

Election dispute ended

by Jenny Tenpenny

A controversy over the acceptability of election petitions filed after the Wednesday noon deadline was ended Wednesday night by a 4-2 vote to accept the late petitions by the ASB Election Commission.

The issue originated when presidential candidate Matt Little's petition was not turned in until 2:30 p.m. and there vacancies were left in the junior and graduate senate race. Danny Dunkleburger, election commissioner, extended the deadline for all petitions to 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Dunkleburger's decision was based on the junior and graduate senate seats being filled by write-in votes. "I extended the deadline because there was still interest in the junior and graduate senate race," Dunkleburger said.

The point was made that changing the deadline was illegal and that the provision in the electoral act was there in case the seventh day fell on a weekend or holiday.

The electoral act reads as follows:

Section 1. A student shall be deemed a candidate for Associated Student Body office and shall have his/her name placed on the ballot after he/she has filed a qualifying petition with the Election Commissioner at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the election. Any exceptions to this shall be up to the discretion of the Election Commission.

Tab Blankenship, Little's campaign manager, said that Little did not know that the deadline was 12 noon and that according to the article a candidate had until midnight to file a petition.

It was also brought out in the discussion that a candidate's petition for last year's race was three hours late.

However, it was pointed out that the deadline was set and that it should not be broken if the ASB wanted to have a semblance of viability for the university students.

Little, speaking for himself, said that his was an honest mistake and that he would have had the petitions filed if he had known that the deadline was noon.

A motion was made by Mark Mathis to nullify the extension of the deadline which failed, 2-4.

Mathis then made another motion which extended the deadline from noon March 9 until 4:30 p.m. March 10 for all junior and graduate senate candidates only. The motion passed unanimously.

A question was then raised about hearing individual cases to determine whether they should be included on the official ballot.

Dunkleburger made the motion to accept all legally qualified petitions which had been turned in up until this point in the meeting.

The motion deadlocked.

A discussion by members of the election commission followed, and the motion was re-introduced. It passed 4-2.

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In other action on Thursday night, the election commission selected ballot positions for the candidates by impartial drawing and announced that the three polling places would be NCB Mall, High Rise Cafeteria and the UC. Forms will be available for write-in candidates.

Candidates must have financial statements filed by Monday at 4:30 p.m. which should include all expenditures, donations and services.

The ASB-Sidelines Speakout will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the UC Grill annex. Presidential candidates will be given the opportunity to

speak and will be asked questions by a panel. There will also be a disco-dance from 9 p.m. to midnight in Dance Studio A of Murphy Center and all candidates are invited to participate.

The commission also moved to allow Joy Heath, speaker of the house candidate, a deduction on her expenditures because a banner promoting her candidacy was removed illegally.

Dunkleberger said that he had contacted the University Police about such violations and unless a description of the abuser were available nothing could be done.

Student competence pondered - THEC

By Robin Dial

TCPA Legislative Correspondent

Nashville—Meeting in Nashville last week, members of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) approved a number of academic programs, heard reports from fiscal, research and legislative staff members, and contemplated the competence of college students in Tennessee.

The day's activities took place at UT-Nashville where representatives of both the UT and Board of Regents systems were present.

The Commission heard several requests for degree programs and granted the following:

- 1) Institution of a Master's of Criminal Justice in a joint program between MTSU and Tennessee State University;
- 2) Consolidation of all transfer programs at Columbia State, Jackson State and Walters State Community Colleges;
- 3) Institution of a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies at UT-Chattanooga;
- 4) Institution of a Master's of



Phi Mu Alpha singers contribute to the 'student-organized' stage show last night in the SUB.

Staff photo by Thom Coombes

Criminal Justice at UT-Chattanooga; and

5) Creation of a school of Engineering and Engineering Technology at UT-Martin. (This did not change the institution's degree status.)

THEC staff member Jim Spilman reported to the group that the budgets of all institutions were in good fiscal order.

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The Kiosk

The music departments of 24 area schools will be represented in the Senior High School Solo and Ensemble Festival here Saturday.

Sponsored by the Middle Tenn. School Band and Orchestra Association, the Festival will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and continue until around 5 p.m. Events will include trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, flute, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, oboe, piano, drum, and xylophone solos and ensembles.

Horace Beasley of the MTSU

music department will act as festival host.

High schools included in the festival will include Riverdale, Oakland, Tullahoma, Coffee County, Columbia, Smyrna, Shelbyville, Fayetteville, Gordonsville, Giles County, Clarkrange, Lewis County, Marshall County, Sparta, Summertown, Stewart County, Carthage, Mt. Pleasant, Cookeville, Lawrenceburg, Gallatin, DeKalb County, Franklin and Warren County.

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Chuck Thompson, Nashville junior entertains at last night's Rip-Off concert.
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15, interviewing for sales or sales management trainees; Tenn. Dept of Transportation, March 16, interviewing for accountant/auditor, transportation planner, systems analyst; Baptist Sunday School Board, March 16, business administration, marketing, accounting and English majors; New

York Life Insurance, March 16, sales representatives; U.S. Army, March 17, officer training programs; Aiken County Schools, S.C., March 17, teachers; DeKalb County schools, Decatur, Ga., teachers. Information and appointments can be obtained by contacting the Placement Office.

Campus Calendar

Today

Clerical Caucus: Speaker, Dr. Barbara Haskew; Dining Room B, SUB; 11:45-12:45 p.m.

Girls' State Basketball Tournament: Murphy Center, 2:30-10:30 p.m.

Oakland High School Track Meet: Jones Field Track, 3:30 p.m.

Phi Sigma Epsilon: Banquet, Faculty Dining Room, SUB, 6:30 p.m.

Sigma Phi Epsilon: Reception, Dining Room B, SUB, 7 p.m.

Middle Tennessee Christian Center: Student Spring Retreat; Camp Meribah; Centerville, TN; March 11-13.

Sport Parachute Club: Demonstration Jumps, behind Cummings Hall, 12:55 p.m.

Tomorrow

Senior High School Solo & Ensemble Festival: Tennessee Room and Dining Room B, SUB; 1st and 2nd floor of the Fine Arts Building; 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Phi Mu Alpha: Initiation and Ritual, Environmental Simulation Lab, LRC, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Boys Scouts: Kite Flying Contest, field by High Rise, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Girls' State Basketball Tournament: Murphy Center, 5:30-10:30 p.m.

Monday

Alpha Kappa Psi: Speaker, Joyce Miller; "What Role Does the Bible Play in the Christian Businessman/woman's Daily Life?"; Business Chapel, Old Main 224; 4 p.m.

Chess Club UC 316, 7:30 p.m.

Debaters travel to UK

This weekend the varsity debate team will travel to the University of Kansas to participate in the annual Heart of America debate contest.

The top 50 debate teams in the country will participate in the tourney, the last debate before district debates which will be held next weekend. Debaters Mike Dagley and Linda Hoffman are rated in the top 10 of nationwide

debate teams.

Last weekend the junior varsity debate teams were at Florida State. Where Dorcy Carver and Lisa Anderson had the best record of two teams with a 5-3 record. Carver, a freshman, was named one of the top speakers at the debate. The other team is composed of Mark Floyd and Mark Hall.



THEC approves academic degree programs

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In other reports, THEC staff members distributed 1977-78 formula revision schedules for institution budgets, named upcoming bills in the 90th General Assembly and listed 1977-78 priority ranking of state schools for Federal Equipment Funds.

Yvonne Wood, legislative liaison for the THEC, reported that there were few education-related bills at present. "Most legislation I am aware of that is coming," she said, "deals with exemptions to the state's administrative procedures act."

Chattanooga State Technical

Community College was listed as the state's top priority school for receiving Title VI-A funding. The monies are for equipment and material for the improvement of the undergraduate education.

The afternoon's agenda took on a new tone as educators probed the competence of college students and the educational quality in Tennessee higher education.

The program, the first in a series of master planning forums to be conducted by the THEC, was the result of research conducted by a four-man team of educators. The panel was composed of Dr. Harvie Branscomb, chancellor emeritus,

Vanderbilt University; Dr. Ohmer Milton, director, learning research center, UT; Dr. John Richardson, graduate dean emeritus, Memphis State University; and Dr. Herman Spivey, UT academic affairs vice-president emeritus.

The project, funded by a grant from the Ford Foundation, discussed educational qualities and objectives as well as establishing minimum requirements expected of college graduates.

Responding to the panel's presentation was a group of educators who said that educational quality had deteriorated since 1957 when the percentage of high school graduates attending college

jumped from 5 per cent to 50 per cent.

