

Data will aid in education improvement

Seniors, freshmen to be pilot test group

MTSU recently received a grant from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to conduct a study of general education attainments among seniors, according to President M.G. Scarlett.

A research committee, directed by Fred Colvin of the history department, has selected MTSU seniors at random and asked them to participate in a test group this fall.

The test group will take a series

of examinations, three standardized tests and two produced at MTSU, designed to assess general education skills and knowledge, such as reading, writing, oral communication and the sciences.

"The purpose of these tests," Colvin said, "is to see what general education level our seniors are on."

Colvin said the committee would also begin testing freshmen this fall "to simply find out what level they

are on now, so that in the future, we will be able to see what kind of progress they have made."

Freshmen were added to the project because the committee realized that this data was also needed, he added.

The test results will provide information to be used in report to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

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Fred Colvin

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Campus housing rent increased 10 percent

by Valorie Vaughn

All on-campus housing rent was increased by 10 percent as of July 1, according to Jim Craig, director of housing.

The increase was approved by the Board of Regents in the latter part of June, after the office of business and finance sent a proposal for increase to them.

"We needed the increase to keep up with our bills," Craig said. "Electricity, water, coal, fuel oil, telephone service, custodial service and maintenance service have all increased."

Craig commented on a letter published in *Sidelines* from a married student complaining about the short notice given them concerning the housing increase. "Since the rent increase proposal was passed in late June by the Board of Regents, and then became effective July 1, there was not much

time to give notice," he said.

Even with the increase, MTSU still has a low room and board cost compared to its "sister universities." In an article from the July 1978 *Nashville Magazine*, MTSU was the only university with room and board cost not in the four digit figures. The across-the-board average shows the room and board cost for one year at MTSU is \$850. The one year average room and board cost at Austin Peay is \$1125, at East Tennessee State, \$1050 and at Tennessee Tech, \$1200.

However, these figures pertain only to residents of Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. Out-of-state fees would be significantly higher.

When asked if the housing increase had affected dorm applications, Craig said "no."

"As of April 1, we (housing) quit

taking applications for housing. We had more than enough applications at that time to fill the dorms and apartments on campus," he said.

Renting the housing on campus is partially guesswork, since many applicants do not show up, or they may drop out of school early in the semester, Craig said. In order to make up for the "no-shows" or early drop-outs, housing has taken a 10 percent "overflow" in applications.

The deadline to submit an application for housing on campus was August 1. If a student has not yet submitted his application, it is not likely that there will be room for him as there is a waiting list of about 400 persons for housing, according to Craig.



Jim Craig

Blanchard named acting sociology department head

by Jane Hamlin

Ken Blanchard, assistant professor of sociology, has been named acting chairman of the sociology department for one year, President M.G. Scarlett announced Thursday.

Blanchard was recommended by Robert Corlew, Dean of Liberal Arts, and Jack Carlton, vice president for academic affairs, to replace Donald South until plans could be made to conduct a search for a full-time chairman.

Scarlett gave his approval after Vice Chancellor of Board of Regents Roy Lassiter okayed the move.

Blanchard has held his present position in the sociology department since 1971. He received his Ph.D. in 1971 from the Southern

Methodist University, his B.D. and M.A. degrees from Vanderbilt University and a B.A. degree from Olivet College.

Scarlett said that plans are being made to appoint chairmen to the English and history departments, as well as the sociology department.

"The basis for our selections is the very high proportion of tenured faculty," Scarlett said. "By promoting from within the university, the total number of positions in the departments will be reduced."

This is the last summer edition of the *Sidelines*. Publication will be resumed Aug. 30 under the editorship of Cathy Wood.



With graduation only three days away, MTSU bookstore employees Janet Noah and Pat McAfee get graduation regalia ready for graduating seniors. [Bill Ray photo]



Construction of the heating plant expansion is slowly progressing, as seen in this comparison of a photo taken in January [left] and a more recent picture [right]. Completion of the \$1,762,000 project is scheduled for July, 1979. [Thom Coombes and Bill Ray photos]



LRC directorship open

Applications are now being taken for the position of Director of the Learning Resources Center, a position that has been vacant for more than a year, President M. G. Scarlett has announced.

