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Rules committee meets, makes plans

Convening yesterday for the first time, the All-Campus Rules Committee laid plans to examine and review university rules and regulations governing student life.

The committee is made up of three student deans, four faculty members and six students and report directly to LaLance, who in turn reports to university president M.G. Scarlett.

The main committee is divided into three divisions: A, chaired by Jane Carroll, which is concerned with disciplinary procedures, student organizations, greeks and social activities; B, chaired by Landras Turner, which is concerned with off-campus rights, freedoms and responsibilities of students, rules and regulations, university policies and general information as outlined in the Rescue student handbook; and subcommittee C, chaired by Lisa Marchesoni, which will review general housing policies and housing regulations.

The three subcommittees will meet for the first times in the next week. Subcommittee A meets today at 2 p.m., subcommittee B will meet Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. and subcommittee C will meet Monday at 2 p.m.

All meetings will be held in UC room 128.

Legal aid program set for spring

by Rick Edmondson

A final draft of the legal aid contract between the ASB and Barrett, Brandt and Barrett law firm has been agreed upon, ASB president Ted Helberg said yesterday.

"Unless anything unforeseen comes up, it (the legal aid plan) should be ready to go next semester," Helberg said, adding that he will meet next Friday with George Barrett, head of the firm, to sign the papers.

Three weeks ago Helberg proposed some revisions in the original contract. He said he met with Charles Ray, a representative of the firm, yesterday, and that Ray agreed to the changes.

The changes in the contract are:

--no signature of a university official

--Five legal consultations per

semester instead of one
--legal actions can now be brought against the university
--the plan will now cover appeals on felony cases.

There has been some confusion about a clause in the original contract which precluded coverage on cases arising under "the student conduct code of MTSU." Helberg said Ray assured him that this does not preclude a student from making a case to test the university's authority to impose certain dorm regulations such as restrictions on visitation and possession of alcohol.

"The only thing is that the student would have to be charged with such a violation before it could be brought to court," Helberg said.

"What that clause means," he added, "is that the firm will not

be responsible for cases such as book theft which can be settled in our campus judiciary system.

Helberg said Ray told him that the terms of a test case against the university would be fully defined in the contract and that they "will be agreeable to us."

Another section of the contract which has caused some confusion is a clause prohibiting cases involving claims against "the ASB, its programs, activities, officers agents or employees."

Helberg said he is unsure of the exact meaning of this clause, and that it would be cleared up at next Friday's meeting.

Helberg described the ASB's role in the legal aid plan as that of a "non-profit making middle-man."

"We're just trying to provide a service for the students," he said.

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ASB approves visitation bill

by Merry Lynn Starling and Trina Jones

Calling for an extension of visitation hours, the ASB House of Representatives and Senate supported a bill revising current visitation procedures in legislative action this week.

Key points in the approved visitation bill recommend extension of the maximum visitation per day from six to eight hours; revision of time restrictions from 10 a.m.-midnight to noon-2 p.m. and deletion of the open door and open curtain policy.

The bill recommends establishment of 24-hour visitation for apartment-type housing such as J and K dorms.

Additional legislative action taken by both bodies was the passage of a recommendation to delete sections one, five and six of the student handbook's disorderly

conduct clause. Recommendations to revise sections seven and eight of the clause also passed both bodies.

The section seven recommendation provides that a student can be charged with disorderly conduct after his "failure to disperse after a request by a state, local or federal enforcement official." The section as now stated allows a student to be charged when asked to disperse by an "authorized representative" of the campus.

The suggested revision of section eight stipulates that those "inciting or participating in a riot or destructive action" can be charged with disorderly conduct.

The Senate and House voted to delete the gambling clause in campus rules and regulations, as organized gambling is adequately prohibited by state law. Both voted to strike the obscenities and profanities clause from the handbook.

'Look out below!'

Robin Rudd, a frustrated sculptor, gives way to his creative impulses in an industrious but futile attempt at stacking paper cups Wednesday night in the grill.



Charles Steed photo

Individual has no freedom of choice—specialist

by Trina Jones

A person does not have freedom of choice, but he can live in a world in which there are choices and no choices, renowned behaviorist B.F. Skinner said in a telephone conversation with an MTSU honors class Tuesday.