Dr. Larry McGehee, president of UT-Martin, said: "The colleges had to lower their admission standards to accommodate this increase." Tennessee Tech President Arliss Raoden agreed but was more "optimistic" about continual increases now in higher education.

Bracey Campbell, managing editor of the *Nashville Banner*, said that "educators need to be more serious of purpose." Campbell listed several attributes which he looks for in a college graduate applying for a job, including an appreciation for work, for criticism, and for mankind. "A good educator," he said, will make them think."

Problems plagued Walker; former student jumps

by Steve Miller

A former MTSU student, beset by emotional problems, leaped to his death from the 24th floor of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in Nashville, Tuesday afternoon.

Willard (Ronnie) Walker, 28, wanted to be a teacher, but because of problems, he never received a degree from MTSU.

Police said that Walker had a note attached to his body which instructed them to contact his mother and pick up his car from the hotel parking lot.

Walker, whose problems included a divorce and the death of his father a year ago, had been receiving psychiatric treatment at Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute (formerly Central State Hospital).

According to Fay Roney, Walker's brother-in-law with whom he had been staying, Walker had been in a state of depression. He had been having some trouble with the doctors at the mental hospital and had imagined that he had a brain

tumor like the one that killed his father.

Roney said he thought that Walker had decided to take his life on Monday because he seemed to assume a whole different personality and be in a much different state of mind. "He seemed very much at ease and at peace with himself," said Roney. When Walker walked out the door he said he was going to look for a job.

Editor applications are due March 15

Applications for three student publications positions will be accepted through Tuesday, March 15.

They are 1977-78 *Midlander* editor-in-chief, Summer 1977 *Sidelines* editor-in-chief, and Summer 1977 *Sidelines* advertising director.

Application forms may be obtained from the Student Publications Office, SUB 307, and must be returned to that office.

Petty fund established at MTSU

Because of serious injury to the son of MTSU student Steve Petty, a fund has been established at the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Company.

Petty's two-year-old son, Jason, suffered severe head injuries in an automobile accident and required brain surgery. Because of Petty's lack of insurance, the "Jason Petty Fund" has been established to help

defray medical costs.

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Mike McDonald

McDonald runs for Senate post

by Jenny Tenpenny

"ASB is really the voice for the students and I believe we can get things done," said Mike McDonald unopposed candidate for Speaker of the Senate.

McDonald, a junior from Huntsville, Ala., cites his involvement in student and university functions as the experience necessary to serve the university and the student body as Speaker of the Senate.

Among other activities McDonald has served as an ASB Supreme Court Justice for two years,

president of the student United Nations, delegate to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, (TISL) and a student ambassador of MTSU.

"The only way we can get things done is to work within the system," said McDonald, who has several definite proposals for improving student life on campus.

"I would like to see improved counseling for students," McDonald asserted. "We have had six attempted suicides this year. I would like to initiate a help line which would be similar to a crisis call line that students could call 24 hours a day. The line would be manned by volunteers and would not be any additional cost to the university," McDonald added.

McDonald also favors changing the present registration system to some form of pre-registration or mail-order registration as employed in Alabama and Florida; allowing alcohol on campus for those who desire it, but making provisions for those who do not; utilizing the university facilities to include more weekend activities for students; lowering tuition by better recruitment techniques; upgrading maintenance and living conditions in the dorms; revising the parking system; and having better inspection of food preparation and storage facilities.

ASB background helps candidate in House quest

by Merry Lynn Starling

A strong background in school and state legislature has provided Joy Heath with "a sense of the legislative process," according to Heath, candidate for ASB Speaker of the House.

Heath has been involved in ASB and the legislative process since high school and at MTSU has been a delegate to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL), a member of the ASB Ombudsman program, on the President's committee for student publications and a senate page in Nashville for three years. This summer she will serve as an intern in Congress.

Recently Heath was involved in the high school visitation program and as Speaker of the House will be in charge of visitation.

Heath says that one of her first priorities as Speaker of the House will be to lengthen library hours to better accommodate students and to work with an alcohol committee. In addition, Heath says she will work with parking committees to "iron out" parking problems, but would favor walking from parking lots to campus rather than the addition of new lots. "I don't want



Joy Heath

to asphalt our campus," she asserted.

Heath is a 20-year-old political science major from Murfreesboro and will be a senior in the fall.

"The ASB House has so much potential," Heath said, since it represents so many groups and so many students. "How active the ASB House is depends on the students themselves," she emphasized. "When you have hard-working interested representatives in the House, you'll have a hard-working house."

Editorial Note—Frank Brothers is also a candidate for speaker of the house but was unavailable for an interview by press time. An interview with Brothers will appear in the Tuesday Sidelines.



Hear the candidates! ASB-Sidelines Speak-out

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U.C. Grill Annex



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Quincunx features artists and emotion



Quincunx, sponsored by the Fine Arts Programming Committee, will take place today and tomorrow, March 10 and 11, with two shows at 7 and 9 p.m.

The dictionary defines a quincunx as an arrangement of five objects in square, with one at each corner and one in the middle. Friday and Saturday's programs will consist of five separate environments in which the audience will become involved, according to Richard Bogle, a

designer of Quincunx.

The show will feature dancers, musicians, and clowns. "The audience will travel through five different emotions-anxiety, tranquility, loneliness, passion, and happiness," said Bogle.

Janet Higgins, associate professor of art is the organizer of the show. Bettye Scanlon of the English department helped with the writing, and Ann Holland, dance instructor, assisted with the dancers.



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ASB should stick to guns

After hearing from all candidates in the ASB election that the ASB is an effective student legislative body, and after hearing from the ASB itself all year that it is worthwhile, action taken Wednesday by the election commission seems to disprove this.

The ASB has worked for years to draw up rules and regulations to govern itself and the students at this university—rules that would be deemed fair and equitable. But it seems that these rules can be bent to suit whomever whenever it is necessary.

When a major presidential candidate failed to file his qualifying petition on time, rather than abide by the rules set up by the election commission, the group instead voted to extend the deadline and accept the candidate's petition.

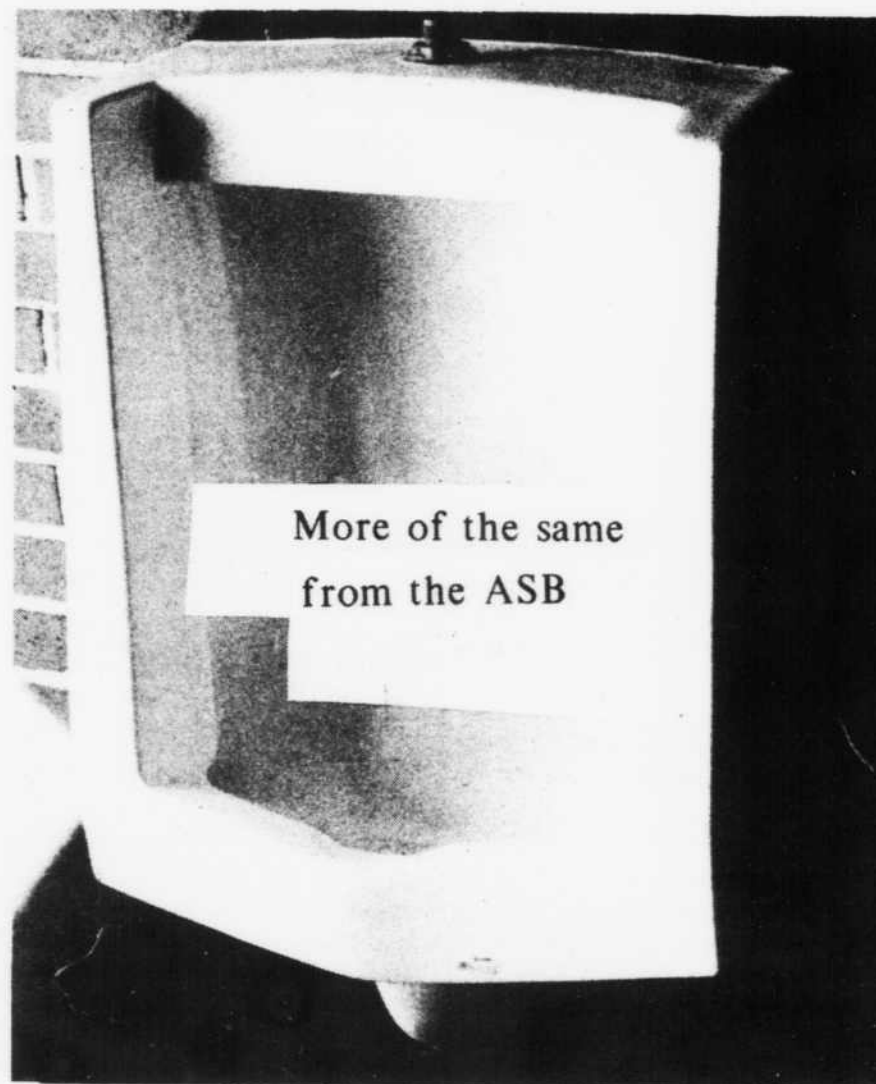
Regardless of the fact that this presidential candidate in taking on the responsibility of running for office, should have been aware of the deadline, the election commission chose to make allowances for his mistakes.

