

Rights, Rules Proposals Have Overlapping Areas

"It doesn't appear there are any major objections to either document," President Scarlett said concerning the proposals now before him from the Students' Rights and Responsibilities and the Rules and Regulations Study Committee.

Scarlett stated that there are certain areas in the two reports that are overlapping and will take some further study before he can make a final decision on the reports.

Examples of the conflicts in the two statements, according to Scarlett, are the sections dealing with the Faculty Handbook

and the university speaker policy.

The decision on the speaker policy section will depend upon a report from the University of Tennessee where a recent court decision set a precedent in such cases.

One reason for the delay in action on the committee reports is that the President's office has been tied up in the recent week planning the budget for the next year and the investigation of the Stark Farm purchase, according to Scarlett.

The President said that a statement on the proposals would be released in a very short time.

State Committee Says Farm Purchase Legal

An education sub-committee of the Tennessee House of Representatives concluded June 27 that the purchase of a dairy farm for expansion of the University Agriculture program was entirely legal. Representative Bob Hawks, D-Memphis, chairman of the committee that began the investigation on June 4 told reporters that he was convinced that everyone "had acted in good faith in connection with the transactions."

The committee also recommended Mr. and Mrs. Stark's for "their many fine contribu-

tions to the University and community as a whole." Stark is the retired director of the MTSU agriculture department. Both he and Mrs. Stark are alumni of MTSU. Mr. and Mrs. Stark taught for 25 years at Cornell University. For two years he supervised a program in dairy farming at the University of Madras, India, in cooperation with the University of Tennessee.

On June 26, State Commissioner J. H. Warf announced that Mr. and Mrs. Stark had made an outright gift of a 950 acre woodland farm in Hickman County valued at \$95,000 and has allocated \$20,000 a year to the MTSU Foundation to be used as student loans.

The Legislative sub-committee began its investigation following the purchase of the 325 acre Stark Dairy Farm in Rutherford County by the State

for \$325,000 by the State Board in May. Included in the farm transaction was 120 dairy cattle, extensive farm equipment, and other properties currently insured for \$133,000.

Sound fiscal considerations, pressing necessity to meet demands of expanding enrollment, and altruism by Mr. and Mrs. C. N Stark were involved in the purchase of the 325 acre Stark dairy farm, according to M. G. Scarlett, president of MTSU.

"For several years Mr. and Mrs. Stark have expressed a desire to make available to their Alma Mater resources toward helping young people secure an education." At the same time the Starks wished same time the Starks wished to provide against personal exigencies", Scarlett explained. "For the past four years negotiations have been carried on seeking legal and equitable arrangements insuring these objectives," he continued.

R. A. Alexander, chairman of the MTSU agriculture department said that acquisition of sizeable farm property had become "imperative." The need had become urgent as enrollment in the agriculture department has increased almost 300 per cent in five years. Removal of the dairy operation from the main campus had become necessary because of expanding building needs.

The 325 acre farm is located on the Manson Pike. The transfer involved two residences, two barns, five silos and all farm equipment including a modern milking parlor and storage areas.

Buchanan Players, Children's Theater Present 'Hansel and Gretel' July 11, 12

Hansel and Gretel by Leland J. Moffatt will be performed this month as the Buchanan Players present the MTSU Summer Children's Theatre. The presentation, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. July 11 and 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., July 12, will be held in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The play is a new adaptation of an opera by E. Humperdink and will incorporate many songs, dancing, and the magic appearance of a candy house on stage.

Children's Theatre was initiated at MTSU last year by Lane Boutwell for the purpose of promoting children's interest in the theatre. Last year's production met with very good

response from the audience--and from the actors as well. Not only are the young people exposed to the excitement of drama, but those who are interested (including parents) find the opportunity to meet the actors and explore the backstage workings of the theatre. In this way, the play becomes more of an art than an illusion.

For the actors, this type of presentation is fun as well as educational. Tommy Gray, publicity director for the University Theatre, pointed out that, "Children's Theatre is another facet of learning in educational theatre", as important to the actor as learning the skills of tragic acting. According to

Miss Mary Skelba, director of the play, the young audience is much more responsive and uninhibited than adults and their excitement makes the play more enjoyable for everyone.

