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Student rights discussed at first forum



Photo by Alan Loveless

ASB PRESIDENT Tim Watson, in foreground, and MTSU President M. G. Scarlett prepare to answer questions at Tuesday's forum.

by Scott Perry

Various topics, from parking lots to students' rights, were discussed Wednesday in the Grill at the first President's Forum for the fall semester.

Tim Watson, ASB president, opened the forum with general comments and then discussed the proposed "mini-market" on campus. Watson said there will be a mini-market if the space for one can be found.

Harry Wagner, vice president for student affairs, responded to a question concerning the concealing of information about students who have been found breaking some of the university's regulations. Wagner said that information was withheld for the good of the students involved.

Wagner also answered a question concerning the privacy of students living on campus. He said this privacy ended when "probable cause" was given to make a search of a student's room.

He added that any reliable student could come to a university official and tell that another student had done or was doing something against university regulations, and that this would be probable cause.

Watson was asked about the pressures put on him to postpone a

marijuana symposium that was set for next Tuesday. Watson said he would be glad to say who put the pressures on him to a certain extent.

"Let me make one thing perfectly clear," Watson said. He then went on to say that the administration didn't have anything to do with the pressures. Watson mentioned that violently opposed cabinet members and rumors of cabinet members' smoking pot were two reasons for the postponement.

Wagner talked about parking on the campus and said that multi-level parking is out of the question. "The legislature of the state of Tennessee has strongly frowned on parking structures of this kind," Wagner said.

University President M. G. Scarlett talked about the possibility of **SIDELINES** being turned into a lab paper. Scarlett said that plans for such a lab paper had been put aside.

"We will not have a strictly laboratory newspaper without full provisions for the continuation of a non-laboratory newspaper that students will operate," Scarlett said.

Another item discussed by Scarlett was the addition of a juke-box in the Grill. "There will be a juke-box in the Grill real soon," he said.

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Two quit, two face charges in 'I' dorm raid

By Wayne Hudgens

Two MTSU football players have withdrawn from school and another two face discipline procedures as the result of a marijuana raid on "I" dormitory late Monday afternoon.

University officials have declined to release the names of the players involved with marijuana possession charges, citing "student rights" as the reason to withhold any information concerning individuals involved.

Harry Wagner, vice president for student affairs, said the names would be released only if the students involved approved such action.

The authorized university search of dormitory rooms of football players took place between 3 and 7 p.m. Monday, Paul Cantrell, dean of men, said yesterday.

The search was conducted by campus security police and university officials while the football squad was involved in practice, sources said.

Wagner said the university is authorized to search a dormitory room if students authorize such a search of their rooms, if a search warrant can be obtained, or if "probable cause" can be determined.

He would not elaborate on which procedure was used for the "I" dormitory search, but added that "there's not a chance that a university official would go in and dress down a dorm room, that's not the way we operate."

Head Coach Bill Peck said yesterday the two students who remained at MTSU have been suspended from the team pending further investigation.

Peck said he was told that a search of football players' rooms was planned. "It was no surprise to me," Peck said.

"There's no place for drug abuse in football," Peck said. "I've really had my eyes opened," he said. The coach said he now understands how widespread marijuana use was on the MTSU campus.

Peck said he expected no special treatment for football players found violating university regulations. "The team is just a microcosm of the university," he said. "They will be treated like any other students."

The coach, whose squad had experienced little success on the field thus far this season, also dispelled rumors that some black athletes planned to boycott practice sessions because of the drug incident.

"All of our team is up now and ready for Saturday's game," Peck said. "We had our best practice session ever yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon."

Cantrell said the remaining two players requested that their cases be handled by the campus judiciary. "I'm preparing their cases for the routing committee," Cantrell said.

"The two players tell us one thing one day and something else the next," he said. "As far as I am concerned, we are prepared to follow university procedure in handling this case."

Several options are open to students charged with campus offenses. A student may ask for adjudication by the dean's office, or go through the students' court system. Any decision is subject to appeal to the university discipline committee.

Art students assist children



Photo by Pete Meadows

MTSU art students, Vickie Koehn, right, and Mary Mitchell, assist children in hand-building ceramics.

