

# Watson, LaLance plead 'streaking' end

by Wayne Hudgens

ASB President Tim Watson and university officials appealed to the MTSU student body yesterday for an end to the current fad of "streaking."

Watson and Dean of Students Robert LaLance, in separate statements, condemned streaking as "unfortunate" and illegal.

"The punishment for streaking is awful as far as the individual is concerned," Watson said. "We also have to be realistic and face the fact that state officials--the ones responsible for supplying funds to MTSU--take a very dim view of running around in the nude."

The ASB president said streaking damages both the individual and the university.

LaLance said he feels streaking "is a fad and a prank in the minds of those who do it; but it is against the law, and we must enforce the law."

"Any student who intends to streak should consider his personal welfare and realize that the

university stands to lose when press coverage of streaking gets into the hands of those who make educational policy in this state," he said.

The dean said university officials are "held responsible" by higher authorities whenever anything "gets out of hand as it did on several university campuses in Tennessee last week."

LaLance was referring to the week before spring break at MTSU, when streakers were evident on many campuses across the nation.

Streakers hit the Murfreesboro campus on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of that week, resulting in the arrest of at least 11 MTSU students.

Numerous males and females streaked at MTSU Thursday night, March 7, one day before spring break.

Large crowds gathered before the University Center that night to witness the streakers, most of whom ran across the campus to waiting "getaway" cars.

The crowd, estimated at nearly 1,000 at its largest point, surged toward the campus security office at about 10 p.m. after a female streaker was arrested by police.

Three plate glass windows in the administration building were broken during that night, causing an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Watson, commenting on the Thursday night streaks, defended student reactions to police arrests.

"Many students felt the university was oppressive in arresting people that night because most students don't feel like streaking is offensive," he said.

"I personally don't find it offensive myself, but the security people had to enforce the laws and arrest those caught streaking."

Watson said security and university officials may have overreacted to the Thursday night events "because many of them do find streaking offensive."

Both sides just failed to understand each other," he said.

"I hope that students charged

with university rule violations as a result of streaking will be tried in student courts," Watson said.

As of yesterday, at least seven students had been scheduled to appear before the university disciplinary committee to face charges of streaking, according to Paul Cantrell, associate dean of men.

City authorities have charged 11 students in connection with the streaking on campus.

Charges with indecent exposure are Gary Bell, Kingston sophomore; Duane Stewart, Shelbyville freshman; Dan Zimmerle, Chapel Hill freshman; Henry Lattman; Ronnie Fisher, McMinnville senior; Raymond Weaver, Madison freshman; Daniel Studt, Cleveland sophomore; Teresa Harper, Fayetteville freshman; and Homer Huffman, Missouri senior.

Randy Wilkins, Savannah sophomore and James Norwood, Nashville junior are charged with assault and battery and resisting arrest.

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## Elvis rewards embattled, scalped crowd

Elvis Presley will appear in his second MTSU concert at 8:30 tonight in Murphy Center. As was the case with last week's concert, the event has been sold out for several weeks.

It was downright weird.

The scramble for tickets had been almost vicious. Tales were floating about that scalpers had sold seats for as much as \$80 each.

On concert night, fans battled traffic jams and parking problems. And even after arriving more than an hour early, they had to plod along through a massive line merely to enter Murphy Center last Thursday night.

An air of excitement prevailed as the crowd gobbled up souvenir programs at \$3 a crack and purchased opera glasses so that not a single gyration would be missed.

Finally the waiting was over and the capacity crowd greeted a living legend, Elvis Presley, to Murfreesboro.

Perhaps it was the fact that the veil of secrecy surrounding him since the mid-1950s has turned Elvis into something other than a real person in the minds of his fans.

Whatever the reason, his warm-up songs were greeted by a very strange quietness from the audience.

The hand-clapping and the screaming came, but only after Elvis had sung his heart out to prove that he was very human indeed.

The music spanned the years since the birth of rock 'n' roll. For the "oldtimers" it went all

the way back to the early Presley rockabilly version of "Tryin' to Get to You." For the slightly younger set there were monster hits such as "All Shook Up." From the Elvis renaissance of the late-1960s and early 1970s came "Suspicious Minds." And from today came his new recording of "Help Me."

Obviously, the singer was well aware of the audience's makeup.