"There is choice in the variety of possibilities a person has, but no freedom in that whatever one does is done for a reason," Skinner explained.

Defining freedom as a state in which "no forces are acting to determine what a person does,"

Skinner reasoned that there is actually no freedom for man since all acts are determined by some kind of prior cause.

Skinner's phone conversation was with members of a senior interdisciplinary seminar who are studying utopias and utopian thought. Skinner was contacted after the class had studied his novel, *Walden II*, which outlines a utopian community that is based on behavior control and modification theories.

During his 45-minute conversation with seminar members, the Harvard professor discussed his views of mankind, religion and behavior controls and modification.

In his discussion of freedom, Skinner was quick to point out that his view did not reduce men to "cogs in a machine," but was, in fact, highly complimentary of the human species and its potentials.

"My view of mankind is almost flattering," Skinner said. "It makes an individual who behaves most effectively."

"They (human beings) are building a world in which, if they

are lucky, they will emerge at the greatest conceivable extent of their genetic endowment," he said.

One of the conditions that may be blocking man's growth to his full potential are the theories of personal responsibility," he commented. "They discourage people from doing things. A person needs a social environment that gives him reasons for taking action, doing things."

Turning to the religious realm, Skinner said that though he is not religious and does not believe that men have souls, he does recognize that some religions have performed some good functions.

"What religion had given us is a way of thinking about man's achievements and a way to work out a social environment," Skinner said. "Religions have been powerful forces to make people behave favorably toward other people."

Man has not become moral, but he has created a moral environment that induces him to behave well in respect to his fellow men, Skinner contended.

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Fire erupts in High Rise West

A small fire created by an exposed wire on an electric skillet caused High Rise West to be evacuated about 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Five trucks from the Murfreesboro Fire Department answered the call to the seventh floor along with city and campus police.

The fire, located in Murfreesboro sophomore Joy Parkhurst's room, was quickly put out with a fire extinguisher by a resident of the dorm.

University Police Officer Dan Hicks stressed the importance of students evacuating the building as quickly as possible in the advent of a fire or other emergency.

He also underlined the necessity of exiting by stairways rather than by elevators.

"Often in fires, elevators become stuck, and people find themselves trapped," Hicks reiterated.

Only minor damages were reported.

ASB approves alternate traffic court measure

by Rick Edmondson

A bill providing for an alternate traffic court with the same powers granted to the original court was passed yesterday by the ASB Senate and unanimously passed the House Wednesday.

Noting that the original court is "approximately 250 appellate cases behind," the bill decrees that the alternate court would be called into session when the justices of the original court "feel their case load is too heavy."

Earlier this year a house subcommittee on parking adopted a resolution urging that parking violators be summoned to traffic court after being issued seven or eight tickets. The resolution further urged that the violator's parking sticker be revoked "unless good cause can be shown."

"If at any subsequent time during the semester a car with an invalidated sticker is found on campus it will be towed away. To reclaim his car, the owner will be forced to go downtown and pay a \$25 towing charge," the resolution said.

Ivan Shewmake, administrative adviser to the court said the

body had officially adopted the ASB resolution, but with a few minor revisions.

Shewmake said that "generally" the court would not pull the offender's sticker on the first appearance in court, but would allow him "two or three" more tickets before doing so.

"This whole thing is aimed at getting folks to park where they're supposed to," Shewmake said, explaining that in his opinion there would be no parking problem on campus if everyone parked in their own designated area.



He said the reason some faculty members park in commuter places is because they get "bounced out" of their own areas by commuters and vice versa.

Presently, administrators and faculty members can park in commuter and dorm resident spaces without being subject to fines. However, commuters and dorm residents cannot reciprocate without being subject to a \$2 fine. Shewmake was asked if he thinks this is justifiable.

"I think there is a good rationale for having this sort of a

step down system," he said. "They (faculty and administrators) have a need for some sort of job-oriented parking places." If a teacher is late because he is looking for a parking space, he keeps a whole classroom full of people waiting for him, he added.

Attorney General Fred Carr, who prosecutes parking violators, said this system is justified because commuters create the biggest problem.

"If commuters wouldn't park in faculty and staff places, then faculty and staff wouldn't park in the commuter places," Carr said.

Carr has recommended suspension (and the court agreed) for one case this semester. He said he would continue to recommend suspension for offenders who have an "outrageous" amount of parking tickets.