But, oh yes, there is a clause written in the Comprehensive Electoral Act which allows the election commission to change the rules at their discretion...

And their discretion instead of good sense, is just what they exercised.

By bending the rules to cover a sticky situation, the ASB election commission is showing students that it is not the effective legislative body it claims to be, but merely a group to be manipulated by the whims of the members.

When the ASB election commission sets up rules to follow, they should follow these rules not only for professional, but also for ethical reasons. For if they continue to make a mockery of the legislative system, students cannot be expected to do otherwise.



More of the same
from the ASB

Mapp refutes Reynolds' Forrest info

To the editor:

I didn't know that ignorance was so plentiful on this campus until I read D.Q. Reynold's article that was published in the March 8 issue of Sidelines.

First of all, I'm not going to argue facts, especially his, because how can you argue with a simpleton? I have several sources that back my allegations. (Cor-

rection--not allegations, but facts.) The fact of the matter is that D.Q. simply can't read. You can see in my previous article that I said this is the area, not the city, in which the KKK originated.

Also the ridiculous statement was made by "Brother" Reynolds that the KKK doesn't exist anymore. I guess he has an un-intelligence agency that has something on the

FBI, because as far as they're concerned (meaning the FBI) they don't really know whether the KKK is functioning or not. It's just a guess, not a fact.

Furthermore the fact is that Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest led in the assault on Fort Pillow, which later came to be called the "Fort Pillow Massacre" where our compassionate and beloved general led the

merciless slaughter which resulted in the murder of over 300 black soldiers that had already surrendered (Collier's Encyclopedia vol. 10).

(To the readers) I'm not going to waste my time arguing true facts. If you want to read the facts concerning "what's his name" go to Todd Library and look in the encyclopedia section. Here are just a few quick references:

Colliers Encyclopedia vol. 10, pg. 209.

International Encyclopedia vol. 7, pg. 281.

World Book Encyclopedia vol. 7, pg. 354.

Britannica Encyclopedia vol. 9, pg. 631. (This is the one that he used.)

Chambers Encyclopedia vol. 5, pg. 774.

These are just a few of the very many articles and books regarding the dubious deeds of General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Challenge: What does the administration think about our general? You can't ignore it because I won't let you.

Toney Mapp
Box 2563

P.S. I'm not going to argue about the deeds of Forrest because facts speak for themselves. I am going to argue the point of whether Forrest needs to represent the university.

P.P.S. D.Q. asks why don't I go to UTN? It's because "I jus loves yall soooooo much! Massah Reynolds."

Dikas doesn't speak for all Nigerians

To the editor:

I read with contempt the article of Mr. Sylvester Dikas in the March

4 issue of Sidelines. I am concerned about the article because Mr. Dikas is a Nigerian. And being a Nigerian myself, the stupidity and excesses

of every Nigerian in this school is my business.

Mr. Dikas is not gifted with that quality which enables people to get along in a foreign land. He is not a recluse, but at the same time I am not saying that he is very sociable. One can therefore understand why there is opinion difference between him and the majority of the forty Nigerians on this campus.

His statements lacked a lot of maturity and tact, and all the other Nigerians are using this medium to dissociate themselves from it. If Mr. Dikas knows why he is in the United States, he probably would not have extra time to dabble in the internal politics of a country of which he is not a citizen.

And may I advise him to learn to keep his mouth shut before somebody kicks him. The earlier he stops taking the right to speak for all Nigerians, the better it will be for all of us.

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Cartoon sentiments questioned

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the cartoon that appeared in the last issue of *Sidelines*, involving the long debated issues of racial prejudice and discrimination. Was it really necessary for the cartoonist to include the statement: "Sorry, 'Boy,' We'd love to have you... But you are overqualified, inexperienced, and white...?"

Was this to be construed as a mockery of the popular belief that all or most blacks are unqualified and inexperienced and because of this blacks can't receive a position of employment? Was it merely another way of reminding all readers of another majority-originated concept that the intelligence of whites when compared to blacks is superior?

Whatever, the cartoon disturbs me and, I'm sure, many others. The statement when correlated with the cartoon about being overqualified and inexperienced brought to my attention the various myths conceived by certain majority-originated concepts. Here are a few examples:

All Blacks look alike.

All Blacks have rhythm.

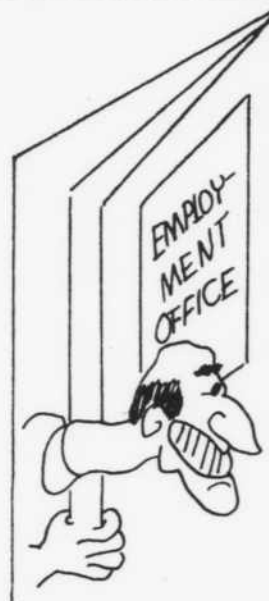
Male Blacks are super studs because they possess larger

equipment (the male capulatory organ) than their white counterparts.

These statements may be true in some cases, but why should the majority use these few instances to stereotype a certain minority? Is it true that blacks were treated as second-class citizens and that they were the victims of racial discrimination and prejudice? Does this give the blacks or any minority treated as such a right to say or even go as far as to stereotype "all" whites as being prejudiced? I would say not.

Just recently I encountered another majority concept or if not by the majority, a concept that Miss Rose conceived on the impression blacks gave her. Miss Rose states: "Segregation is originated by blacks." Her concept or the many conceived concepts about black-oriented segregation are Pure Bunk!

The statement indicates a genuine sign of ignorance by the person who said it. The statement also contradicts the cartoonist's statement, along with the majority concept, that whites are "overqualified" and possess an intelligence superior to blacks. Were the whites required to sit in the back of



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WE'D LOVE TO HAVE
YOU, BUT UNLESS
YOU ARE BLACK,
OR A WOMAN, WE
HAVE NO OPENINGS...



the bus? Were whites required to drink from certain water fountains, or restricted to attend certain schools, restaurants and places of worship? The answer is NO!

Maybe whites felt that since blacks were considered second-class they should be treated as such and, therefore, be required to be separated from the more superior whites. This decision was arrived at because blacks didn't have blue eyes, straight hair or a peach complexion. Or maybe it was because blacks were considered as second-class citizens and therefore considered not "good enough" to associate with those of the superior race.

This letter is only to question why majorities or minorities have to turn their concepts into stereotypes?

D.J. Watson
Box 4690

P.S. Miss Rose, I apologize for any embarrassment caused by your reference to blacks as segregation originators. But I suggest "If you don't like the effects, don't produce the cause."

P.S.S. If you wish to verbally lynch me, Mr. Reynolds, like you did Mr. Mapp, or suggest that I attend another institution because of my dislike of certain concepts, please contact me at the above address.

Change of rules no substitute for justice

by Lisa Marchesoni

"If you want to play the game, you have to follow the rules."

But rules can be changed on the basis of a "technicality." Such was the case Wednesday night at the ASB election commission voted 4-2 to accept late petitions by presidential candidate Matt Little and senior senate candidate Chappel Gardner.

The controversy developed when Little had failed to turn his qualifying petition into the election commission by the 12 noon deadline.

Little appeared before the commission and explained he had made an "honest mistake" as he believed petitions could be turned in until 4:30 p.m.

After a two and one-half hour heated debate between audience members, the election commission voted 6-0 to extend the deadline for candidates in offices with not enough qualifying petitions to fill the seats. For example, no one qualified for the two graduate senate seats and only two persons qualified for the five junior senate seats.

Also, the commission voted 4-2 to accept the late petitions "in the best interest of the students," according to election commissioner Danny Dunkleberger.

The commission's action was justified according to the 1977 Comprehensive Electoral Act which permits the commission to grant extensions if a majority of the commission deems the action necessary.

Legally, the election commission had the power to grant the extension. But the action still raises some ethical questions.

For example, some candidates explained they had taken the time to find the deadline time and to have their qualifying petitions in

even though they had to stay up the previous night and skip classes Wednesday in order to meet the noon deadline.

Was the extension fair to candidates who qualified on time?