Elvis Presley

Photo by Fred Carr

There were pre-schoolers such as the little girl in the front row who presented Elvis with a lei and was rewarded with a "You're beautiful" from the singing idol. There were the teenagers, the MTSU students, the original devotees now in their thirties and the older folks whose peers once put down rock 'n' roll as something other than moral that simply couldn't last. And, of course, there were the girls--of various ages--screaming, fighting policemen to rush toward the stage in hopes of coming away with one of Elvis' prized scarves.

There was something for everybody, just as one knows there always will be when Elvis appears in concert.

Elvis may be nearing 40. He may be a bit heavy around the middle. He may not have the soulful sound he had before his music was de-countrified and cluttered up with a lot of noise from a big band. He may be resorting to trivia such as "Got a Thing About You Baby" to hit the Top 40.

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## Black male pageant nominees due today

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Names should be sent to Boxes 6217 or 7280. Fifteen men are already registered for the contest.

The sweethearts are holding the pageant "to pay recognition to black men on campus," Sledge said.

The pageant, which may be an annual event, is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. April 5 in the University Center Theatre. Admission will be 75 cents.

Sledge said contestants will be rated on looks, poise, dress, talent and speaking ability.

Freshmen may apply until April 1 for funds under the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant program, Financial Aid Director Winston Wrenn said yesterday.

BEOG is a federal program designed to aid students attending post-high school institutions, Wrenn said, and offers a maximum \$1,400, minus the amount an individual can contribute.

The amount a student can receive depends on need, funds available and the total of educational costs, he said.

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## 24 enter ASB races

### 'Speakout' set for hopefuls

Candidates for ASB president, speaker of the senate and speaker of the house will "speakout" at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Grill.

A question and answer period will follow the speeches, Bill Bennett, election commissioner, said.

Candidates for ASB president are David Dodd, Margaret Eastes, Cameron Kerr, Ken Marshall and Ron Volpe.

Joe Coleman is the only candidate who has qualified for speaker of the senate.

Qualified candidates for speaker of the house are Karen Butner and Donnie Chambers.

Mark Coleman and Steve Cox will run for the two senatorial posts as graduate senators.

Candidates for the five senior senators are Susan Bell, Jessica Fail, Cindy Kisselburg, Jean Marbury, Lynn Myers, and Patsy Neely.

Only three candidates filed for the five seats open for the junior senatorial posts.

Bennett said that two remaining seats will be "declared vacant due to a small number of candidates." The open positions will be filled in the fall, he said.

The junior candidates for senator are Shelia Judd, Betty Kittrell and James Sontany.

Candidates for sophomore senate are Betty Barnes, Leshia Batson, Sarah Brotge, Richard Langford and Jim Stutts.

Senators for the freshman class will be elected in the fall.

Write-in ballots will be permitted, Bennett said.

"When a person votes, he will be asked by the election official if he wants to vote in a write-in candidate," he said.

A paper ballot will be given to the voter, Bennett said. The voter must sign his name to the write-in ballot to "insure that the write-in ballot will correspond to the computerized ballots," he said.

"Ballots will require a minimum of three votes in the senate races before they will be counted," Bennett said. "The commission felt that in order to make it fair you couldn't single shot for one person," Bennett said.

The elections will be March 26-27 with any run-off election on March 29.

### Summer positions open at Sidelines

Monday is the deadline for applications for summer Sidelines editor and 1974-75 Sidelines advertising manager.

Jerry Hilliard, mass communications department advisor for the newspaper, said application forms for the two student posts may be obtained in the department offices in the basement of Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

"Anyone interested in applying for these positions should have had experience with Sidelines or a similar publication," Hilliard said.

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# Opinions

## Student pols prepare 'absurd spectacle'

by Bill Mason

The election of ASB officers is only a week away, and once again this university will endure a mickey-mouse campaign by a bevy of student politicians intent on making "Who's Who" before they graduate.

As if by magic hundreds of signs, posters and wallet-sized cards will appear, all of which will declare in cute and novel ways that a given candidate will "work for you" or "represent you better" or that "it's time for a change."

The candidates will make hand-shaking tours of the Grill and dorm lobbies in search of votes. This newspaper will be cluttered with their advertisements. Charges, countercharges, semi-dirty tricks and empty promises will abound.

The result of all this ballyhoo will be an all too familiar story. A vast majority of the student body, bored and irritated by the ridiculous antics of the amateur pols, will not vote. The election will be controlled for the most part by fraternities and sororities who will

turn out their members en masse to insure victory for their "brothers" and "sisters."

This is the way it has always been, and there is nothing to indicate that things will be different this year. But things could be different if the ASB student "government" would just recognize its potential and get to work on some constructive measures to improve student conditions.