"When we're talking about 30 or 40 tickets, I think suspension is reasonable," Carr said.

Carr said he recommended suspension earlier this semester because the defendant had an excess amount of tickets and had failed to show for two court appearances. Shewmake later continued on page 7

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Approach rule changes boldly

Student members of the All-Campus Rules Committee were surprised yesterday when Robert LaLance, vice-president for student affairs apparently informed them that he would not approve any proposals exceeding maximums outlined in Board of Regents policy.

It was last year at this time when the ASB legislature passed bills concerning rights on campus which were forwarded to the committee. The committee approved some of the proposals, which were sent to then vice-president Harry Wagner.

That was the end of the extended visitation proposal as made by the committee. Wagner "adjusted" the proposal and sent it on to the desk of M.G. Scarlett.

This year, the legislature took it upon itself to pass even more progressive legislation, including a new visitation proposal, a measure to legalize personal non-commercial possession of alcoholic beverages, a proposal to designate specific maximum penalties for campus rules and several other fundamentally sound ideas.

Even before the first rule change can be tackled, the futility of the efforts of the student committee members seems apparent. They have good ideas which should be expressed to the Board of Regents with the sanction of the University. Even the Board of Regents asks the university to "develop rules and regulations in keeping with its particular needs and situation."

What is needed now, from the administration, the All-Campus Rules Committee and all involved parties is a bold, creative approach to making the student living on campus equal to his off-campus counterpart.



Letter

Feedback misses point; women could be drafted

In the Nov. 7 Sidelines, I wrote a letter criticizing Trina Jones as a news editor for not giving the anti-lib women some newspaper space.

From the feedback I got in the Nov. 11 Sidelines, it seems a few people skipped over the main point entirely. They wrote letters criticizing one paragraph of my letter. That particular was not even the main issue.

However, in response to Roy W. Clark's letter: It is a continual source of disappointment to me to find that a professor in chemistry is just as ill-informed and just as susceptible to false propaganda as is the average person on the street.

The way Clark wrote his letter, parts of it made the entire thing hard to read. Just out of curiosity, I took his letter to two different lawyers. They didn't know what he was trying to say either.

He is correct on one point. I called the Equal Rights Amendment a bill. It is not. But since Mr. Clark asked what an ERA bill is, I will tell him. Before the ERA passed three-fourths of Congress, it was a bill.

When Mr. Clark stated that ERA requires only that persons not be discriminated against in

legal cases and laws on the basis of sex, both lawyers said he was wrong. The amendment would do more. Women would be eligible for the draft; they could no longer use the Fair Labor Standards Act; and they would be expected to compete against men in sports (Either you make it or you don't).

When I stated that the ERA passage would cause an end to women's sports, I did not say that the law would put an end to them. They will put an end to themselves. When men start playing on women's athletic teams, this is what will end the women's sports.

Health, Education and Welfare has already started the ball rolling here. They say that boys and girls in public schools will now take P.E. together. They say this was a "first step," so what is the second step? Would it be any more legal to have a men's basketball team separate from the women's team than it would be to have a black team separate from the white team?

I do not know where Mr. Roy Clark and Sidelines (with their cartoon) got the word "mandatory" from my letter. I read over my letter again and could not find the word in it.

In response to Janet Basse's letter, I will say this: I am not trying to deny anyone of any rights. The ERA (Article 27) that you want to pass states this: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

The 14th Amendment already states "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States." Under section 1-24, it states: "A woman, like

any other person, is entitled to equal protection of the law and due process of law."

So if Janet wants to go to war and compete against men in sports for a place on first string, that is up to her. I just doubt that she has the majority of women behind her. Janet might be surprised if she will check the men's winning records against the women's winning records in the same events in the 1972 Olympics.

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Block and Bridle defends club day events

For the last two weeks, the Block and Bridle Club and its special events day, Little International, has been under constant fire. The Club has been criticized for sponsoring a "meat contest" and for "promoting cruelty to animals."

The Sidelines is responsible for printing these articles and during the two weeks not once has anyone contacted the Block and Bridle Club to get the facts.

Concerning the Hot Pants Contest, we, the Block and Bridle, did not sponsor a "meat contest," the contestants were not "treated like animals," nor were they "judged like cattle."