Bob Jones, assistant vice president of academic affairs, is the chairman of the committee appointed to select a replacement for Marshall Gunselman, former LRC director, who took a position in educational and library services.

The selection committee is made up of eight faculty and staff members from various departments. They are Beryl West, psychology; Mary Jo James, LRC; Bill Jackson, LRC; Van Fox, LRC; Don Craig, library services; Ed

Kimbrell, basic and applied sciences; Dan Boyd, business; and Frank Essex, political science.

According to a notice sent out from Scarlett's office advertising the position nationally, a candidate for the position of director "should have considerable knowledge of learning theory and the technology in education."

The notice also said that an applicant should have the ability to work effectively with faculty, staff and students, possess some management skills and experience, and have knowledge of, and experience in pedagogical research and grantsmanship.

Salary is to be based on qualifications.

Seniors

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According to Scarlett, the pilot testing will provide the university with valuable information about the effectiveness of its general education program and the basic academic skills and knowledge of the senior class. Students who participate in the pilot project will benefit directly by acquiring knowledge about their academic abilities, he said.

Seniors who agree to participate in the pilot testing will be enrolled automatically in an upper division psychology course, 400D, and receive one hour credit. Scarlett said

a student's performance on tests will in no way affect his grade in the course and that test scores will be kept confidential and used only for research purposes.

The general education exams will be given during the class periods, which is to be conducted by Robert Prytula, according to Colvin.

Colvin said five instrumental tests will be given to the testing group, three of which are from the professional level and two on the local level. The professional tests include the ETS, undergraduate test, academic competence test and the diagnostic reading test. The local tests are a math test and an exercise in oral communication.

"I'm hopeful that the results will be favorable for our students, but I must stress that no one can tell at this time what the results will be," Colvin said. "I know the tests will provide us with needed information for future testing."

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Editorial

No place for protest

Demonstrators protesting the development of the neutron bomb rudely interrupted Sunday worship services attended by President Carter at the First Baptist Church in Washington.

A few of the demonstrators were dragged from the building. Nine were arrested. One woman even has the audacity to try to read a "short" speech to the congregation, before being ejected.

It was not necessary. It was deplorable. The opposition these protestors have to the bomb is not in question. The fact that they would use such despicable means to voice their opinions is highly questionable.

Surely, the group could have chosen a much better time and place to hold their demonstration, than in a place of worship.

President Carter commented that he deplored the demonstration during the worship service, but he hoped that there would never be another Hiroshima.

Sidelines hopes there will never be such a disgraceful, tasteless demonstration as that one.



Ain't it good to be a 'native' of Tennessee

Editor's note:

The following story was written by Valorie Vaughn, staff writer, in collaboration with the Southern Literature class under the direction of Bob Herring, English instructor.

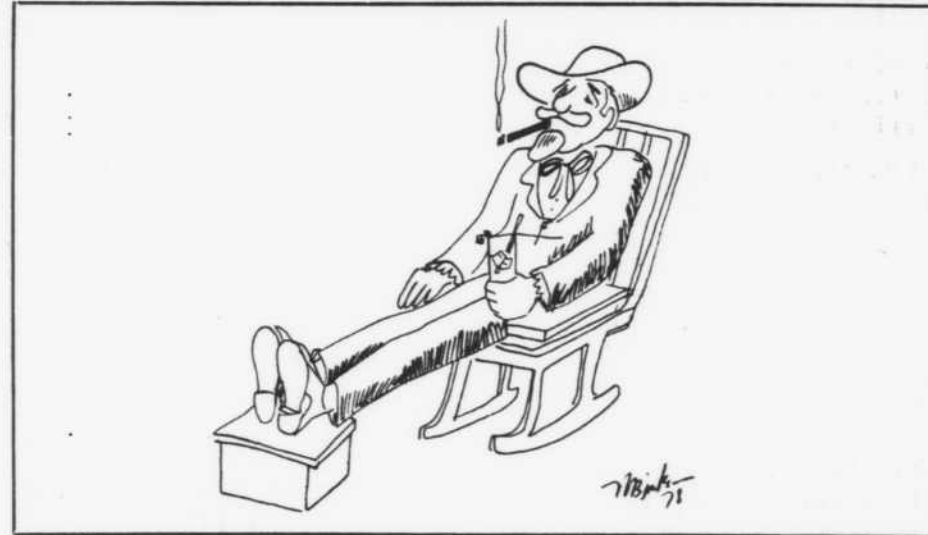
"Da'yum! It shure is a hotter'n t'day, 'n was yestiddy!"