Little said he had the petitions ready before the deadline. About 50 names for Little were turned in before noon. However, the qualifying number in the presidential race is 200 signatures. The final number of signatures totalling about 400 names were turned in by 2 p.m. since Little was unaware of the noon deadline.

Another point is that Little's cumulative hours and grade point average were not attached to the first 50 petition signatures as required by the rules. It was turned in with the remaining petitions.

Granted, anyone can make an honest mistake. But when a candidate is interested enough to run for ASB president, it seems like the person would have enough responsibility to follow the designated rules.

Many Little supporters voiced concern that opponents were attempting to "crucify" Little. Sure, many of the persons attending the meeting were supporters of other candidates. But each person wanted to see justice with the situation.

Although I am not actively supporting any candidate for ASB office, I believe that the election commission made a grave error in allowing the late petition.

If the election commission begins to make exceptions for this matter, they are susceptible to make more exceptions.

Many observers speculated the matter would not have become an issue had the late petition not been from Little. Of course, no one can

accurately answer this issue, but it certainly does cause some wonder.

Another contention with Little was that the Electoral Act stated petitions were due seven calendar days before the election. Little contended his petition could still be due until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday night.

But the election commission also had the prerogative to set the noon deadline. Little should have known about the noon time as he has representatives at both previous election commission meetings.

There was no excuse for Little to miss the deadline. He stated quite frankly that he had enough signatures to qualify last week. If so, why did he wait until the last minute?

Was it because Little is so sure of himself that he missed the deadline?

The other candidates seemed divided on the question. Two do not agree with the commission ruling, while the other two plan to conduct their campaigns in a similar fashion as originally scheduled.

Should we as students expect similar treatment in the way Matt handled affairs? Will he expect everyone to bow down to him every time he fails to act responsibly?

Since he has been actively involved as attorney general this year, he should have been aware of the deadline. This precedent may establish doubt as to his sincerity for many voters.

Logically, it seems that the situation could have been handled more smoothly had the deadline been extended only for junior and graduate senate seats in which not enough persons qualified for the posts.

Only time will show the extent of the commissions' ruling. However, it seems that there should be no substitute for justice.

Meet the ASB presi



Frank Hulse

by Merry Lynn Starling

"I've been on this campus for three years and I've watched the ASB maintain the status quo. With the possible exception of Ted Helberg, the ASB really hasn't pursued anything new for students," said ASB presidential hopeful Frank Hulse.

"The issues have always been the same."

Hulse, a 29-year-old Lebanon resident and major in social work, is new to ASB involvement, but isn't new to what he calls the issues of "human rights," such as alcohol on campus, administrative fairness and academic fairness.

Working with the young Democrats, the Sociology Club and the Young Tennesseans for Carter, Hulse has also worked with several social groups in alcoholism workshops and drug abuse and has done research on replacing our current GPA system with the Moyer grading system.

The Moyer system is so much more accurate than our current system, as it incorporates the A-, B, C-, etc., and gives students' efforts. In addition, the Moyer system can improve student motivation because it is fairer."

Hulse added that faculty members who have been approached about this method favor it over the current system, and feel it would be fairly easy to implement.

Other matters of concern to Hulse are alcohol on campus which he supports, saying it is a matter of "student rights." "Students should be able to participate in social activities in their dorm rooms as well as off campus," Hulse said.

Hulse would like to see the ASB improve and take a more active part in pushing student ACTIVITIES. In addition, he would like to see the ASB become a "joint student operation, based on cooperation."

In the recent smoking issue, Hulse stated he sees a compromise as the answer. "Rather than ban smoking entirely from the whole cafeteria, why not annex, or partition a section of the cafeterias for non-smokers to eat? Compromise is the only solution."



Jimmy Wright

by Steve Miller

Jimmy Wright, ASB presidential candidate, has never been involved in the ASB and, because of this, he feels that he can bring some new blood into the organization.

Wright, a senior from Murfreesboro, describes himself as a dedicated, hard worker who is running as an independent and not as a member of a fraternity.

"The most important function of the ASB," says Wright, "is to make college more enjoyable and a better place to be for the student."

Among Wright's proposals for the ASB are:

- an attempt to implement computer registration. He says that we have facilities and that they should be used. "We have the third largest school in the state," says Wright, "and it should be run like it."

- having members of the house and senate visit the dorms to learn of their problems.

- hiring a new campus operator.

- having more weekend activities.

- making the ASB more accessible to the students by being in an open part of the campus, such as the center of the NCB, at designated times. Wright says that not many students want to go to the trouble of going to the third floor office in the UC.

- having all members of the ASB doing the duty of the Ombudsman.

"For the ASB to operate effectively," says Wright, "it needs to be respected by both the students and the administration." He says that the students need to realize that they are not on the opposite side from the administration, and that the ASB needs student support.

Wright says he thinks that most of the candidates agree on the issues but that the students want someone who will work, tell the truth, and come through on promises.

He feels that only a few of the candidates for the presidential post mean what they say and that some of them only want the office for personal gain. "My only intention in running for ASB president," says Wright, "is to help the students. The key is knowing what needs to be done and doing it."



Gary Ellis

by Phyllis Skipper

"The administration needs to consider students' needs and priorities and what will convenience the student, and re-arrange their budget according to this," ASB presidential hopeful Gary Ellis said.

Ellis' said his main concern is job placement. "Education doesn't do any good if you can't find a job when you graduate," Ellis said.

"This university is budgeted \$92,000 for recruitment and \$21,000 for job placement. Ellis feels that some of the money used for recruiting could be better used for improving things on campus and in turn "there wouldn't be such a high drop out rate," Ellis said.

Among other issues of concern to Ellis are:

- pre-registration;
- better lighting on campus;and
- a better student-advisor system.

Regarding the alcohol on campus issue, Ellis asserted:

"When a student comes to school here, he doesn't sign away his rights. Students have a right to have alcohol on campus. They are adults, and they deserve the right to drink in their dorms." He did say, however, that rules regarding abuse would have to be strictly enforced.

If elected, Ellis will work for laundry facilities in men's dorms. "Housing says there isn't enough money to put laundry facilities in men's dorms," Ellis explained, "but when is the university going to draw the line between their precious budget and what the student deserves?"

Ellis is a junior and a mass communications major. He has served as Sigma Nu President and was chairman for the Sigma Nu sponsored St. Jude's Drive in which the organization raised \$4,400. He is a member of Gamma Beta Phi, the Special Events Committee, and Associate Justice on the ASB Traffic Court. He began working with the ASB as a freshman member of the House.

"I don't give up," Ellis asserted. "I want to make the ASB office a place where people want to come. I enjoy working with people."

potential candidates



Gary Howell

by Ted Rayburn

at I'm trying to do is return the ASB to the city of students," presidential hopeful Howell stated yesterday.

Howell, a Columbia junior, is one of six candidates up for the ASB chief executive post at Tuesday's elections.

ASB for the past six or seven years has been dominated by a small group," Howell commented "whose sole concern is to continue domination."

Howell wants to get independents and blacks more involved in campus activities and have more activities directed toward them," Howell said.

Howell also feels the need to make the MTSU Career Center available to married students.

Howell favors improving the faculty advisory system whereby upperclassmen are drawn up programs explaining what courses they need to take in order to graduate, which could help to eliminate costly misunderstandings.

One of Howell's larger plans is to reorganize the ASB house of representatives by reportioning the number of members according to population. Howell's reasoning is that "Students living off-campus have little or no representation while an on-campus student belonging to some organizations could have 20 representatives.

Howell wants also to move up the date for the candidates' revealing of campaign expenditures for greater accountability.

Howell would like to see equal representation of all students in the ASB not just special interest groups. He would also like to see a reassessment of athletic scholarship priorities (for example, wrestling).

Howell would also call for a reorganization of the advisory function with an emphasis on student input, and "I would like to see more campus activities for independent groups and minorities," he said.

Howell is a pre-law major who serves as a student assistant in Judd Hall.



Matt Little

by Jenny Tenpenny

The challenge of going beyond what has already been attained is one of the primary reasons Matt Little hopes to be elected ASB President.

"I like the challenge of running. It is only natural to look ahead once you have accomplished one goal," Little emphasized.

Little said he had been directly involved with the ASB since he was a freshman at MTSU and he could see some things that need to be done and that should be done to make the ASB more viable to the students.

One of Little's main concerns is to get a good system of equal representation of all student groups in the ASB. He has cited the need for representation of veteran students, off-campus students and black students.

Changing the present academic advising system to a self-advisement system in which students would sign their own trial schedules and drop forms is a prime concern. There would be at least two professors in each department who would specialize in advising students instead of requiring each teacher in the department to advise.