I, being a woman, will be the first to agree that women have many valuable qualities other than good looks and pretty legs. All the contestants in the Hot Pants

Contest were college students, this alone reflects they are intelligent and have enough ambition to further their education. The Hot Pants Contest was not to degrade the participants and I still fail to see how it did. Eighteen contestants who paid \$2 to enter seemed to enjoy the contest, the observers certainly enjoyed it, and the ten protestors were just an added attraction for the crowd of over 800.

After reading Bonnie Vannatta's article "Meat Contest Attracts Protest," I have to ask was she present at the contest, or did she write her article from second-hand news? The "heated protest" which "interrupted" the contest referred to in her article consisted of 10 protestors who carried signs into the horse barn, stood around the crowd during the contest and left when it was over.

Contrary to other Sidelines articles, the Block and Bridle Club does not "promote cruelty to animals." Pigs and goats were

used in the contests and the Little International Rules stated any team would be penalized if they were cruel to the animals.

During the first seconds of the pig chase, when it became obvious the pigs were suffering, the contest was stopped. Instead of catching the pigs, ribbons were placed around them and the competing teams merely pulled the ribbons from the animals.

The Sidelines articles were full of all the horrible things the Block and Bridle Club did, but what about all the hard work the members put into making Little International a day for campus organizations?

It seems strange to me that the Little International which attracted over 800 people received only one page coverage over in the middle of the paper while a handful of protestors got a front page spread.

Why not have Brenda Bernstel on the front cover? She's the girl who has put in long hours all semester breaking and training a colt, and was the first woman to ever win the annual Showmanship contest.

The Block and Bridle Club is not infallible. Sure we make a lot of mistakes, but we have worked hard to make the Little International a day for all students to get together and just have a good time.

Vicki Smith
Box 7849

ASB detractor misrepresents facts

I am writing with deep concern after having read Spence Lyon's letter which appeared in the Nov. 11 Sidelines.

In his first paragraph he spoke of NORML as fighting "to legalize marijuana." I think he has somehow been misled. NORML is not in favor of legalizing the use of marijuana nor does it advocate the use of any drug for non-medical purposes.

NORML's prime concern is that the present penalties for the abuse of marijuana are disproportionate to the seriousness of the offense.

I know of too many people who have been convicted for marijuana possession now facing a life-time criminal record, making it difficult for them to find and hold a job. This is but one of the many unfavorable effects of our present marijuana laws.

NORML is fighting to reduce these penalties to a \$100 fine without a life-time criminal record for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana. If the bill the ASB is endorsing is passed, marijuana will still be illegal.

I am also concerned about Mr. Lyon's statement that the ASB is not representing the majority of MTSU students. Does he actually feel that the majority is opposed to the ASB's decision? Though I have heard of no opinion polls, it is my belief the majority of the students are entirely apathetic on the subject, it being of little or no consequence to them.

I do respect some of Mr. Lyon's views and it interests me that someone should feel so strongly against the ASB's decision. I feel that he should get up a petition with this vast majority of misrepresented people he spoke of in

order to persuade the ASB to alter its decision to endorse the marijuana decriminalization bill.

One of the reasons the ASB made its decision in the first place is that the people involved in NORML were the only ones who voiced their opinion. Apparently they were the only ones concerned enough to take action.

Thus it grieved me when Mr. Lyon accused the ASB of "being cool," of being "off their rockers," and of making an "act of stupidity."

In conclusion, I would like to say to Mr. Lyon that any statements NORML makes are backed up by facts and statistics and are based on documented recommendations of the American Medical Association, the National Council of Churches, etc., all highly respected organizations.

They've all done their homework--have you?

Kevin Ward
Box 8110

BSA encourages 'dynamic' support

This letter is addressed to the black students and the general reader, in trying to establish mutual interests.

In observing the participation of the students in the BSA, our collective image could certainly use some upgrading. The support of all black organizations could much more effectively improve the image of the BSA than could possibly be done on an individual basis.

The BSA sometimes wonders how our fraternities' and sororities' purposes are viewed, not by outsiders but by each particular member of every organization.


Do you, as a brother or sister, see your organization as primarily a social outlet or do you envision your organization as a group of talented and educated men and women set on achievement?