A Southerner would doubtless have no difficulty understanding such a phrase—it's called Southern dialect, remarkably unique and delightfully perpetuated in the South.

As it "da'yum" well ought t'be!

The members of Southern Literature 333, under the direction of Bob Herring, have supplemented their text studies in order to examine the dialectal usage common to Middle and East Tennessee. This article reflects both the sheer fun as well as the students' interest in both the colloquial and idiomatic language of East and Middle Tennessee.

Some Southern slangs used in East and Middle Tennessee are universal to the South such as



"kin," meaning relatives, and "li-bel" meaning likely to.

However, some terms used are exclusive to the Middle Tennessee area. How many times have you heard someone say, "Do you go out to the college?" or "Do you work out at the college?" MTSU is a university, but many persons living in the town of Murfreesboro still call it a "college."

The term "native" is used in the

Murfreesboro area to denote where a person is from. An example would be, "Are you a native of Murfreesboro?" One class member asked a person from the North if he was a native of Chicago. The Northerner shrugged his shoulders, looked bewildered and said, "What?"

Another Middle Tennessee term is "Chesterfield." This term describes the old style Southern gentleman type. "He's a real

Chesterfield."

In the East Tennessee Region "they Lord" is the term used instead of "good Lord." Also, in East Tennessee, if a person goes to a small grocery store and asks for a "dope," the proprietor of the store will know right away that the customer wants a Coke. This slang term revolves around the fact that many years ago Coca-Cola was a patent medicine and contained cocaine. Today, Coca-Cola contains caffeine, but the term "dope" is still used to describe it in areas of East Tennessee.

Other slangs "native" to Middle and East Tennessee are "I taken" for I took; "W're been," for We've been; and "shun ov've" for gotten rid of.

In a time when everything is becoming one big McDonald's, it is inspiring that some things remain unique and unchanged like the dialects used in Middle and East Tennessee.

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by Michael Jinks

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Five football players chosen to All-OVC team

by Scott Adams
Sports Editor

MTSU placed five players on the 1978 Ohio Valley Conference pre-season all-conference team selected by league coaches last Thursday in Louisville, Ky., at the OVC football press luncheon.

The Blue Raider representatives are Stan Wright, a 6'2", 200 lbs. linebacker; Brian Knight, a 6'2", 220 lbs. offensive guard; Darrell Williams, a 6'3", 243 lbs. center; Randy Saunders, a 6'2", 180 lbs. punter; and Pat Siegfried, a 6'0", 170 lbs. defensive back.

Siegfried is in a six-way tie at one of the defensive back positions,

while Wright tied Western's Carl Estelle for one of this year's linebacker slots. Knight was a second team All OVC member last year and Saunders and Williams were All-OVC performers in 1977.

At the annual luncheon, the coaches also picked their pre-season choice to finish first in the upcoming season.

Tennessee Tech was chosen for the top spot followed by Eastern Kentucky, Austin Peay, Murray State and Western Kentucky, tied for fourth, and Morehead and Middle Tennessee bringing up the rear.

Tech coach Don Wade said that

he was afraid that his Golden Eagles would have their hands full, because he felt that their defense hadn't improved much over last year's team which gave up about 21 points per game.

Austin Peay coach Boots Donnelly, who led the Governors to the league championship last season, said he was going to start with a clean slate.

Donnelly, who is the first coach ever in the OVC to lead his team to the championship in his first season, also said he was rather glad that his team had not been selected number one "because it sometimes puts a little added pressure on the

players at the beginning of the season."

The newest addition to the OVC, the University of Akron, will not be eligible for the conference title this season. However, they are still eligible to capture the crown in their original conference, the Mid-Continent Conference.

September 2 is the first playing date for OVC schools with Middle Tennessee heading to Nashville to meet John Merritt's Tennessee State Tigers.

Tennessee Tech will host Nicholls State and Murray State will host Southeast Missouri to round out the first week's schedule.