Little also favors student membership on faculty committees to give input on course offerings and course substance; a three-color code parking system which would include one color for paid university employees, one color for on-campus students and one color for off-campus students; and the publication of a magazine in September which would list the Murfreesboro merchants who hire MTSU students, how much they pay and who accepts checks.

"I want to emphasize, however, that running for ASB president should be more than just a package of proposals and issues. I want to leave myself open to what may come up in the future," Little said. "More than anything, I am offering experience and a strong willingness to do the job," he stressed.

Little, a Murfreesboro junior, has served as ASB Attorney General, chairman of the University food committee and president of the pre-law society.



Bobby Francescon

by Ted Rayburn

"A lot of things need to be corrected" in the ASB, according to Ombudsman co-director Bobby Francescon, candidate for student government president in next week's elections.

Francescon is a 21-year-old Nashville senior majoring in business.

"I decided to run in January when I learned through the Ombudsman administration that the ASB doesn't have as much respect for the students as it should," Francescon said.

Programs proposed by the candidate, labeled as the "Student Accommodation Program," include an investigation of the job placement center, ASB "Eyeball," a project to assist students in finding off-campus housing, a consumer division to study improper business practices locally, a stronger Ombudsman program and increased publicity and use of CLEP testing.

The consumer division, along with the Chamber of Commerce, would approach suspected unfair business practices either through (1) an arbitration committee, or possibly an "action news" format through such mediums as the *Sidelines*, Francescon said.

In the area of CLEP tests, Francescon feels that the tests are "not that well publicized" and suggests allowing graduating high school students to take the tests as well as scheduling the tests (given on campus) for more students to take them as well.

Another proposed plan calls for the publication of regular report of the ASB senate. The report would record the names of the senators and the bills they supported throughout the year.

Francescon's past involvements in campus programs include:

- membership on the rules committee
- petitioning for improved vending machines
- working to acquire left-handed desks in the classrooms for left-handed students
- researching academic scheduling as co-director of the Ombudsman program.

Kellman dislikes 'procedures'**Childbirth is natural**

by Merry Lynn Starling

Dr. Neil Jay Kellman doesn't just practice medicine, he practices a way of life: natural food, natural living, and, yes, natural childbirth.

Natural childbirth was the topic of Kellman's address last night in the UC, a topic he has studied and has come to several "unorthodox" conclusions about. While the majority of the medical profession regards childbirth and delivery as one of the various medical procedures, Kellman believes in defining it as it is: a natural process of the body.

Having studied medicine in Europe for several years, Kellman is amazed at the difference in European delivery and American practices. "In Europe they use midwives; they are not so aggressive; they use fewer procedures. The whole atmosphere is different." And Europe has a lower mortality rate than the U.S.

"Childbirth is a natural thing," Kellman said in his talk last night. "Nature will take care of most instances of childbirth. But when it goes astray, most of the time, fear is a big factor."

This fear is part of the overall picture Kellman and his wife Elizabeth work with in their free clinic in Hohenwald, Tenn. At his

clinic he and his wife, and the midwives who work with them, help an expectant mother relieve her fears of childbirth through yoga, meditation, change of diet, change of lifestyles--anything which will contribute to the relaxation of the mother.

"Relaxation is the key," Kellman says, "Birth is a stretching exercise from conception to labor. During labor, there is stretching of the cervix to accommodate the baby's head and this can be done best through relaxation..."

Kellman is an outspoken critic of modern medical practices, labeling them as being on the verge of "malpractice." "Hospital practice today has turned into big business. The personal aspect is lacking, with techniques bordering on malpractice." Kellman points out that the emphasis in medicine today is on medication and procedure.

"Birth can be enlightening," Kellman explains. "It can be an opening of the mind. The process is well worked out by the body and the body puts out an enormous amount of energy. It can clear your mind." This helps the mother relate to the new baby, Kellman says, and the best way to achieve this is through natural, undrugged delivery.



photo by Thom Coombes

Dr. Neil J. Kellman

"During labor, we try to keep things calm, happy. The lady is in whatever position is comfortable. We try to keep everybody smiling," Kellman said. Kellman's clinic usually charges \$125 to \$200 for pre-natal care and delivery, as compared to \$750 to \$1000 in hospitals. Those who cannot pay, however, are not turned away.

During pre-natal care, Dr. Kellman recommends "vegetarian diets, lots of exercise, good thinking." This is the way of life that seems to make childbirth easier, Kellman says, and he has delivered 200 babies since his residence in Hohenwald, all of which have been healthy babies.

Generally delivering in their clinic, which is "comfortable, with a natural, relaxed atmosphere," Kellman and his wife make "housecalls," even delivering a baby at the women's home. But when the delivery is done at the clinic, Kellman says, "We clean up and then everyone goes home," so the mother and child can be together as soon as possible. "We haven't had one instance of hemorrhage," Kellman said, explaining that the mother will stay overnight if weather conditions are bad, or if she needs the rest. "But generally after natural childbirth, the mother is full of energy, ready to share it with her new child."



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He is concerned about:

- Equal representation for all students not just special interest groups
- Reorganization of advisory function - emphasis on student input
- Reassessment of athletic scholarship priorities (i.e., wrestling)
- Access to MTSU Day Care Center to students
- More campus activities for independent groups and minorities

Finally... A Reason To Vote

House restructures Cabinet

by Ted Rayburn

An act restructuring the ASB cabinet was passed Tuesday after an abortive motion to table the bill was thwarted in the House of Representatives.

The Executive Organization Act, sponsored by house member Van West, was tabled by a vote of 16-13; however, the motion failed when it was learned that such a move required a two-thirds majority.

Provisions in the act include:

—the creation of a sanctioned administrative cabinet (previously left to the president's discretion)

—the naming of cabinet positions, including treasurer, attorney general, judicial liaison, Faculty Senate liaison, director of publications, director of public relations, director of student services, director of student affairs, election commissioner, speaker of the senate and speaker of the house

—the requirement that the cabinet will meet at least once a month, and have to account for absences. Each member must also, according to the provisions, maintain a file of records and infor-

mation during his tenure pertaining to his office.

Further sections of the act specify the qualifications and duties of each cabinet position.

This new act "delineates responsibilities for ASB cabinet members," ASB president Richard Langford said. Previously, there have been no official cabinet duty guidelines.

The act, according to Langford, performs four functions:

—it limits the president's powers because it states exactly what the cabinet has to be

—it benefits the student body because it will be easier to know who to go to with a problem

—it structures the cabinet

—cabinet appointees would, under the proposed act, answer to the legislature as well as to the ASB president.

"This body has never had a check outside of impeachment," House sponsor West stated at the session. "Students do not know where or to whom to turn."

The act must now go to the Senate for consideration in a meeting Tuesday.

Collage snags top honors

MTSU's creative magazine Collage took top honors in a contest sponsored by the Nashville Art Directors Club last weekend, and its editor and designers also earned individual merits of honor.

"We're really happy," editor Jan Ellis said last night. "Earning this recognition makes us feel real good—particularly being a student publication," he added. "admad Habib and Dan Swindell (the designers) have done an excellent job this year."

Collage will be on exhibit at the Parthenon through March 27 with the other winning pieces.

Judging the competition were national illustrators Joe Isom and Bart Forbes, who have had their works published in Time, Sports Illustrated, TV Guide and Redbook, among others.

"To know your work is nationally recognized makes you feel great," Ellis added, "and it looks good in a portfolio."

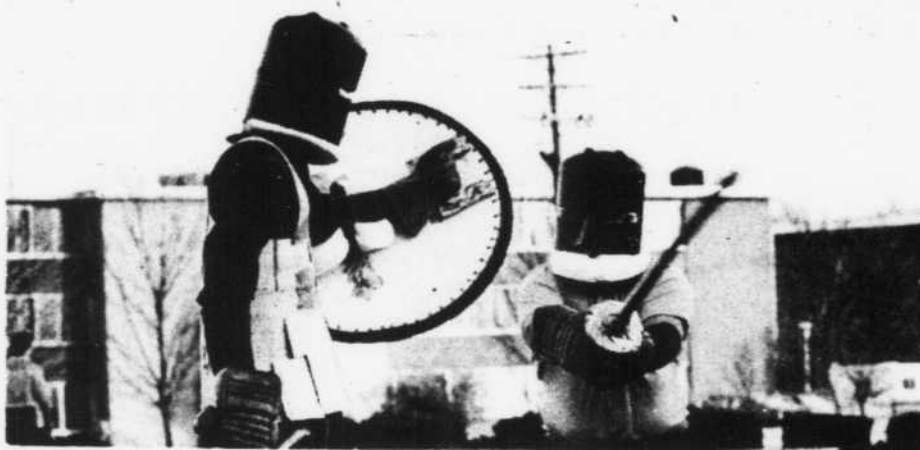


photo by Kent Turner

Students of medieval literature joust in the UC courtyard

Death penalty no deterrent

Speaking in a meeting Tuesday night, John Lozier of the Southern Prison Ministry said that the death penalty is not a deterrent to violent crimes.