Cast for the play are: Marian Gowin, Gretel; Mike Hurt, Hansel; Penny Gordon, Mother; Bob Forsythe, Father; Susan Karsch, Dew Fairy; Tommy Gray, Witch; and Jenan Dorman, Glenda Dean, Susan Karsch, Charles Jackson and Stanley German as children. The director is Miss Mary Skelba with Miss Marilyn McCallie as assistant director.

Call 893-0680, extension 494, for reservations. Tickets may (continued on page 4)

Watermelon Feast Planned for Mon.

The Faculty Social Committee will hold its annual watermelon cutting Monday afternoon from 4 until 6 at the picnic grounds, located behind the football stadium.

The annual event is free to all students, faculty and administration officials.

President Scarlett will attend, and this will be an excellent opportunity for students to meet and talk with him.

Part Three

Mrs. Gilbert Teaches German; Refers to Music as 'Fun-thing'

BY ANNE SLOAN

EDITOR'S NOTE--This is the final part of the three part series on the 1969 "outstanding teachers". Each part is written by former students of the teacher.

Ortrun Gilbert came a long way to be selected as an "outstanding" teacher. About 20 years ago, J. Wade Gilbert (Physics Department) married a German girl named Ortrun Engenhause. Five years later they came to MTSU.

Mrs. Gilbert, an accomplished pianist, first taught in the music

department but was asked to teach her native tongue when a foreign language department was created.

Mrs. Gilbert refers to music as her "fun-thing" and has accompanied several music majors in recitals. One music student says, "She's so vivacious it's worth going to the recital just to watch her play."

Not only is she a teacher and mother of three but, as a local Girl Scout leader, is also busy with bazaars and raffles to raise enough money so her troop can visit the nation's capital.

Mrs. Gilbert would say that all this is immaterial, but it gives an insight into the type

of woman and teacher she is. Adjectives cannot describe her; she makes a classroom come alive. Her students really want to learn. She encourages them and makes them proud of their work and achievements.

Like most language teachers, she also teaches art, music, history, philosophy, and ever so many other things; but she goes beyond teaching, she makes a far-away world seem real. Her students always try to please her. If it is necessary for her to miss a class, her students voluntarily meet by themselves. This is not an isolated occurrence or an effort

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MRS. GILBERT'S interest in her students does not confine itself to the classroom or to the language laboratory.

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The Hawk

Investigation Causes Undue Embarrassment To Stark Family

Letter

Speaker Corrects Hawks; MTSU Not MTSC

The state investigation of the purchase of a 325 acre farm by the university is over, but unfortunately the former owners, Mr. and Mrs. C.N. Starks, have suffered much undue embarrassment from the proceeding.

Representative Bob Hawks of Memphis spearheaded the investigation which concluded that the transaction had been made in "good faith" after Stark announced the gift of another track of land totaling 950 acres and has allocated \$20,000 a year to MTSU to be used as student loans.

The Starks are to be praised for their intense loyalty and concern for their Alma Mater. Again it is regrettable that Hawks and his committee have put them through so much undue embarrassment in recent weeks.

Representative Hawks:

I am quite sure that you have received many statements from people across our state concerning your investigation of the land purchase at Middle Tennessee State University which you recently investigated.

I, sir, am writing this letter not to question the intent of your investigation, the evidence surrounding the investigation, or the people involved. My purpose is to simply make you aware of a fact that I feel sure you should already know. Middle Tennessee State is now a university, and no longer a college.

Our institution acquired university status well over three years ago. Many years of hard work by administrators and faculty, some of whom have now left MTSU, brought about this accomplishment.

Many people still refer to our institution, as well as the other regional universities in our state, as colleges. This might not seem very important to you, sir, but to the thousands of students, administrators, staff and faculty that make up our university community, it is important. It is important that people realize we are a fully-accredited university.

I feel quite sure that you did not purposely refer to MTSU as a college in your interview with a local newsman last Thursday after your committee met. I have no "bone to pick" with you. I just wish to tell you, and hopefully you can pass on to other men of prominence in our state the fact that our institution and all other regional universities across our state and nation now have a solid place in the educational process of our country.

Our curriculum offers many opportunities to the student who wishes to attend. I'll admit that I chose MTSU because of its nearness to my home and because I needed an institution that I could afford. But since enrolling, I have found that I can find any course of study that I need for a well-rounded education. Because of the friendliness of upperclassmen, I was immediately

at ease. My high school alumni did not find this to be true when they entered the larger state schools.