No students, save those few on the third floor of the UC, give a hoot about the mechanics of student government. Yet, the greater amount of ASB time is spent deciding such unimportant matters as just who can sit in the house of representatives or just how many signatures are needed on a candidate's qualifying petition.

ASB time would be better spent on substantive matters such as the following:

--The UC lounge should be open 24 hours a day for the benefit of those students who wish to study or socialize at night. This would provide an easily policeable area

without the cost of paid employees which are needed in both the library and the Grill.

--The outrageously high cost of

parking tickets should be lowered to levels that presently exist in the city of Murfreesboro.

--Present rules governing the use of Murphy Center are poorly structured and should be rewritten to insure maximum opportunity for those students wishing to use the building.

--Measures should be taken to protect students from being "ripped-off" by on- and off-campus businessmen. Too often students are sold sub-standard products or are paid less than minimum wage.

--Finally, existing proposals (ombudsman council, professor evaluation, general sessions court) should not be allowed to die as so many others have simply because of the inaction and apathy of those who claim to be the most concerned.

When these proposals and others are acted upon, it may be that the ASB will be considered something more than just a social club, and the absurd spectacle of a student campaign such as the one upcoming might be worthwhile.



### On the other hand

## Elections may be 'good' for Republicans

by Ray Notgrass

A radio newsmen of the 1940's and 50's, Gabriel Heatter, would always open his newscast, no matter how bleak the day's news, with, "Well, friends, there's good news tonight," and proceed to tell some happy small-town story, then go on with the bleak news.

I feel somewhat like that as I attempt to survey the chances for Republicans in the November congressional and state elections. In late 1973 elections after many Watergate revelations, the Republican candidate won in a Maryland House race and in an Alaskan congressional contest, Republicans won numerous state legislature contests in Maine and California, and they won in 14 mayor races in Mississippi.

**"We cannot, however, avoid the fact that Vice-President Ford's old seat went to a Democrat calling for Nixon's impeachment."**

More recently, Robert Lagomarsino defeated seven Democrats for an already Republican House seat in California on March 5 of this year.

We cannot, however, avoid the fact that Vice-President Ford's old seat went to a Democrat calling for Nixon's impeachment. Also, that Democrat Tom Luken won in a traditionally Republican district in Ohio this month, and a Pennsylvania district also bit the dust.

But a few points to consider: I am tempted to say that whoever says A must say B. That is, if a

Democratic win is anti-Nixon, then a Republican win is pro-Nixon. I have yet to be convinced of the total fallacy of this argument, but of course, extenuating circumstances must be considered in individual races (what if the Republican had won Ford's seat? Would Democrats admit defeat or would they say it was merely to be expected?)

Special elections are unlike regular elections in that regular elections often involve incumbents, who frequently have the edge just because of their incumbency. In my own sixth district of Tennessee, Republican Robin Beard is going to be well-nigh impossible to beat, not because of his party necessarily, but because he has never let his fences fall into disrepair, and his constituents remember that.

The time is ripe for individual candidates, especially Republicans, to make it or break it on their own qualifications and just go out and beat the opposition on the issues and on their personal stature as representatives of the people. There are, needless to say, no

coattails from Washington to be ridden. For Republicans to show strongly this year will speak well of the party and of the people who call themselves Republicans. (I am saying A, and I will say B also).

It has been said that Democrats should pin Republican candidates on whether they are for Nixon or against him. Well, if Democrats continue to make a circus out of impeachment and extend the agony through the fall campaign without a Democratically-controlled Congress making any decisive moves for or against impeachment, then come November 5, for Republicans there may well be good news tonight.

### Readers' views

To the Editor:

A long overdue thanks on behalf of myself and the townspeople for the Biology Club providing a place to take our paper, cardboard, etc. My nephew went to college in South Carolina with this fine professor, Dr. Holland, and we are grateful to the Biology Club for this endeavor.

I would also like to say I appreciate station WMOT very much and am a regular listener. Mrs. Coil Branson

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## Seminar to discuss Middle East conflict

Any junior or senior woman who has 60 hours credit, has been an MTSU student for at least one semester, plans to graduate from MTSU and has at least one semester left excluding the summer semester is eligible for membership in Tau Omicron, the woman's honorary society. Contact Sue Beasley at 898-3795 if interested.

Anyone interested in entering a float in the Easter parade, March 30, should contact McDonald's manager.

The MTSU College Republicans will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday on the third floor of the University Center.