The BSA envisions you as a dynamic group of blacks whose purpose is dedication to community involvement or whatever your respective purposes are.

What are we about? It is important that we have a positive picture of what constitutes our organization. The BSA believes that your organizations are indeed national organizations with national priorities, national significance and national programs.

Let us respect the aims of each minority group and if we cannot get together fully, let us support those principles in keeping with our own.

Tim Bowles
Box 974

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(sorry I got tired of doing that)
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YOU CAN TALK ABOUT THE OTHER HAND BUT
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THE LIKES OF MICKEY MOUSE, DONALD DUCK
AND ~~GERRA~~ PLUTO. TO BAD HE DOESN'T STAND
NEAR THE NILLA BOX. ANYONE KNOWING WHAT IS
FUNNY ABOUT THE NILLA BOX PLEASE TELL ME.
AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.
jim



Fun night rocks on

Glory, one of the top bands in the midstate, returned to MTSU last night for a fun night appearance, rocking a meager crowd until nearly midnight.

Chuck Thompson photo

Annual Stunt Night scheduled

The MTSU Biology Club will be holding its 40th annual Stunt Night on Jan. 8, 1976.

Proceeds from this activity are used to establish student loans and scholarships as well as to promote biology-related activities, which are intended to stimulate awareness and interest in our outdoor environment.

Membership is open to all those who share an interest in any aspect of biology, majors and non-majors alike.

At this year's Stunt Night, Alpha Delta Pi sorority will attempt to retire the trophy by winning it for the third consecutive year. Also signed up to date are Delta Zeta sorority, the Gymnastics club, and the Chemistry club.

Any other club or organization interested in participating in Stunt Night should contact: the Biology Club, Box 588; Dr. Doyle, faculty sponsor at 898-2683; or club president, Carolyn Dover at 898-3449. Deadline for entry forms is Dec. 1.

'King's Men' to open at local theatre

"All the King's Men," a dramatization of the book by famed author Robert Penn Warren, starts tonight at the Murfreesboro Little Theatre on Lytle Street.

Supposedly written as a satirical look at the life of famed political boss Huey Long of Louisiana, the show's cast is more than half made up of MTSU faculty members, including Frank Ginanni, Tom Harris, Bill Holland, Guy Anderson and John McDaniel.

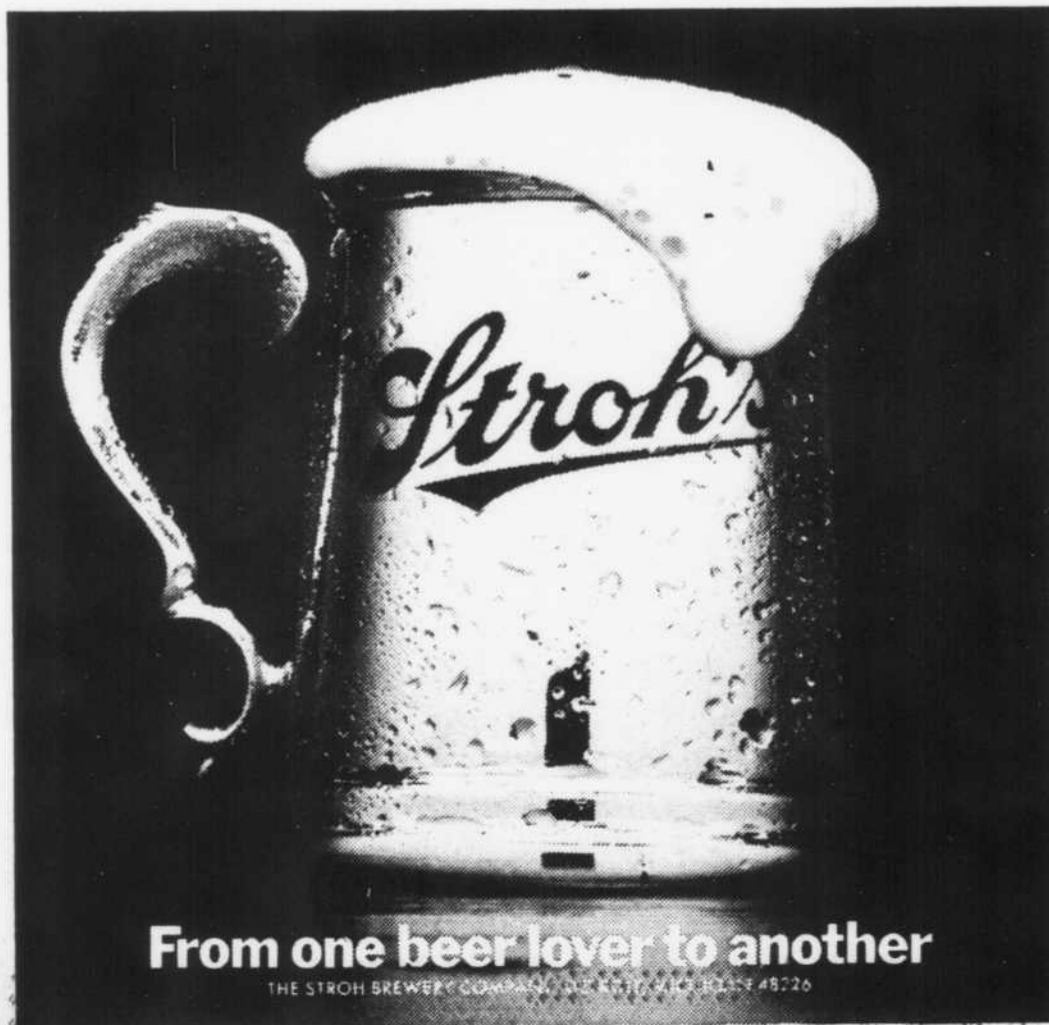
In addition, the show is directed by MTSU faculty member Charles Dean.