It is becoming increasingly more aware of the intent of the University of Tennessee to take many of the smaller schools into their "fold". This has already happened at Chattanooga. There is a chance that U.T. Nashville Center will soon expand to offer a general education core. This is not needed because of the nearness of Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee, Columbia State as well as many good educational institutions right here in Nashville. There is a U.T. campus in Memphis, as I am sure you are aware. And of course, there also lies the second largest state school, Memphis State.

I need not tell you of the trend which seems quite apparent, as I am sure many people far more prominent and influential than I have written you concerning this matter. Quite simply, Knox-

ville, Chattanooga, Memphis and Nashville will be the sites of the larger institutions of higher learning. Since the congress has more representatives from these districts, it follows that these schools will have the advantage of more representatives representing their wishes and seeking more money for these particular institutions.

I ask you, sir, to look objectively at our regional universities and community colleges. Think objectively, realizing the role that these schools play in education and act wisely when considering educational legislation.

There is evidence to prove that the students of our state schools realize the importance of the regional universities. Recently a student from MTSU was elected president of the Tennessee University Student Government Association. He defeated a student from Memphis State. This, of course, should bear no influence on judging of the schools themselves, but it did tell me that other concerned students thought that the association could better be governed by a student who knew the life of a smaller school, realizing at the same time that this student from the smaller school has had enough of an opportunity at his school to see the problems of students of our entire state, and enough ability to act wisely in attempting to eradicate student problems.

Representative Hawks, I hope you will not take this letter as one of a personal nature, but will pass along any ideas this letter may bring to you.

We at Middle Tennessee want the people of the state to realize, or admit to themselves, that an education can be had at our school--a mighty good education at that. Our president, Dr. M. G. Scarlett, is a tireless worker for the betterment of our institution and its public image. Proper treatment of the individual student seems to be his constant concern. He is surrounded by a well-trained, efficient group of excellent administrators. He leads a student body that is justifiably proud of its institution.

Race riots are not a part of our life at MTSU. We take great pride in the atmosphere on our campus. An atmosphere alive with the spirit of good will and fellowship, transmitted from student to student, be he black, white, or yellow is ever prevalent.

When I graduate and enter the "outside world", I am quite sure that I will be able to look at my university with a sense of honest pride. My accomplishments in student government will, I hope be beneficial to me as a student and as a citizen. I hope that your accomplishments as a legislator will bring you an equally satisfying sense of pride and accomplishment.

Respectfully,
Cliff Gillespie
Speaker of the House
Box 2382

Consider the Fourth ; Its Real Meaning

Tomorrow millions of Americans will pack their fishing gear and beer and head to the lakes and rivers or pack their golf clubs and head to the local greens or many will just stretch-out in their back yards and enjoy the warm sun for tomorrow is the first summer holiday.

Yes tomorrow is July the fourth, Independence Day. But what does that mean?

Independence Day is the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the one hundred and ninety-third birthday of the United States of America.

In this era of war, communism, civil disorder, campus disorder and violent revolution, we should all pause from our fun and games tomorrow and consider just exactly what this day we are celebrating really means. It would do all of us good.

Candid Campus

Students Comment

On Places to Go

BY PAULETTE FOX

Students interviewed here yesterday unanimously agreed that there is a definite lack of places to go and things to do in Murfreesboro. The question asked the students was: "The accusation has been made that there is nothing to do in Murfreesboro for entertainment. What do you suggest the students could do when they are bored?"

John Williams, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, senior:

"The only thing that I know for students to do is to drink. All jokes aside, the only places to go are the mills or the county-built dams such as Walter Hill, Percy Priest and Elam's Mill."

Johnny Grimes, Jasper senior:

"It's up to the person what he wants to do. There are three shows in town, and you could always go to the river. Get to know someone who has an apartment and throws good parties."

Elois Batts, Shelbyville freshman:

"We could have more entertainment on campus. For this summer you could have a picnic at the picnic grounds or go to the game rooms in the UC."

Rita Henderson, Murfreesboro freshman:

"You can go to the Marbro, the Martin or the Princess theaters, and then to top it all off you can circle Shoney's twice."



John Williams



Johnny Grimes



Elois Batts



Rita Henderson

Mrs. Gilbert Teaches

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of just one class, for, during a recent illness, several of her classes met by themselves because of the spirit she had instilled in them.