Murfreesboro children in grades one through nine are participating in a "creative art clinic" sponsored by the MTSU art department.

The clinic is located in the Fine Arts Building and is held on Mondays and Wednesdays, Morris Brandon, art department chairman, said.

The clinic not only gives the children a "balanced art program," but also provides art education majors with practical experience in teaching, he said.

Children are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, he said. There are only six sections offered and only 15 are admitted per section.

"We notified the schools about the program and ran ads in the papers to get participation. Now we're bulging with people trying to get into the program," Brandon said.

The clinic, which lasts 10 weeks, is divided into six, two-hour sessions. Each section has a specific age group and is instructed by MTSU students.

The program consists of three-dimensional art, painting, and printmaking, he said.

The idea of a "creative art clinic" started several years ago with Brandon and former art department chairman Joe Orze. There was a similar program at Syracuse University.

"We saw the need for our art education majors to get some experience working with children. Before, they had no practical experience at all," Brandon said.

After working with the children on Monday and Wednesday, a seminar is held by the student instructors on Friday to discuss the week's experiences, he said.

Participation in the clinic is excellent and plans are to continue the program, he indicated.

Arts conference to feature Bessie Smith blues program

The Tennessee Folklore Society will sponsor a program on blues artist Bessie Smith Saturday at the fourth statewide conference of the Tennessee Arts Commission, to be held in Chattanooga.

"Bessie Smith was a great early blues singer who was a native of Chattanooga," he said. "Much of the work of Janis Joplin and Billie Holiday was patterned after her style."

"The program, which will last from 2:30 to 4:30, will include a short film to be shown by Chris Albertson, the author of the biography 'Bessie Smith.'" Ralph Hyde, secretary-editor of the Tennessee Folklore Society Bulletin, said.

"A Bessie Smith concert will also be held at 11 p.m. Saturday at Chattanooga's Brass Register featuring Pearl Murray," he said.

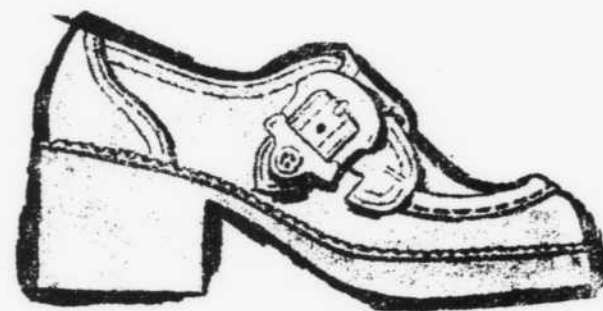
Dr. Hyde, an MTSU English professor, and Mary Busiek, a graduate assistant, will attend the weekend conference representing MTSU.

"Jack Geo. Smith, the adopted son of Bessie Smith, and W.O. Smith, another relative, will be present for the program," Hyde said.

Also on the conference agenda are the swearing-in of Nancy Hanks for her second term as chairman of the National Endowment for Arts and a talk by Sen. William Brock.

"The Tennessee Arts Commission operates on the basis of state and federal funds," Hyde said. "It is interested in all arts, including performing, visual and literary. The state museum also falls under its jurisdiction."

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Federal fund cut affects center

by Julia Andrade

The Day Care Center on campus has felt the effects of lower government funding under the current national budget, according to Janet Camp, head of the center.

"We have had to economize in all areas of management by cutting down on the number of staff members," she said.

Formerly, there were one teacher and four assistant teachers, as well as other full-time staff members. Now there are two assistant teachers with a part-time secretary and a part-time social worker, and one cook also serves as naptime supervisor. When one of them is absent, the other members fill in.

"We have neither the time or the money to arrange for a substitute for any absence," Camp said.

To qualify for this program, the mother of the child must be emp-

loyed, in training, or incapacitated, and the family must meet guidelines set by the funding agency of the State Department of Public Welfare.

"We operate on a funding program for low-income families under the present national budget. We have had to cut down much of the programs of this type," she said.