Crimson Cats win Intramural Championship

Phil Brooks singled home Charlie Arnold with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Crimson Cats their fourth consecutive Intramural Championship. The Cats took the lead in the first when Billy Pitts singled, moved to third on another hit and came home on Shawn Glenn's sacrifice fly. The Magnificent Tens came back on a two-run homerun by T. McDougal in the fourth inning.

Bob Martin's two run triple and Paige Spain's single gave the Cats two more runs in the bottom half of the inning. The Magnificent Tens came back with two runs of their own with singles by Kent Rucker and Mike Cook.

Billy Pitts singled in a run in the bottom half to give the cats a one run lead going into the seventh inning.

The Magnificent Tens scored two

runs in the top half of the seventh on singles by Mike Cook and Vandergriff. Carlos Cemente scored to tie the game at six a piece when Brooks delivered a game winning hit. The Campus Recreation office officials extended its appreciation to all those players who participated in this summer league softball.

1978 ALL SUMMER League Team
Crimson Cats: Shawn Glenn, Bob Martin, Billy Pitts

Magnificent Ten: P. Williams, T. McDougal, Mike Cook
Bookstore: Jimmy Singleton, Rick Smith

Cadillacs: Jeff Woodard, Tony Buck, Eldorado McCaulley

Mt. Sinai: Mitch Chambers, Winston Wrenn

Mt. Ararat: Hector Ortiz

Big Eds: Art Swary, Kent Rucker

Police: John Driver

Library: Freddy Adair



Members of the Crimson Cats, 1978 IM champions, accept a trophy from official Drew Simmons. Pictured are [l.-r. standing] Sam Berry, Shawn Glenn, Bob Martin, Chris Berry, Charlie Arnold, Don Mannes, Chris Waddell, Billy Pitts, Paige Spain, [kneeling] Paul Diefenbach, Phil Brooks and Carlos Clemente. Not pictured is Mike McNabb. [Bill Ray photo]

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Coach signs new player

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Harris is also an outstanding track performer, and at 6'0", 200 lbs. was named Maplewood's football MVP on defense this past season.

Harris is the 21st Raider grid signee, with the reporting date for the first fall practice drawing near.

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Registration 'went well' Huddleston

by Jerry Williamson

Though some students may disagree, Sherian Huddleston of the admissions and records office said registration went "real well."

Huddleston said small problems occurred throughout the day as it does at every registration, but the main problem was with the 1,962 new freshmen. "English and Biology were the biggest lines because all of the freshmen had to have those courses."

She added the advisors could alleviate some of the big lines in cases such as the freshmen classes if they would tell half of their freshmen to take biology and the other half to take physical science.

Saturday afternoon the assessment area backed up and freshmen had to wait in long lines to get to the assessment area. "It seemed like everyone finished in the card bank and went to the assessment area at the same time," Huddleston said.

The back-up was due to some people taking more time than needed in the card bank. "It should take about 45 minutes for a student to register," she said.

Getting in at the scheduled time was not one of the problems this year except when the assessment area backed up.

"We are almost always on time, never later than 10 minutes. Sometimes we go ahead of time," Suzanne McDaniel, also of the office of admissions and records, said.

Admissions and records is awaiting approval of a budget which would allow them to purchase computers to use in registration.

Fall semester late registration is being done with computers. "We like to start small and later go to regular registration with computers," McDaniel said.

"It would take a while to get the bugs out while working with computers, so we want to get that done on late registration," she added.

With the computer system students would have pre-registration, and would know about a semester ahead of time what their schedule would be the following semester.

"We have introduced what we want to do with the computers and are awaiting approval. The computer department, business department and admissions and records will have to work very closely to get this together," McDaniel said.



Jimmie Hall of Wet Willie entertained freshmen Thursday night in the DA Auditorium after a mass orientation meeting in Murphy Center, where administration members welcomed the 2591 new students to MTSU. Friday, they met

again while the mystery of registration was explained. During the day, student assistants showed them around campus and answered questions ranging from "Where's the Library?" to "Where's the best place to party in Nashville?" Al-

though they probably doubted they would, new students survived Saturday's registration, which was also a landmark for graduated seniors. Everybody else sweated until Monday. See stories on pages 17-19. [Robin Rudd photo]