Her interest in her students does not end at the classroom door; she is anxious to help them, to listen to them, and to get to know them better. She never gives the impression that it is an imposition when help or advice is needed.

Mrs. Gilbert has been called a "spontaneous professor" because of her enthusiasm in the classroom where she is always searching for methods and techniques to make the declension of a German noun a challenge and to make her students want to seek knowledge.

Her most outstanding quality is her sharing of herself and her willingness to do the little extra things. Many times she has said that a person ought not teach if he thinks he can work from nine to five and forget his work at the end of the day. Not only is the door to Mrs. Gilbert's office always open but also the door to her home. Her students are always welcome no matter what the hour or the problem.

Upon receiving the honor of being selected an outstanding teacher she wrote a letter, "to

Murfreesboro - With Love." In it she expressed appreciation for all those who have contributed to making Murfreesboro and this university an "exhilarating" experience to her.

Her philosophy of teaching is well condensed in a last paragraph of that letter. It reads:

"If a teacher is a genuine pedagogue which means a com-

panion of the young on their path toward school and learning--he or she will bring facts and proofs, attempts and blunders, successes and failures of comprehension to the minds of the young or those who want to learn. If he or she thus provokes the students to come to conclusions or an ever more increasing desire for inquiry--then this teacher has achieved some measure of success."

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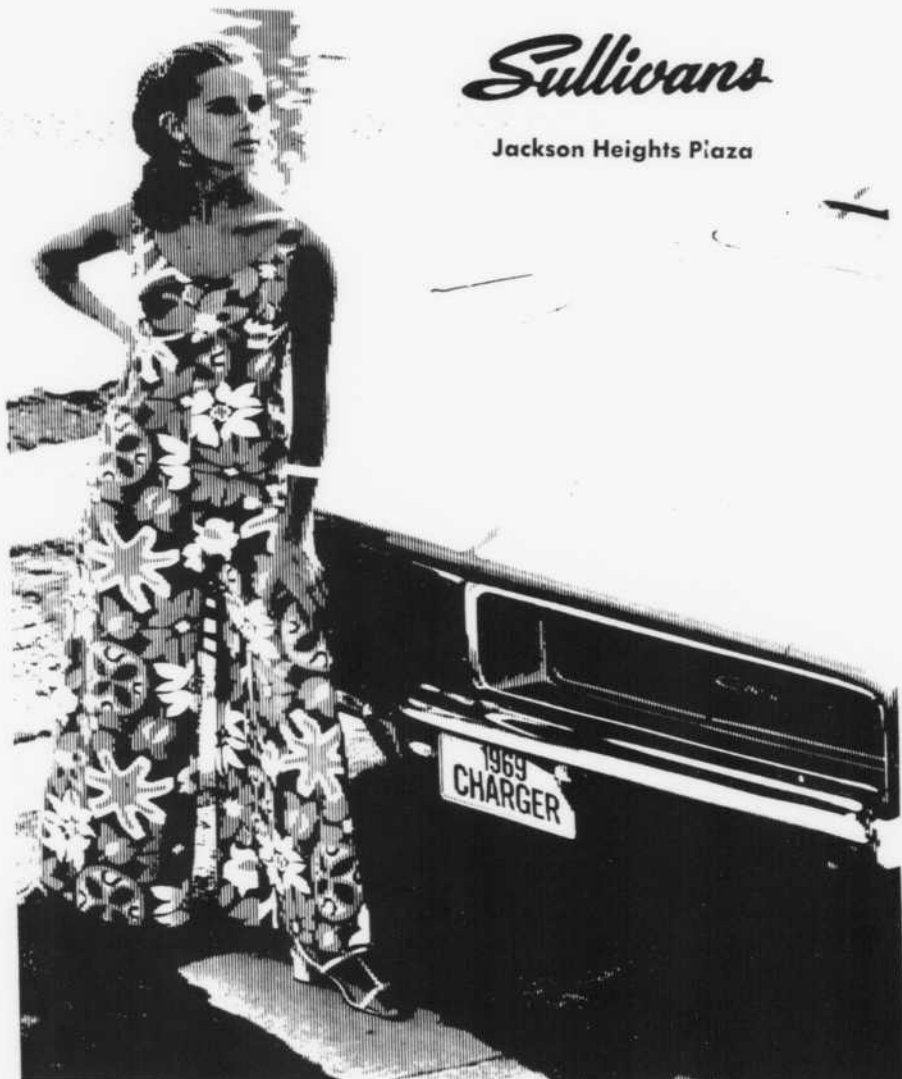
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HANSEL AND GRETEL will be presented by the Buchanan Players July 11 and 12

Buchanan ...