Middle Tennessee State University contracts with the department for a grant. The Department provides 75 per cent of the funds, and the university provides 25 per cent.

The center has been in operation for three years and provides a supervised schedule of activities for children from three to six years of age. There are provisions for children in the facility. The center is located in the married student housing.

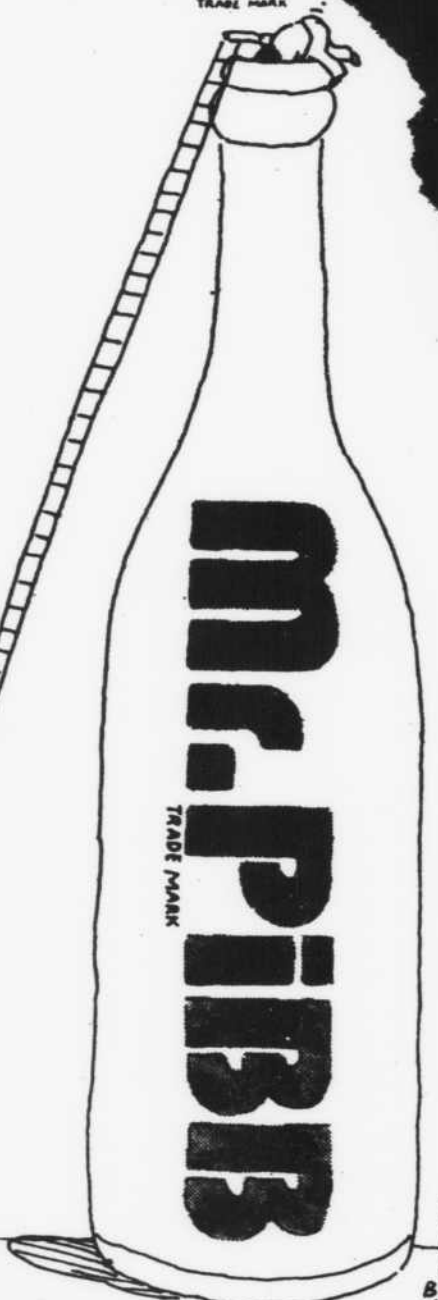
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-lean women while surely it
-ld oppose tear-gassing on
-ege campuses of the U.S.
-ow whoever thought the **SIDE-**
NES editorial staff would opt for
-ale chauvinism?

Phil Harper
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to the Editor:

Never have I been more
embarrassed and ashamed of the
MTSU student body! The film
"Play Misty for Me" might have
been good had I been able to hear
anything but sneers, yells,
screams and repulsive commen-
tary. Surely, that wasn't the nor-
mal conduct of a mature college
audience. In all fairness, the crowd
was quite rude, having no consi-
deration for those who wanted to
view the movie. After all, it

cost 50 cents.

Please, can't we do better next
time?

A Student

To the Editor:

I am a graduate of the University
of Tennessee in Knoxville and a
member of the "Big Orange Club."
Recently, I was on the MTSU cam-
pus and marveled at the friendly
people, beautiful campus and facil-
ities. However, I was shocked to
see people dressed in orange and
white jerseys and other univer-
sities colors.

Come on students and support your
teams and campus and dress out in
blue and white if you must wear
a school color.

Larry E. Parker
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Correction

Errors were made in reporting the
prices of Davis grocery in the Sept.
7 **SIDELINES**. The price of a 6
ounce Maxwell House instant coffee
was listed as \$1.89. It should have
read \$1.27. A 10 lb. bag of potatoes
should have been listed for \$1.49
instead of \$2.50. These, plus a
few other small errors, make
Davis' one of the cheapest stores.



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Criteria for membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honor society, are 60 hours of college work with a 2.8 grade-point average and at least 12 hours of history with a 3.0. Interested persons should contact the history department in room 221 of the NCB.

C.U.B.E. (Creating Understanding by Effort), a tutoring program for underprivileged children, is seeking volunteers. For more information write Box 890-5476.

A non-credit driver education course will be offered to 12 students at 7 p.m. Tuesday, in the driver education room at Murphy Center. Enrollment may be made by paying a \$35 fee at the first meeting or at the business office in the administration building.

