for teachers to get involved in politics. "Decisions made by the governor, whoever he may be, will affect the teachers as well as anyone else."

"If you want to make progress and have an input, you've got to have a voice, a strong voice," he told the teachers.

Clement said that as governor he would attend as many meetings in as many areas of education as

possible. "I have been concerned for some time with the problem that a teacher must be elevated to an administrative position in order to move up. I want to see more teachers remain in the classrooms, practicing their professions."

The candidate said that he has an advantage in that he knows everyone in the state legislature. "I know how to get a program through the legislature," he said.

Clement, 34, has served as chairman of the Tennessee Public Service Commission since 1977. He is the eldest son of the late Gov. Frank G. Clement and received his B.S. degree from UT Knoxville and his M.S. degree from Memphis State University.



Clement greets a student during his visit to campus yesterday. [Debra Ross photo]

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Ruffner elected to new position

By Valorie Vaughn

Joseph Ruffner, head of intramurals, was chosen as regional vicepresident of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association. Ruffner was elected to the position in a convention held by the association in Chicago during April.

"The job involves coordinating intramural activities for Southeastern states, including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia,' Ruffner said.

"Intramurals are a way that all persons can get involved in recreational programs," he added.

Ruffner, who has been a member of the NIRSA since 1969, has worked on the executive committee serving the Southeast and on the constitution and by-laws commit-

Last year, as chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee, Ruffner proposed a bill so that "only members in one given region could nominate for their particular region." Ruffner said that this was to "insure that each region becomes more aware of its potential and leadership."

The bill was approved by the members of the NIRSA last year.

After its passage, Ruffner was one of the first of two members to be elected under the new provision.

The NIRSA is primarily open to collegiate administrators, but is opening up to elementary and secondary schools as well, according to Ruffner.

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Editorial

Frat ordinance not fair

Murfreesboro's city council is trying to pass an ordinance placing strict regulations on fraternity and sorority houses. Everyone concerned should know by now just how ridiculous and unfair these rules are.

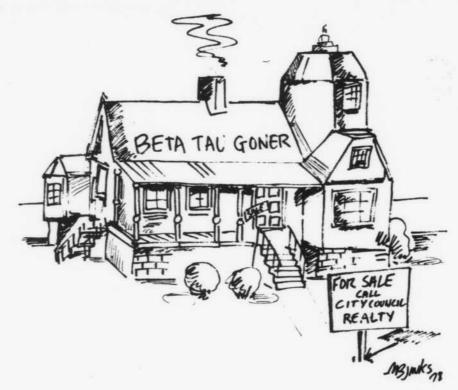
Such things as "no live bands, a parking space for each member and no entrance or exit drive permitted within 100 feet of an intersecting street" are just a few of the regulations the council hopes to impose upon these university organizations.

It is rather obvious that this is merely an attempt by some members of the community to do away with fraternities entirely. How many fraternities, if any, can meet the guidelines of this proposal? Most of the fraternities would probably have to rebuild entirely and it is doubtful that any of them can afford a new house which would conform to the rules.

Why is the city council trying to do this? Is it because the fraternities play their music too loud or throw "wild" parties? Maybe so. But fraternities are not the only ones who do this kind of thing, so why are they being picked on?

Have certain members of the community forgotten the good things the fraternities do? What about the fund-raising activities for St. Judes' Hospital, the heart fund, cerebral palsy and many others. Perhaps these residents of Murfreesboro should stop and think again about the effect this ordinance will have on fraternities.

Hopefully, they will change their minds and support the fraternities, not the ordinance.



The city council will meet tomorrow night for the second reading of this proposal. The meeting is open to the public.

Fraternities, rally up. Fight for your rights. Sororities can help, too. This ordinance will affect them if they ever decide to build houses.

It is hoped that other students and the MTSU faculty and administration also will support the fraternities in their fight against such an absurd ordinance.