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also be bought at the door for 50¢.

Coming up in August will be something new at MTSU--an "in-the-round" presentation of "The Fantasticks" in the Arena Theatre of the Dramatic Arts Building. This will be part of the regularly-scheduled drama club meeting, so there will be no admission charge.

Free Programs Scheduled

Two free programs have been scheduled this summer by the Public Programs Committee, according to W. H. Holland, chairman of the committee.

On July 30 Peter Sayers will appear at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Theatre.

Sayers, an Englishman, is an artist and composer who is a regular on the WSM Afternoon Show. He is interested in popular, folk and country music.

On August 5 Marshall Walker will appear also at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Theatre speaking on "Teaching the Poem."

Walker, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, is a lecturer in English Literature at the University of Glasgow, a member of the summer school faculty at George Peabody College and was a former lecturer at Rhodes University, South Africa.

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Kathy Barber Is Crowned Rutherford Dairy Princess

Kathy Barber, MTSU sophomore, was recently crowned Rutherford County Dairy Princess, in a contest held at Murfreesboro Central High School. She was chosen from ten other contestants representing all parts of Rutherford county.

Miss Barber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert N. Barber of Christiana, Tennessee, and is majoring in home economics. She has worked with

4-H for nine years and has received many state and national honors. Presently, she is on the program committee for the National 4-H convention. Her other activities include doing art work for the Sidelines.

The contest was based on the girls' dairy background and experience. Miss Barber received a \$100 scholarship with the title, and she will represent Rutherford County in the state contest to be held in August.

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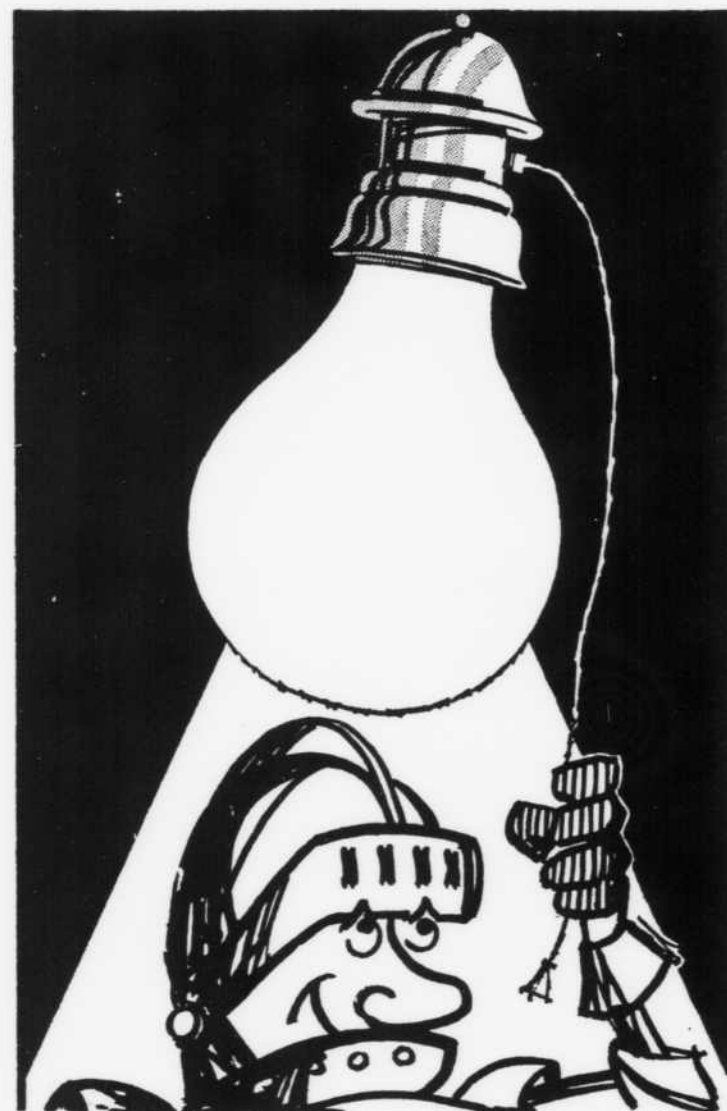
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