The Pre-Law Society will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday in room 324 of Old Main.

### JOB INTERVIEWS

Memphis Police Department — 9 a.m. Thursday at the placement office.

Metro Nashville Police Department — Monday at the placement office.

Anyone with questions concerning interviews should contact Martha Turner at the placement office or Mark Leventhat at the Criminal Justice Department.

Open discussion and argument will be held at the seminar on "The Basics of the Middle East Conflict" at 7 p.m. in room 324 of the U.C. Thursday.

The seminar will cover the history of Zionism and the Jewish immigration problem in a lecture given by Ronald Messier, assistant professor of history at MTSU.

The second session of the seminar will be held March 28 with the opening lecture "The Palestinian Refugees" by B. I. Naddy of the math and science division of Columbia State Community College.

Who these refugees are, where they live and under what conditions they live will be discussed, according to Anis Salib, assistant professor of economics at MTSU and native born in Palestine.

Salib will speak on "The Role of the U.S." in the Mid-East conflict.

These seminars are organized by the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, an organization which aims at promoting knowledge and understanding of cultural, scientific and educational matters between the Arab and American people, according to the AAUG Newsletter, a group publication.

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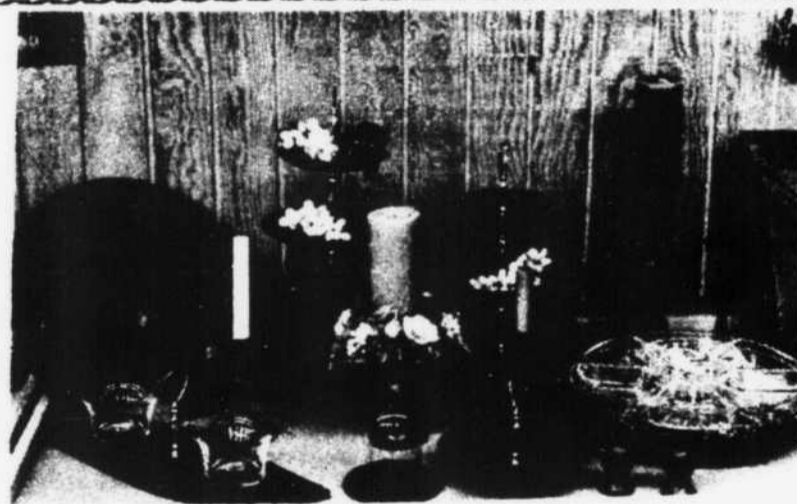
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## Raiders open spring drills

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Peck, whose team finished 4-7 last fall, cited three objectives for the Raiders' spring drills.

"First, we want to rebuild our football team," he said. "Next, we plan to experiment with players at new positions. We have planned several personnel changes, and several personnel changes, and now we'll see how they are going to work out."

"Finally, we want to build on the strength in our winter program,"

he added. "The boys have been working hard on weight training."

Peck has been at the Raider helm four seasons, with 1973 his only losing campaign. He has surrounded himself with a new coaching staff in Roger Merb, Monty Crook and Jim Sypult.

Merb will handle the offensive backfield. Crook will coach the offensive line, and Sypult is mentor over the defensive backfield.

Freddie Rohrdanz and linebacker Harry Flippin have been named acting captains for spring practice, and Peck said, "They are already doing a fine job."

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# Netters, 6-0, take pair ; Chattanooga next foe

by Tom Wood

St. Patrick's Day proved to be very lucky for Raider tennis coach Larry Castle and his netters.

With the luck of the Irish watching over their home court, the Raiders swept a two-game set Sunday against Carson-Newman and Akron University.

MTSU handled Akron with ease and suffered only on miscue against Carson-Newman.

Jim Morton gained Newman's long victory in his match with Clyde Smithwick, but Smithwick rebounded for a win over Akron.

In the Akron match, only one point was scored against MTSU's Wally Norwich, Lassee Durchman and Doug Miedaner.

The team will put its 6-0 record on the line against UT Chattanooga tomorrow on the Moc's home court.

## Second MTSU signee

# Daniels inked by WFL

Melvin Daniels, a four-year letterman for MTSU, signed a contract with Houston of the World Football League yesterday to become the second Raider to turn professional this year.

Daniels was signed by Houston's Wayne Spirull and counseled by Blue Raider football coach Bill Peck.

"I plan to make it in Houston," Daniels said. "I've got a little boy and wife, and they'll be 110 per cent of my inspiration."