Open Forum

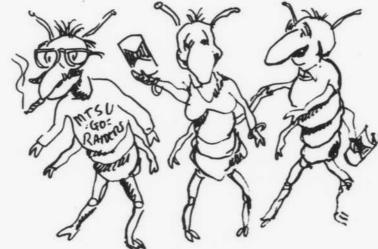
Student protests 'rape of college living quarters'

by Bill Ray Sidelines Production Manager

As the summer session begins, we see thousands of students returning to their old home away from home—MTSU. But few people are aware of another phalanx (according to Websters, "a group of individuals united for a common purpose") which has descended upon our campus. This elite group of which I am speaking is that common apartment dweller, the cockroach.

Those who have encountered this animal and lived to tell their tale are quite aware or the predicament that faces students forced to remain confined with these creatures of the evening.

For example, one girl I know who lives in J apartments, had her whole set of living room furniture carried out into the courtyard so the roaches could sunbathe. Last Halloween, about 50 of them gave this same girl a heart attack by carrying a Jack-O-Lantern on their backs



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and shouting "Boo." It that's not enough, they are constantly filling her sink with water and going swimming.

Now, I was recently faced with a question of morals when this last event happened to me. One morning when I got up, I went to the sink and found that one of the little swimmers had gone skinny dipping and the fool had drowned.

Of course, I was faced with the question of whether I should call the campus police. I mean reall, the fact that there was a dead body in my sink was obvious to anyone who walked in. Well, God forgive me, I didn't tell a soul and, not so quietly, sent him down the disposal.

Who knows how many deaths have gone unreported like this. I myself have committed several of these heinous crimes. There was the time I found a roach in the refrigerator and didn't rescue him before I plugged it in.

But there are ways to eliminate these tiny visitors from the confines of your home. There's the trusty maintenance men with their bug spray foggers who will eliminate the roaches. But then they also eliminate your free time, telling you to cover your dishes, wash your dishes, wash your hands after touching anything in the apart-

ment, wash your apartment, etc. As a concerned student and interested in the well-being of all pets, I would like to suggest several humane ways of getting rid of these pests who wake you in the night with the sound of their tiny footsteps:

•Have housing charge them rent for use of the dorm. This way, our rent would go down and those roaches who couldn't pay would be evicted, suitcases in hand. This might work, because, have you ever known a roach that worked a day in his life?

•Bring in strange and exotic foods that you will eat, but they won't. The best to use are foreign foods like halvah, kielbasa, gifelte fish, escargot or a Raider burger with cheese from the grill. A hungry roach is an unhappy roach, so the lack of a palatable substance will cause them to seek other quarters.

These efforts may seem drastic to some, but the rape of the college living quarters is not a laughing matter. As my dad always said, "Give a roach an inch and he'll take a mile." So it goes with bugs in the dorm.

I'd like to hear some comments from people who have solved their roach problems. Even if it is just "Wow man, you eat the ants and I'll smoke the roaches." It is possible that Old Main could be renamed for that great Middle Tennessee hero who releases us from the burdens of Raid, D-Con and Black Flag. I've already got a new name for J and K apartments: "The Roach Rest Inn—Rooms \$192 and up."

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housing, and other campus officials to determine if married students' children could play on the MTSU day care equipment after 4:00 p.m., the time when other children at the center go home.

"We decided, as a group, against it," Camp said. "The playground was made to be supervised and this would mean finding and paying persons to supervise it for married students' children. Also, this playground is designed for three to five year-olds, and thus would not meet the needs of many

married students' children.'

While the administration was trying to find some relief for the married students' children, little pressure was apparently applied by the residents. Wayne Clendenen, head of the married housing units, pointed out that only 14 of 192 families attended the meeting with university officials.

Meanwhile, other concerned members of the University community have rallied to find some sort of solution to the problem.

A second playground was started by students in a recreation class, under the instruction of Harvey Miller.

Miller was asked by Mitch Chambers, instructor in intramurals, to help design and coordinate the building of some equipment for a second play area.