"The murder rate in the United States is higher than in any other Western civilized nation," said Lozier, "and studies do not prove that capital punishment stops violent crimes. People I have talked to on death row say they did not think about the death penalty before they committed murder."

Lozier is very active in trying to get the death penalty abolished and was in Utah to protest the execution of Gary Gilmore. "I don't think that

the state should be in the business of death on request," he asserted.

Regarding Tennessee's death penalty, Lozier said that a new law is being considered by the General Assembly and that the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold public hearings Monday, March 14.

The death penalty laws in some states have been upheld by the Supreme Court because they are not mandatory, but rather leave the decision of penalty up to the discretion of the jury. Lozier said that because many juries are very willing to use capital punishment, executions would very likely take place this spring in Georgia, Florida, and Texas.

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BURKHART'S

MTSU faces Detroit Sunday

Low score might mean Raider NCAA victory

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Jimmy Earle knows the scoreboard will tell the story.

That sounds simple enough. After all, that's been the case in all 28 Middle Tennessee State basketball games this season. But Earle will be looking...and hoping...for more than just any score.

"If the final score is in the 60s or 70s, we have a chance," Earle predicted yesterday. "But if it is above that, we will be in trouble...serious trouble."

Earle was talking about Sunday's clash with nationally ranked Detroit in the NCAA Midwest Regionals at Baton Rouge, La.

Nashville's Channel 4 will have the telecast at noon. Tennessee, the representative from the Southeastern Conference champion, will battle with Syracuse at 2:40 in the second TV game.

Winners advance to Lexington, Ky., and Rupp Arena, a sprawling 23,000 gymnasium, for further regional action a week from tomorrow. The winner of the MTSU-Detroit clash will face number one-ranked Michigan, if they get past Wake Forest in their first playoff game.

"For us to win, we are going to have to control the tempo of the



Bob Martin



Greg Joyner

...hustle and muscle for the Raiders

game and play excellent zone defense," Earle asserted yesterday.

The Raider coach agreed that a large burden will fall squarely on the shoulders of playmaker Lewis Mack, the only senior starter on the club which posted a record setting fourth straight winning season (20-8).

Mack, who played brilliantly in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in which Middle Tennessee upset Austin Peay 77-65 last week, has accepted the challenge.

"I know that they're guards are quick, but we've faced some quick guards from other teams this year," Mack said. "We've just got to go out there and play our game."

The Silver Creek, N.Y., native isn't the only who know MTSU's back will be against the wall.

"I know our team realizes this will be a big challenge...Probably the biggest of the season," Earle said. "But this team has reacted to the challenge all season. It is the most amazing group I have ever coached."

The Raiders are led by center Bob Martin with 17.5 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. Forward Greg Joyner is second in both categories (15.3 ppg. and 7.9 ppg.).

...Tennessee's Ernie Grunfeld and Bernard King, both consensus All-Americans in every poll to date, will lead the Vols into their second straight NCAA tournament.

Ray Mears' crew fell to VMI, with King on the bench with a broken thumb, last year.

Grunfeld thinks the outcome Sunday will be different.

"We are ready for this game," Grunfeld said yesterday when contacted at Gibbs Hall, the UT athletic dormitory.

"We beat Kentucky and Alabama both times we played them. We seem to get what it takes to win. I hope Middle Tennessee can go to Lexington with us."

Titan 'shooting gallery' posts best season ever

by John Pitts
Assistant Sports Editor

Call them the shooting gallery:

The 15th-ranked Detroit Titans, boasting a 24-3 record and the fifth highest scoring average in the nation, will come south Sunday for their dessert.

"The season was our steak and potatoes, and the tournaments are like ice cream and apple pie," Titan coach Dick Vitale commented by telephone yesterday.

"This will be a chance for our kids to have some fun...we'll go ready to play the best basketball possible and if that means the final score is in our favor, that will be all right," Vitale added.

This is the most successful season for the Detroit team since the long-gone days of Dave DeBusschere (1959-62) and Spencer Haywood (late 60's). In 1965, the Titans posted a 20-8 record, then the program declined to a low of 7-18 in 1970.

The lonely northern winds seemed to whistle through the empty upper rows of Detroit's 8,800-seat Memorial Building while faceless teams struggled through several forgettable seasons.

But fourth-year coach Vitale has changed all that, winning 17 games two seasons in a row and posting a

19-8 record last year. This season's 24-3 record is the team's best ever.

In the frustrating 1975-76 season, Vitale's team lost four games to teams that went on to the NCAA tournament; it lost five games by a total of 17 points and missed a bid to post-season play.

With 10 veterans returned from that season, a young club with plenty of experience opened play with an 80-62 drubbing of Eastern Michigan before an impressive crowd of 8,000. Then it lost 104-80 rout by Minnesota.

That was all it took to get the Titans inspired. They reeled off 21 straight wins after that first loss, including triumphs over Arizona (70-68), Kent State (81-79 in overtime) and a highly regarded Marquette (64-63 in Milwaukee). Finally Duquesne (pronounced du-kane; it's French) topped the Titans in a 95-88 double-overtime struggle.

John Long, a 6-5 junior forward from Romulus, Mich., is leading the scorer on a team that has rewritten all of Detroit's offensive records this season. Long averages 20.1 points per game while pulling down almost seven rebounds per contest.

The muscle of the team is 6-7 junior center Terry Tyler, a hot shooter who leads the team in field-goal accuracy (57.8 per cent)

and averages more than three blocked shots a game.

Tyler, who is probably closer to 6-8 and "jumps like he's 6-11" according to Raider coach Jimmy Earle, leads the team with an average of 10.9 rebounds per game in his third year as a starter.



Detroit's Terry Tyler

...more than a hot shooter

The third front court starter for Detroit is 6-8 senior Ron Bostick. A Brooklyn native, Bostick averaged 7.2 points per game and 5.3 rebounds as an all-season starter.

At the guards, quickness is the word. Terry Duerod, a 6-1 sophomore, and senior Dennis Boyd lead the backcourt attack. Duerod is averaging 11.4 points per

game as one of the three Detroit starters averaging in double figures, while Boyd averages 9.9 points per game and has 197 assists this season.

The captain of the squad, Boyd has compiled almost 550 assist passes in four years as a starter. This year Boyd has stolen the ball 48 times.

Detroit is averaging 90.0 points per game this season, and has set new team records for most field goals, most assists by a team and most points in a season, testament to their quickness and ability.

...Earle scouted the impressive Tyler several years ago when he was just a junior at Detroit's Northwestern High School. "He's got a pair of the biggest hands I've ever seen," Earle said of the 6-7, 220-pound center for the Titans. "Even when he was a junior, I knew he'd be a horse someday," Earle remarked...

...One of Detroit's three losses came to Chicago's Loyola, which grabbed 6-8 center John "Hawk" Hunter from the waiting arms of Raider recruiters. Hunter was signed to a MTSU letter of intent, but balked and ran to Loyola, which did not honor the OVC letter.

Hunter is a starter for the team that defeated the Titans 79-71 in the last game of the season.



More than one hundred Raider fans gathered yesterday afternoon to wish their basketball team "Good luck" before their trip to the NCAA playoffs.



Lewis Mack



Coach Jimmy Earle

Wrestlers get aid next season...finally

by Tom Wood

It was the summer of 1974 when Gordon Connell, still coaching at Chattanooga's Hixon High School, was first approached to head up MTSU's rejuvenated wrestling program.

At the time, he was given the promise that scholarships or some sort of financial aid was on the way. This, in effect, finally lured Connell to MTSU. But the first season came and went with the promise unfulfilled.

Another season rolled around with no action and the issue was brought to the attention of the public first by Sidelines, and then by the rest of the media.

Connell's third year, the just completed campaign which finished with a 12-8 dual meet record, ended

the same way—with no scholarships.

But the fourth season will be different.



Gordon Connell

It has been a long time coming, but the financial aid promised Connell that summer day has finally arrived.

Connell was informed that the team would receive "partial aid," effective immediately, during a recent meeting with MTSU president M.G. Scarlett, administrative vice president Lynn Haston and athletic director Charles (Bubber) Murphy.