A non-credit driver education course will be offered this fall to 12 interested students on a first-come first-serve basis.

For additional information, contact James Wiseman, 898-2113, or Deere, 898-2129.

Students wishing to join Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary education organization, must be a major or minor in education, have completed six hours of education courses and have a 3.0 average. For more information, write Patsy Conley at Box 8526 or phone 898-3167.

Prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teacher Examinations here on Nov. 10 should submit their registrations to the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J., no later than Oct. 18. Bulletins and forms may be obtained from the Guidance and Counseling Center in room 209 of the administration building.

Student-teaching applications for spring semester student teachers must be on file in room 209 of the NCB no later than Oct. 15.

Debaters seek tournament finals

By Michael Hall

Four important rounds face the 180 competitors in the MTSU "Earlybird" debate tournament today, Jim Brooks, director of debate said.

Three opening rounds were held yesterday afternoon. There will be 12 rounds in the tournament.

"The debates held today are important ones for any team that hopes to qualify for Saturday's competition which will determine the final tournament champion," Brooks said.

Even more crucial will be the eighth round scheduled for tomorrow morning, he said.

"Only 16 teams will be allowed to continue beyond that round," Brooks said. "For some teams, the eighth round will determine if they make the cut."

The final 16 are chosen on the basis of won-lost records in the first eight rounds. MTSU's entries in the tournament cannot continue past the eighth round regardless of record because they are the home team, Brooks said.

Gary Buchanan and Ron Howell are representing MTSU in the competition.

Results of the earlier rounds in

the tournament cannot be released until tomorrow, Brooks said. "No one knows if they are winning or losing until the end," he said, "not even our own debaters in the tournament. This is one of the oldest rules of debate tournaments."

"Debaters speculate a lot during tournaments," Buchanan said.

Round four in the Earlybird is set for today at 10 a.m. Other debates begin at 2, 3:30 and 5 this afternoon, and are open to anyone who would like to watch.

"There are two reasons that most people come to watch a debate," Brooks said; "some come to find out about issues of public policy, while others come to hear the intellectual clash."

"I think that most debaters participate for both reasons," he added.

The question for the annual meet is "should the Federal government control the supply and utilization of energy in the United States."

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Concert trail

Good weekend ahead for bluegrass

by Crouse Powell

When it comes to missing good concerts, I probably hold the world's record. I missed the Who in Houston by coming two days too late, the Allman Brothers in Birmingham because someone told me the Osmonds were there instead, and Emerson, Lake, and Palmer, in Atlanta, because I couldn't believe they would ever make an American tour, much less a trip to the deep south. I read about Woodstock in the paper we used to insulate the water pipes, and saw the movie about Monterey six months after it was released for the second time.

These are only a few of the sterling qualities that merit me the position "Entertainment Editor"... To give a simpler translation, I am the person who will give you the when, where, and how much, on every concert held within a 250

mile radius of your beloved campus. With that out of my system, you may draw a dotted line below this paragraph and cut it out of this article-providing that the layout staff doesn't beat you to it. The following information will undoubtedly be framed and hung about your bed...

This weekend will be heaven for blue grass freaks. Starting tonight at Athens Community College in Athens, Alabama, an old-time fiddlers convention will be held in true bluegrass tradition. In addition to fiddlin', there will be competition in guitar, mandolin and banjo pickin'. According to News Editor, Gina Jeter, who went last year, there is an anvil shoot Saturday afternoon. Dynamite buried under an anvil is exploded, sending it hundreds of feet in the air. It is hoped this year that the anvil will reach escape velocity... "fiddle-off". Admission is

only two bucks for all the music you can hear.

Tut Taylor will appear at the Exit-In, in Nashville, this weekend to record a live album. Back-up artists include Norman Blake, Charlie Collins, Vassar Clements, and Butch Robbins; John Hartford may show up, as he is in Nashville and knows the band. Shows are at 9 and 11 p.m., admission is \$2.50 a head, and you had better call 327-2784 for reservations if you don't want to sit on the floor.