The students were given a budget of about \$200 out of married student monies by Jim Craig. After a four to five week period of planning, the playground equipment was built just before the end of spring semester.

Joe Ruffner, head of intramurals, believes that there is no way that one can compare the two playgrounds. "It (the new equipment) is better than what married student's children had, because they had nothing. It takes time to get these things done, and the weather has been a major setback in working more on the playground."

"By putting in only certain amount of equipment at a time, we can see what the students enjoy playing on, what needs to be duplicated, and what needs to be thrown out," Ruffner said.

"When we first started the MTSU day care center, the only equipment we had was a tunnel, made out of a concrete pipes, and a sandbox," Camp said. The day care center also got climbing spindles exactly like the ones in the new playground two days after they were used in the other playground, according to Camp.

Chamber said that the Inter-Fraternity Council recently donated a swing set to be used in the married students' children's playground. "It just hasn't been put up yet," Chambers said. "These things just take time and all we have gotten is criticism from married students while this HYPERS class got blisters on their hands working to build this playground."

The maps of MTSU being issued now do not designate the MTSU day care center, but show the whole area as married student housing, according to Clendenen, which should end what some have charged as misleading information about the center.

"A lot of people that got involved in building this playground for married students' children will never reap the benefits. We're trying to get this program off the ground, but a good program does not get done overnight," Clendenen said.



This ramp leading up to the music building was recently installed to aid handicapped students. [Debra Ross photo]

Class gives survey on symbols, events

by Vicki Atkinson

An opinion survey containing four questions about symbols representing the United States and events which have unified or disunified the people of the United States was administered by Dr. John Ray of the geography-earth science department and his political geography class during the 1978 intersession.

The survey was taken by 100 randomly chosen students throughout the university. Their ages ranged from 21 to 25 and they were predominately male and white American.

The first question on the survey dealt with what three symbols the students felt best represented the United States to other countries. Number one was almost unanimously Old Glory, the American flag, with the eagle running a close second. The last was the

Statue of Liberty, which was the only symbol of freedom listed. Others were materialistic such as television, wealth and other status symbols.

Question number two asked what three events or changes over the last ten years have tended to better unify the people of the United States. Ranking first was the Watergate scandal. Second was the end of the Vietnam War, with integration coming in third. Three others that ran close to these were the energy crisis, the assassinations and the recent election of President Jimmy Carter.

Next was the question of what events and changes over the same time period had tended to disunify the people of the United States? The most overwhelming response was the Vietnam War, which not only split the country as a whole, but individuals were split in their

own opinions. Next came Watergate with the number three position being taken by the recent debates over the Panama Canal Treaty. Strikes, primarily the coal strike, and taxation issues were also frequently listed by many.

The last question was whether the people of the United States have become more unified or less unified in the past ten years. The results to this question ran close to being 50-50 with 60 percent feeling that the U.S. has become more unified while the other 40 percent claim it has become less unified.

Ray plans to give this same survey again during the fall semester. He hopes to have varied opinions because, "I feel that the fall students will be in a different age group and will have different opinions in these areas." He believes that a comparison of the two will be possible.



County votes to aid in replacement of 'carpet'



After seven years of extensive use, the turf at Horace Jones field is beyond repair. A new "rug" will be put down later this summer and should be ready for next fall's grid season.



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by Scott Adams Sports Editor

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Although MTSU is a state supported school, the county entered into the situation by way of a contract signed in 1971 which entitled Oakland and Riverdale High Schools and Central Middle School to use the field.

When funds were made available to construct the two high schools the sum of \$236,000 was set aside for a stadium.

Since this sum appeared inadequate to construct a lighted playing field and sufficient seating space for multi-use, the school board entered into a contract with MTSU to apply the \$236,000 toward the installation of artificial turf at Horace Jones Field.

The contract also called for equal

sharing in the future costs of repairs and replacement of the turf, a clause which has been leniently enforced until now.

An approximate cost of \$360,000 was estimated as the replacement cost by a company which installs the "carpet" and is to split into two \$180,000 parts to be payed by the county and MTSU.