"It just can't express how pleased I am," an elated Connell said last night. "It has been a long time coming."

"This will definitely change our program around," Connell added. "This will improve our recruiting tremendously."

Connell is presently on the road, recruiting athletes, and the knowledge that he can offer something to the wrestlers must be comforting.

"We have lost wrestlers in the past because we could not offer them some type of aid," Connell

noted, "but that will no longer be the case."

"Dr. Scarlett is to be commended," Connell said. "All along he has supported us although he did not have the finances for us. This proves to the team that the university is behind it."

Over the past several years there have been traces of bitterness among members of the squad. But this should help erase any bad feelings.

"This gives the team school pride," Connell explained. "It shows there is more to the program than just a slap on the back."

"But we could not have accomplished it without the aid of the media, particularly the student press," Connell added. "I just can't say how pleased I am."

Financial aid is not the only thing Connell has to be pleased about.

It was announced earlier in the week that MTSU has been selected

to host the AAU Olympic Development Training Camp, June 24-Aug. 6. Kicking off the camp will be National Junior Olympic tournament featuring the nation's finest 15-18-year-old wrestlers.

"This is by far the greatest thing that ever happened to me," said Connell, who will serve as one of the camp instructors. "This will be tremendous publicity for MTSU and the south in national wrestling recognition," Connell added.

Last year was the initial year for the camp and the first time anything like it has been held outside of an Olympic year.

More than 2,000 top wrestlers representing all but three states are expected to be involved with the camp.

"That will be the chance for MTSU to gain national spotlight and we hope to do some invaluable recruiting during the camp," Connell said.

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WOMEN'S FLAG-FOOTBALL—Team managers meeting Tuesday, March 15 in Alumni Gym, Room 203 at 4 p.m. All teams must be represented at this meeting.

TENNIS DOUBLES—Players meeting Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in Alumni Gym Room 203. All students who wish to participate in this tournament must be present. The tournament will consist of both men and women's doubles and there will be a mixed doubles tournament.

Baseball hot streak to cool in Alabama rain?

by Eddie Gossage

MTSU Head Baseball Manager John Stanford wishes some of the weather we've had here in Middle Tennessee would find its way to Alabama.

The Blue Raider baseball team is off to a fast start, but yesterday's game was rained out. If the weather would clear up, that hot streak might continue.

Wednesday, the Raiders faced a powerful Auburn team at Auburn, Alabama. Middle Tennessee jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the second inning and withstood an eighth inning Tiger rally to hold on to a 5-2 victory.

Winning pitcher was Bob Martin and the losing pitcher was Joe Beckwith. Stanford called Beckwith the "number one pitcher in the SEC."

Ben Lankster's play at short stop was termed as being "the best that could be expected" from any short stop in the conference.

Lankster had a great day in the field and added two hits in four trips to the plate. Danny Moore, a senior outfielder, equaled Lankster's performance.

"We played good defense and got ahead early," said Lankster, a senior from Corbin, Kentucky. "Martin pitched real well and kept the ball down low. Auburn really didn't hit well against Bob."

Raider head man Stanford described the Auburn game as a "pitching duel" between Martin and Beckwith.

"This win was real good for the team and was great for our confidence," Stanford said yesterday from his Troy, Alabama motel room where he and the rest of the

team were waiting out the rain. "This proved to us that we can beat anybody we want to."

Junior second baseman Tom



John Stanford

Nichting is beginning to hit well, as he banged three line drives into the outfield Wednesday, only to have hits clutched from his grasp by Tiger outfielders.

Danny Moore contributed more than just two hits in the Auburn game, as he stole a pair of bases to

lead the Raiders in that department. Two other Raiders stole one base each in the game.

Middle will face Troy State today and tomorrow in double-headers and will finish off the series with one game against the Alabama natives Sunday afternoon.

Raider Calendar

Today, March 11

Indoor Track: NCAA Championships; Detroit, Michigan.

Baseball: MTSU/Troy State, Away.

Golf: Palmetto Invitational, Orangeburg, SC

Tomorrow, March 12

Indoor Track: NCAA Championships; Detroit.

Baseball: MTSU/Troy State and West Georgia, Away.

Golf: Palmetto Invitational, Orangeburg, SC.

Sunday, March 13

Baseball: MTSU/Troy State, Away.

Golf: Palmetto Invitational, Orangeburg, SC

Basketball: Midwest Regional—MTSU/Detroit; Baton Rouge, LA; 12:00p.m. [Channel 4].

Track squad bound for NCAA's

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

Next thing you know, coach Dean Hayes will need a whole plane to take his track squad to the NCAA championships.

In all, six Raiders will fly to Detroit's Cobo Hall to face the nation's best this weekend. The youth of the group representing MTSU impresses Hayes. A seventh will not compete due to an injury.

"Only one of the track men we take this weekend will not be able to return next year," Hayes noted.

That one, triple jumper Rayfield Dupree, is also the Raider with the best probable chance of winning in his event.

The competition will be tough for the veteran of the 1976 Olympic team. Dupree, who has jumped more than 55 feet, and recently won the OVC indoor track jump with a best of 51-9 3/4, will be facing two-time defending indoor champion Arnold Grimes and another tough challenger, Ron Livers. Dupree has faced both before and beaten both before.

Livers, competing for San Diego State, has the best jump in the nation this year (54-10). Grimes is from the University of Texas at El Paso. MTSU's John DoDoo, "one of the 10 best in the nation" according to Hayes, is also entered in the jump.

DoDoo will also be competing in the long jump. DoDoo has jumped 25 1/4 and a jump of 25 has won the event.

DoDoo visited the NCAA championships last year and feels that "this time it is just another meet."

Harry Majors and Ed Thomas are a pair of freshman entered in the 60-yard high hurdles. Majors, a graduate of Mt. Juliet and "NIL Trackman of the year" in 1976, has a best time of 7.2 this season and is in his first national competition. Thomas, a "very consistent" performer, according to Hayes, qualified last weekend here at the "last chance" track meet in Murphy Center with a 7.2 that outdistanced all competition.

In the 440 yard dash, J.T. Musgrove returns to the NCAA competitions for the second time. "I went last year, but this year I know what it is like and I have something to prove to coach Hayes...and myself," he added. Musgrove qualified here last weekend with a 48.3 run, with at least a 48.4 required to qualify.

Nashville's Gary Perry, a transfer student who ran for Antioch in high school, rounds out the performing squad of Raiders, running in the 1000 yard run.



Hurdler Harry Majors

Shiekh Faye, the high jumper-triple jumper who is the "star" of Hayes' team this year, will be unable to compete this season due to a nagging knee sprain which still has him in a cast after several weeks.

...That "last chance meet" last Saturday was an apparent success, qualifying 11 or 12 additional athletes for the Detroit meet.

Among the runners looking to qualify at the meet was Lionel Ortega, a three-mile runner from New Mexico. His time in Murphy Center was a full second better than any mark he had set in the past, but Hayes said, the NCAA does not arbitrarily determine the qualifying distance runners as they do athletes in other events.

So a meeting of the NCAA qualifying committee earlier this week probably determined Ortega's fate.



These members of "H" Hall #2 scored a 149-59 victory against the Twine Ticklers last week. The point total broke the Intramural game record and Mark McClintock's 60 points broke the individual mark. Top Row: Donnie Simmons, Danny Tomlinson, Nelson Wilson, Mike Cook, Manager Joey Rutter. Bottom Row: David Sloan, Player-Coach Jay Colley, McClintock, Charlie Sims. Not pictured Matt Davenport and Athletic Director Ivan Shewmake.

A tale of two champions: Raiders '75 and '77

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Somewhere in a mythical dimension, two basketball teams prepare for battle.

Both have been proven best in competition against their peers. Both have earned the honors and praise of the eager towns that support them.

The squads take the court; they wear familiar colors of blue and white. The scene becomes clearer; the faces are familiar.

Middle Tennessee State [1975] versus Middle Tennessee State [1977]. Both winners of the OVC's post season tournament. Both honored with the conference's invitation to NCAA post season play.

Both coached by Jimmy Earle, named OVC "Coach of the Year" at the end of both seasons.

Back in the real world, Earle admits that "In my mind I've often thought about the two teams...what they had in common and how they were different."

What they had in common was success, but they arrived at it in different ways.

"In 1974, all six starters were back from the team that finished second in the conference (18-8 overall)," Earle noted. "They had all played the year before and really were like a machine...there wasn't a lot of coaching to do."

In 1974-75 the Raiders went 8-2 to begin the season, counting wins over Ole Miss, VMI and Tennessee State as well as a near win over Vanderbilt.