Although Warren denied the connection of the story to the life of Long, the script bears similarities. Willie Stark, a young idealistic "hick" is used in a political race by a machine group and leaves the races but later returns to politics so desirous of power that he becomes more corrupt than the bosses he replaced.

The show will continue until Nov. 22 excluding Monday night. Sunday and Tuesday are discount nights, with admission only \$1.50 for MTSU students. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling 893-9825.

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Continuing Education-Nursing Management of the Alcoholic: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; UC 322
History Curriculum Development Project: 9 a.m.-noon; UC 324
Triton Club Donoughnut Sale: 6:30-10 p.m.; MTSU campus
Dance: Black Student Association; 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Tennessee Room, SUB

Tomorrow

Photographic Exhibit: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Graduate Test: 8 a.m.-noon; UC 314
MBA Examination: 8 a.m.-noon; UC 305
Motorcycle Rodeo: registration 1 p.m. events, 2 p.m. Murfreesboro Agricultural Center, one dollar
Football: MTSU v. East Tenn State Univ.; 8 p.m. (EST); Johnson City, Tenn.

Monday, Nov. 17

Photographic Exhibit: 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
CLEP Examination: 8 a.m.-noon
Senior Pictures for Midlander: by appointment; UC 305
Movie: "Buck and the Preacher," 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.; UC theatre, fifty cents
Circle K: 6:30 p.m. UC 312
Fencing Club: 7-9 p.m.; AM dancing studio
CB Club: 8:30 p.m.; UC 322B

Alternate traffic court approved

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overturned the penalty when it was discovered that the accused missed one of the court dates due to an illness in his family, he said.

"It's my hope that we don't have to make too many examples out of people before it gets around that breaking the rules doesn't pay," Carr said.

Tom Wells, House sponsor of the Traffic Court Expansion Bill, criticized Carr, calling his advocacy of suspension in certain cases "a little overzealous."

"Admittedly there is a parking problem and I think the method being pursued is the correct method, but I don't think such harsh tactics are necessary," Wells said.

Shewmake said the reason the court has been getting overloaded is because the parking situation is getting progressively worse and that the court has gotten much more "stringent on their procedures."

"Also the attorney general and the public defender are now arguing the case out in court. This takes more time," he added.

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Cheerleaders set Spirit Week

The MTSU cheerleaders have designated next week as Spirit Week for the MTSU-Tennessee Tech football clash on Nov. 22, according to Jim Coleman, a member of the cheerleading squad.

"The cheerleaders would like to encourage all dorms, clubs, sororities and fraternities to kick off Spirit Week by hanging signs in the University Center grill Monday," Coleman said.