Indian sitar player Ravi Shankar and friends, will give a benefit concert at Vandy's Memorial Gym this Tuesday (9th) at 8 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Nashville Child Center and the Vanderbilt Center for Health Services. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at Sgt. Pepper's and at the gym ticket office the day of the concert.

In case you've been in a cave shoveling guano for the past eight weeks, Elton John is coming to Murphy Center next Friday night, along with Sutherland Brothers and Quiver. The saturation bombing of promotion by Varnel Enterprises, has brought favorable response, but tickets can still be bought for \$5.50, \$5.00, and \$4.00 with one dollar discount for students. If you want to do it the hard way or have a penchant for neon pianos, Friend Elton will be at

Stokely Athletic Center in UT-Knoxville the following night.

Tickets are currently on sale for the much heralded coming of Liza Minnelli. The "Cabaret" will be the Municipal Auditorium and the cover-charge will be \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00 by mail only. Hal May, head of advertising and promotion for Varnell Enterprises is licking his chops on this one--ticket sales are booming and a full house is expected by the concert date of November 9. Liza wowed'em in Baton Rouge last Saturday night in a standing-room-only engagement of 12,000. Figure that at six bucks a body...!

Bette Midler struts into Nashville November 1. It will be \$6.00 general admission at the War Memorial and Sound Seventy says 'don't take your time' because the auditorium only holds about 2200. I will have more on Bette when Joe Sullivan sends me the propaganda...

If you want good seats for the Chicago concert, cut your 10:00 class Monday morning. Tickets are \$6.50, \$5.50 reserved and are on sale across from the grill in the UC. The boys in the big brass band will come down from their mountain and end up at Murphy Center on the third of November.

Cotillion recording superstars Emerson, Lake, and Palmer are rumored to appear at the Municipal Auditorium November 25.

Later next month: Carpenters on November 1st at Nashville's Municipal and the next night in Memphis... The Big Band Calavcade in the War Memorial on November 29... (I'll have more on this a few issues from now... you just won't believe who the Special Guest Star will be!)

If there is anything else happening, I have either forgotten it or was misinformed. And if you hear of a concert coming somewhere soon, drop me a line. I'm always the last to know.

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SIDELINES' Player of the week on the basis of his performance in the MTSU-Western game is Raider split end Mike Finney.

Finney, a senior from Cortland, N.Y., made five receptions against the Catamounts for 54 yards.

Finney is leading the Ohio Valley Conference in receiving with 22 catches for 247 yards.

Middle linebacker Gary Bell, runningback Rick Steadman and defensive back Leigh Kolka also turned in fine performances in last Saturday's contest.

Snapping losing streak is Raiders' challenge

Breaking a two-game losing streak and defeating the Eastern Kentucky Colonels will be the objectives of the Blue Raider football team Saturday night at Horace Jones Field.

According to Head Coach Bill Peck, the Colonels are a formidable opponent. "Eastern has an overwhelming defense. They held Austin Peay to minus two yards rushing last week," he said.

The Raiders have lost starting quarterback Fred Rohrdanz, who received a neck injury in the Western Carolina game, and All-

OVC tackle Bob Orsillo, who is lost for the season with a broken leg.

Eastern's offense is led by tailback Alfred Thompson, the fourth-leading rusher in the nation, and quarterback Jeff McCarthy.

Peck was reportedly troubled with team personnel problems earlier this week, but apparently the difficulties have been alleviated.

"It's been a tough week, but now the talking is over and we're ready to play football. The Blue Raiders' goal is striving to win," he said.

The Colonels are 3-1 this season, and the Raiders are 1-3.

Baseball team to face first conference foe

Western Kentucky will give the Blue Raider baseball squad its first shot at an Ohio Valley Conference foe when the Hilltoppers, come to MTSU Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

"I haven't heard anything about Western Kentucky's play," said Raider Head Coach John Stanford, but he indicated that he would start nationally ranked pitcher Jack Laverty in the first of the two games.

The doubleheader will comprise one-third of the OVC games played this fall, with Austin Peay and Murray State meeting the Raiders in doubleheaders later in the sea-

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