Also added into this figure is the cost of a tarpolium which would be used during the hot summer months to protect the field.

According to the turf company, the tarp would give the surface many extra years of use.

Along with the 30 or more football games played on the field every season, the stadium is also used for practices by two of the schools' bands. After seven years of this kind of intensive use, the turf is worn to the base of the backing which exposes the pad. The base for the pad is asphalt.



More injuries were sustained than ever before this season due to the terrible shape of the turf. Some spots of the surface are worn down to the asphalt-like backing under it. [Debra Ross photo]

Season tickets should be renewed

With three weeks remaining for the renewal of season football tickets, last year's ticket holders should take note that their final day of priority is July 3.

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Neal wins tournament, signs two new players

MTSU women's tennis coach Sandy Neal traded her role of coach for that of player and won the second annual Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Tennis Tournament.

Neal lost in the semi-finals last year to MTSU player Carol Craig but said she was a "lot luckier" this year.

"I lost last year to Carol in the semi's but was a lot more fortunate with the draw and things this time," Neal said.



Coach Sandy Neal

Neal, who has won the Murfreesboro Open Tennis Tournament three of the last four years, said she would probably enter that tournament again this year. The Murfreesboro Open is scheduled for the last week in July. Stepping back into the role of coach, Neal signed two top-notch net stars to continue their careers at Middle Tennessee.

Diana Myers of Nebraska and Tarja Ojala of Finland signed the grants earlier this month and both will be freshmen arriving for the fall semester.

Ojala is ranked number two in Finland and was also the doubles partner of present MTSU star Elina Durchman in high school.

"We were very lucky to get these girls to come here and I'm sure they'll be able to step right in and help because we lost four seniors this year," Neal said.

Feher joins list for Earle's camp

Former Vanderbilt Commodore star Butch Feher will be an added attraction at Jimmy Earle's Basketball Camp For Boys scheduled for later this month.

Feher, who is currently working as a sales representative for the Converse Rubber Company, earned ALL-SEC third-team honors his senior season as well as being a three-year starter for the Commodores.

Dates for the camp are June 19-23 and June 26-30.

Tennis classes to be offered

Beginner and intermediate tennis classes are to be offered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 26 through July 13 on the MTSU tennis courts.

Classes for beginners ages seven through 15-years old will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Beginning classes for ages 16 to adult will also be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Intermediate classes for the same age groups will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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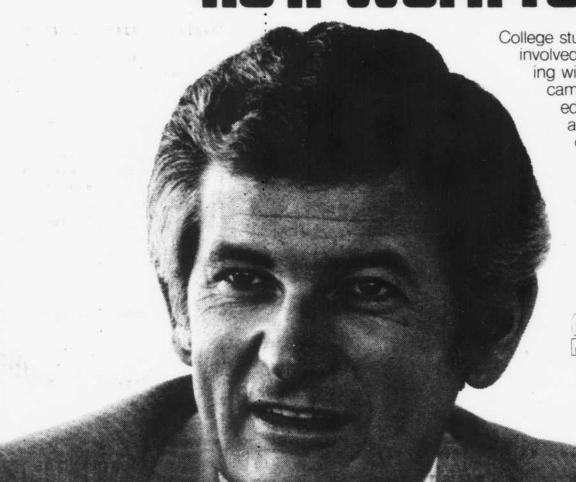
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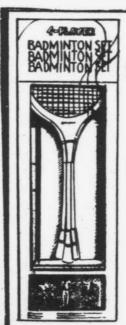
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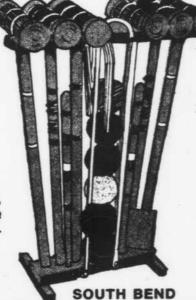
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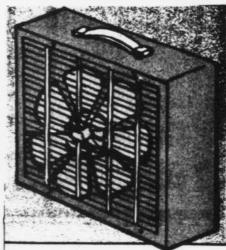
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