The team picked to go all the way in the conference then did just that, winning 12 OVC games while dropping just two.

In the first OVC post-season tournament, held in Murphy Center, MTSU dissected all challengers and went on to the first NCAA trip in the school's history.

"They were so explosive...they could take you fast," Earle said, recalling such games as a 115-64 crushing of Presbyterian, a 101-70 drubbing of Austin Peay and a 102-95 shocking of tough Western Kentucky in Bowling Green. "Teams knew what we were going to do, but they couldn't stop us if we were patient," Earle said.

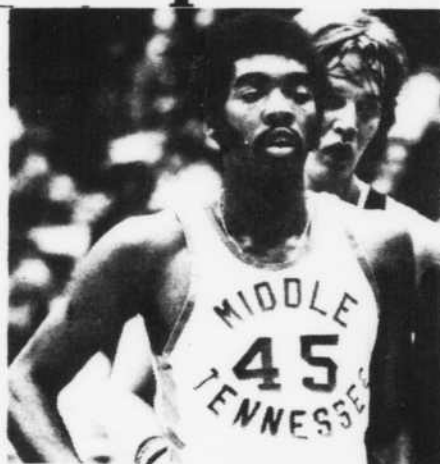


1975 point guard Martin

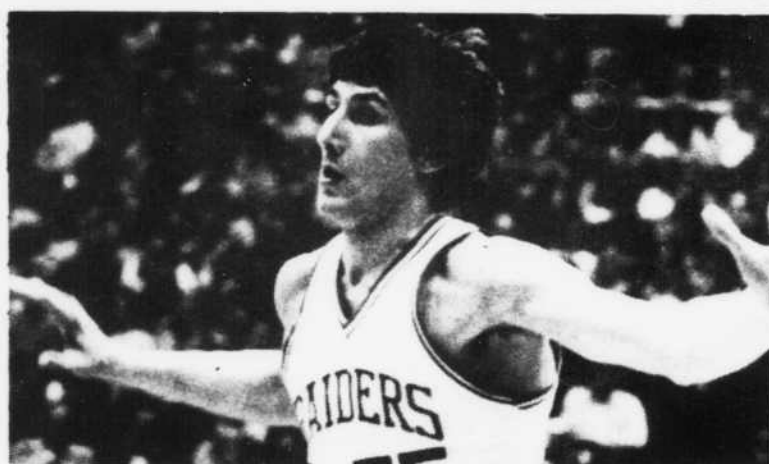
Then there are the "runts" of 1977.

No one expected them to do anything. So all they did was hustle, scrap and fight their way to another 8-2 beginning, showing a nationally-ranked defense (in the top ten at one time) and "a lot of heart," according to Earle.

The team won 18 regular season games, hitting the 20 game mark at the tournament. And only a few points separated the team from at least five more wins.



Steve Peeler



Tim Sisneros-'the Kokomo Kruncher'

"The 1975 team was a power team—constantly working to get the ball inside to the forwards and center—but this team is a motion team, a lot of cutting to the basket and screening out in the lanes," Earle said.

"They are a quicker team than the championship team," Earle said of the 1977 squad. "They play as more of an emotional team" than his earlier basketball "machine," Earle said.

"The old club was fiery—they could blow you out; this team has to fight and scrap for every point," Earle added.

That brings Earle to the comparisons he doesn't like to make: specific matchups of personnel on the two teams. But he did offer some observations on all the key players for both teams.

The contrast between the centers for the teams is typical of the difference between the two squads. In 1975, MTSU started 6-8 junior Tim Sisneros, nicknamed the "Kokomo Kruncher" not only because of his Indiana hometown but of his aggressive style of play as well.

Starting center for the 1977 Raiders isn't really a center at all: 6-7 Bob Martin, who probably wouldn't weigh 195 pounds after a dozen Thanksgiving dinners. His scrappy style of play earned him honors as the MVP in the OVC tournament the Raiders won last Saturday night.

George Sorrell, the 1975 OVC Most Valuable Player, opened every Raider game as a starter that season. Hampered by painful tendonitis in his knees, the Georgia senior nevertheless led the team in scoring and the conference in rebounding.

For the 1977 edition of the Raiders, sophomore Greg Joyner is the muscle inside and outside. The 6-7 forward averaged 15.3 points and 7.9 rebounds in his first MTSU season and "doesn't know how good he can be," Earle comments.

There is one unusual matchup on the two teams: Sleepy Taylor versus Sleepy Taylor. Two years ago as a forward he was the "best freshman in the league...so aggressive and confident," Earle recalled.

But a knee injury kept him out of eight games and a recurring problem kept him out of six more this season. But as a 6-4 junior guard he "returned as close to his freshman form as he has come" in the two games of the tournament at Clarksville, showing the leaping ability and mobility many thought he had lost forever.

As a guard, Freddy Allen amazed crowds with his range as a shooter, hitting 25-30 footers that would leave even Earle shaking his head.

Yet this offensive player "sacrificed a lot for

the good of the team...he knew that a champion had to work the ball inside," Earle added, also noting Allen's defensive ability to "really eat your lunch."

Allen, playing against the 1977 Raiders, would likely find himself defended by a player like freshman LeRoy Coleman or junior Julius Brown both 6-4.

Both are counted on for their defensive abilities, while Brown is a capable shooter, pouring in five of six as a substitute against Austin Peay.

For the Raiders of 1975, 6-7 senior Steve Peeler was a "super-sub" who provided tremendous offensive and defensive spark when the Raiders needed it. Peeler still holds the record for most consecutive field goals [nine] in a game.

The most important position in the Raider lineup of either year was point guard, the offensive quarterback. Here the contrasts are great: 1975's Jimmy Martin against 1977's Lewis Mack.

Both were seniors, but "Martin was a straight ahead ball handler," Earle said. At 6-6 he had a great stride; Mack (at 6-2) works the ball more...he's a super ball handler and has tremendous court savvy," Earle said.

Martin set the record for assists in a single game, season and career, but the Silver Creek, N.Y. native broke them all within two short years.

There can be no doubt that both of the teams had plenty of talent: In 1975 three players [Sorrell, Jimmy Martin and Peeler] made the All-OVC team, while Bob Martin and Joyner received similar awards in 1977.

Many fans would argue that Mack deserved the honor as well.

But what of that mythical matchup? Earle thinks the game would be "interesting from a technical standpoint...both clubs would zone and change defenses a lot. I'd give the edge in rebounding and experience to the 1975 team, and the 1977 team would be superior in quickness and scrap," he added.

No doubt it would be an interesting game, even if Sleepy might get tired playing for both teams.

...In 1975 the Raiders might have been the only team in the nation with six players in double figures for the entire season. Peeler sat on the bench at the beginning of most games, but always found his way into the action...In 1977, five Raiders averaged 10 or more points, with only Coleman (5.3) playing without reaching double figures...

...Hopefully the 1977 Raiders will do better than their predecessors at the NCAA tournament. In 1975, the talented Raiders couldn't get going in the first half against tough Oregon State and fell 78-67.

Ex-WFL head coach joins football staff here

Marshall Taylor, former head coach of the professional Shreveport Steamer, has joined the football staff at MTSU.

Taylor, 44, will coach the offensive backs and receivers, and will recruit extensively. He is a native of Winchester, Tenn., and holds degrees from Tennessee Tech.

"Marshall Taylor has a great football mind," declared Raider head coach Ben Hurt. "He knows the passing game better than any coach I've ever been around."

Taylor has been in coaching since 1956 when he was player-coach for teams with the U.S. Army in Germany. From there he coached at Fayetteville High School in 1958 for two seasons, then spent the next two at Spartanburg High in South Carolina.

Taylor returned to Tennessee Tech in 1962 as assistant football coach, working with receivers, pass offense and defensive ends.

In 1966, he joined the staff at West Virginia where he coached receivers, pass offense and kicking.

After two years in Texas, Taylor was an assistant coach at Virginia Tech, again in charge of receivers and pass offense.

In 1974, he was named head coach of the Shreveport Steamer, a job he held for the two years the franchise was in operation. Early in the second season, he was named general manager and after the

league folded in 1976, he helped close down the operation.

In private business, in Shreveport, Taylor refused several offers to return to coaching before accepting the post at MTSU.

"My philosophy is that a team must be able to throw the ball, and couple this with a good basic ground attack. You have to be able to attack in both directions soundly," Taylor stated.



The 1977 MTSU Men's tennis team—[left to right] kneeling: Dale Short, Tony Fernandez, Chris Baker.

Standing: Peter Heffernan, Mike Patrick, Lasse Durchmann, Coach Lalance.

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