Daniels was contacted a month ago by the Houston organization, but said he did not like the terms of his contract.

"I sent the contract back to them," Peck said, "and they sent a revised one back to us. We like it a lot better."

Peck indicated he thought Daniels would be used as a defensive back.

"The first thing I did after signing the contract was to thank the man up stairs," Daniels said. "He's always been with me through thick and thin."

## Intramural notes

Teams representing the campus, fraternity and independent divisions in the Intramural basketball league will begin a battle to determine the IM champion this week.

Anyone desiring to compete in the IM racketball doubles or the volleyball tournament should file an entry in the IM office on the main floor of Alumni Memorial Gym.

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## Golfers take 6th in S.C. meet

Led by Jim Hurt and Bill Buck, the Raider golf team took sixth place in the Palmette Invitational Sunday in Orangeburg, S.C.

Hurt and Buck tied for sixth place in the individual competition with a three over par 219 score for three rounds.

Gary Sharber, one of the younger members of the MTSU squad, was knotted with Hurt for fourth place going into the final round but dropped back on Sunday.

The Raiders next tourney is March 29 in the Louisiana State Invitational at Baton Rouge.



Jim Hurt

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## Powell repeats as All-OVC; three others gain honors

Jimmy "The Great" Powell and three other MTSU basketball players have garnered All-Ohio Valley Conference honors in a vote of conference coaches.

Powell, a native of Morganton, N.C., was one of three seniors named to the first team. Five sophomores and two juniors received first-team recognition, including player of the year Fly Williams of Austin Peay.

Forward George Sorrell, center Tim Sisneros and guard Fred Allen made the honorable-mention list for the Raiders.

Powell, a first-team selection tied Sorrell for 11th in the conference scoring standings with a 14.8 mark, while Sorrell was the fourth leading rebounder in the OVC with a 10.7 per game average.

Sisneros ranked ninth in per game rebounding with 8.5, and Powell finished 15th with 6.6.

The Raiders were represented well in the field goal percentage standings as Sorrell finished second at 55.7 per cent and Sisneros fifth at 53.7 per cent. Powell took ninth with 49.3.

Allen, called "Sweet Fred" by

his teammates, led the Raiders in scoring with a 16.5 per game average and finished 10th in the OVC free throw percentage standings by hitting 73.9 per cent. Sorrell was right behind at 72.4.

Jim Richard of Western Kentucky edged Lake Kelly of Austin Peay for OVC coach of the year honors.

## Blue thinclads to open season

Record-breaking jumper Tommy Haynes will lead MTSU's track team today against Bowling Green and Miami universities of Ohio in the Raiders' initial meet of the outdoor season at the Jones Field track.

Haynes shattered ex-teammate Barry McClure's NCAA indoor triple jump mark March 9 at the NCAA championships in Detroit with a leap of 54 feet, 6 3/4 inches.

A former student at Nashville North High School, Haynes earned All-American honors for the first time in his career by winning the triple jump crown at Detroit.

Haynes' closest challenger, Charlton Ehizulen of Illinois, jumped 53 feet 2 inches to take second.

## Raiders win 4-0;

### Fisk is victim

Gary Mathews struck out 20 and Tommy Owens had two RBIs as the Blue Raiders grabbed a 4-0 victory over Fisk yesterday afternoon.

Mathews, in recording his initial victory of the young campaign, retired the first 11 men he faced and didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning. The senior southpaw from Memphis has now struck out 33 in only 16 innings pitched.

The Raiders continued to hold on to their slim 2-0 margin until the bottom of the eighth when Steve Zitney was safe at first on an error. Owens, who had three hits in four trips to the plate, drove Zitney home after Zitney had stolen second base.

## Bud Drinkers, can you figure this out?

Ralph bought a 6-pak of Budweiser and invited four friends over to share it. Since he bought, he expected to have two cans to himself, but unfortunately when he returned to the refrigerator for his second, he found it missing. So he asked who took it. Al said, "Joe drank it." Joe said, "Dan drank it." Dan said, "Joe, that's a lie!" And Bill said, "I didn't drink it." If only one of these statements is true, who really drank it?



**ANSWER:** If you assume Al is the guilty one, Dan's and Bill's statements are true. If you think it's Joe, then Al's and Dan's statements are true. Obviously if you think Dan did it, then Joe's and Bill's statements would be true. Bill is the Budweiser snatcher, since then only Dan's statement would be true. Moral: If Ralph had bought five 6-paks, they could have spent more time drinking and less time arguing.

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