Two events scheduled for Spirit Week are the Harvey Look-a-Like Contest and a Blue Raider bonfire.

In the Harvey Look-a-Like contest, groups are invited to make a model of the Tennessee Tech symbol or dress a person to resemble it. A prize will be awarded to the sponsoring group taking first place.

Harvey, a totem pole that's kept in the confines of the Tennessee Tech bookstore, is the symbol of the Cookeville school and has been the center of much rivalry between MTSU and Tennessee Tech.

The bonfire will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 in the field between Cummings Hall and K apartments.

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'Roller-coaster Raiders' to battle Buccaneers

Nicknames have played an important part in the MTSU football season thus far with the "comeback kids" on offense and the "rubberband defense." So why not take it one step farther, and give the team the tag of the "roller-coaster Raiders?"

WOODPECKIN'

by Tom Wood
Sports Editor

No malice is intended in the name; it's just that the team has been up one week and down the next—much like the way a roller-coaster moves.

For example, on Oct. 18, MTSU manhandled Murray easily for a 17-5 victory and the next week, Austin Peay upset the Raiders 17-13. The following week, MTSU was at its finest in

their 44-28 win over Western Carolina, and last week, the Raiders were at their lowest in the 24-10 loss to Western Kentucky.

If any of this is significant, then it means MTSU will ascend the track once again, and overpower the cellar-dwelling Buccaneers of East Tennessee at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Johnson City.

Despite the fact that his Blue Raiders have been eliminated from the OVC title race, head coach Ben Hurt still feels his team can have a winning season.

"We have two games left, which gives us a shot at a final record of 6-5 and an OVC mark of 4-3," noted Hurt.

East Tennessee is 1-4-1 in the conference but has only been out of one game, a 48-6 thumping at the hands of Tennessee Tech two weeks ago.

Leading the Buccaneer de-

fense is Pee Wee Brown, who is the OVC's second-leading tackler with 91 tackles and 40 assists.

On offense, the Bucs run the veer, which is something like the "Baldwin veer" that MTSU runs. "The Baldwin veer," defensive line coach Ray Hughes chuckled, as he unknowingly coined the phrase at yesterday's press-faculty luncheon, "has more wrinkles in it than I do."

As the Raiders enter their final road game of the year, they own the league's leading offense and worst defense. MTSU moved into top position in team offense with 327.3 yards per game, replacing Eastern Kentucky. On the other side of the coin, the Raiders are giving up 378.6 yards per game.

The hospital ward claimed another Raider last week when senior runningback Bobby Joe Easter broke his collarbone against the Hilltoppers. Easter

finished his collegiate career with 791 yards and an 88 yard per game rushing average.

Conceivably, Easter could still remain the OVC's second-leading rusher behind teammate Mike Moore. With only two games remaining, Murray's Art Kennedy has totaled 638 yards on the year, 153 yards behind Easter.

Moore, on the other hand, is still the leading rusher in the OVC with 998 yards. Moore broke the 1,000 yard plateau against Western last week, but was tackled for an eight-yard loss to drop to 998.

Freshman John Dukes will replace Easter at runningback. "Dukes is an exciting runner," Hurt said of the Mobile, Ala., native. "The thing I like about him best is that he runs north and south. He doesn't waste time going east and west," Hurt added.

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Shades of Ernie Ford

OVC coaches become Peay-pickers, choose MTSU for third

by Tom Wood
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee has been chosen to finish third in the OVC basketball race in a pre-season poll by league coaches Wednesday in Nashville.

In the grand fashion of

Keen tabbed Player of Week

After playing "in his best game of the season" according to head coach Ben Hurt, Chris Keen has been selected as Sidelines player of the week.

Making the switch from tight end, where he lettered last season, has proved to be a successful venture for the sophomore from Huddleston, Va.

In a losing effort against Western Kentucky, Keen made 15 solo tackles and had a hand in eight assists from his middle linebacking position.

The 6-2, 210-pounder also received honorable mention on the Ohio Valley Conference defensive superlative ratings for his play in the 24-10 loss to the league leading Hilltoppers.

Tennessee Ernie Ford, the league coaches became Peay-pickers as they tabbed Austin Peay to capture its third conference title in four years with Western Kentucky picked to be the bridesmaid.

Ironically, Western placed two

"Keen is just a tremendous hitter and always plays an all-out aggressive game for us," said Hurt of the fourth-leading tackler on the OVC defensive checklist.

Thus far in the season Keen has dropped opposing runners 72 times and helped out on 35 assists to lead the Blue Raider defense while nose guard John Csir is fifth with 71 initial hits and 34 assists.

The defensive signal-caller was an instrumental performer in the much-improved second half performance by the MTSU defense against the league leading Hilltoppers, who were limited to seven points over the final two quarters.

players on the All-Conference squad while the Governors had no players to make the team. Hilltoppers Johnny Britt and Chuck Rawlings join Murray's Jesse Williams, Frank Jones of Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky's Carl Brown on the All-Star roster.

Rounding out the pre-season picks, Eastern Kentucky was picked behind the Raiders in fourth, Tennessee Tech fifth, Murray State in sixth place, East Tennessee seventh and Morehead State in the cellar.

Austin Peay was just a run-of-the-mill team, according to Govs coach Lake Kelly, until they signed Sam Drummer, one of the most highly touted freshmen in the nation.

Drummer was signed to a national letter of intent by Indiana, but signed a grant with Peay when he had a falling out with Hoosier coach Bobby Knight.

The Govs have been chosen by a number of basketball magazines to win the OVC, but one of the most prestigious, Street and

Smith, picked MTSU to repeat as OVC champs.

Raider mentor Jimmy Earle called the MTSU home court "The Murphy Center Triangle" because players "just disappear." The statement was in reference to the number of injuries that have plagued his squad.



Jimmy Earle

"I'm a country and western fan," Earle quipped, "and like Merle Haggard says, 'If we can only make it through December, we'll be all right.'"

JV success hinges on big men -Toms

by John Shires

"Our season depends on how well our big men perform," according to Forrest Toms, head coach of MTSU's junior varsity basketball team.

As to how well his team will do, Toms said that "only the season will tell."

MTSU's JV's currently have 14 on their roster, with only two of the 14 returning from last season. The two returnees are Lee Russell and Reginald Edwards, both from Chattanooga.

However, Toms noted that they

would only be able to keep around 12 on the roster.

"We'll have no definite starting line-up," he mentioned, "because none of them are on scholarships, we'll just let them all play."

George Sorrell, former All-OVC great now an assistant coach for the JV's, noted that since they aren't very big, they'll have to rely on their quickness.

The JV's open their season against Vol State Junior College at 5:15 p.m. Dec. 1 at Murphy Center.

Optimism keys play for Raiderettes in meet

by Ed Arning

"We are going into the tournament optimistic and we have the potential to win it all," said head coach Betty Christopher concerning the upcoming state volleyball tournament.

The Tennessee College Women's Federation State Volleyball Tournament gets under way tonight at Austin Peay State University with the finals scheduled for tomorrow.

It is a double elimination tourney with the Raiderettes battling Memphis State University, University of Tennessee (Knoxville), East Tennessee State University, and Carson Newman in the Large School Division.

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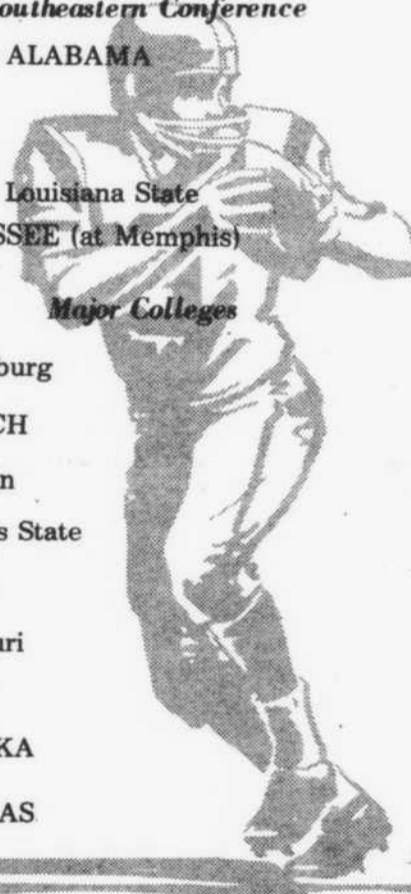
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Army at VANDERBILT	6

Major Colleges

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