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### Budget increased; employes receive pay hikes

by Phil West

Despite a "bare bones" state appropriations bill, MTSU will receive a 2.5 per cent budget increase for the 1975-76 academic year with reductions in only one area, Finance Vice President Morris Bass said Monday.

Bass said over all maintenance costs will be reduced by \$50,000 while university employes earning less than \$10,000 a year will receive 3 per cent average salary increases.

Employes earning more than \$10,000 annually will get average pay hikes of 2.3 per cent. Two employes with salaries over \$10,000 a year will get more than 3 per cent raises.

A high rate of turnover in the maintenance department was cited for the reduction figure. "There's about a 40 per cent rate of turnover in that department,"

Bass explained, "and it takes a while to find replacements. Sometimes a job will not be filled for weeks, so we can save money there."

Bass said the university's total operating budget was increased from \$19,113,375 for academic year 1974-75 to \$20,094,227 for 1975-76. The state appropriations increased by about \$280,000, or 2.51 per cent, he pointed out.

Budget increases through state appropriations usually average \$1 million a year, Bass said, but this year's General Assembly raised the operating budget by only \$280,000.

Other revenues will come from a 10 per cent hike in student fees, Bass said.

The administrator explained that there will be no cutback in services this year. However, he warned, "if the (inflation) trend

continues there might be in the future."

Total salary increases will up the budget by more than \$250,000 while utilities hikes will raise the budget by about \$225,000. "Utilities costs are going up and we have no control over that," Bass pointed out.

Other budget increases include \$45,537 for staff benefits such as social security and insurance; \$13,320 for telephone bills; \$28,500 for postage; \$24,000 for women's athletics and \$19,253 for doctoral fellowships. "All other available resources will go into instructional budgets," Bass explained.

The university budget is compiled by each vice president sub-

mitting budget recommendations they receive from department heads and deans. If those figures fall "within established availabilities, we run them through the computer," Bass said. "Then we determine if budget guidelines are being followed."

Budgetary guidelines are established by the state Department of Finance and Administration and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and are transmitted through the state Board of Regents to each member institution.

A public copy of the university budget is on reserve in the library.

### State axes free tickets

Free tickets and special discount rates for tickets to athletic events are a thing of the past for state employes, according to an amendment to the 1975 General Appropriations Act by the General Assembly.

The amendment prohibits "the expenditure of public funds by any agency of state government to provide gratuities and fringe benefits to state employes or state officials not authorized by

state law, employment contract or competent authority," according to a memorandum to all university employes from President M. G. Scarlett.

The letter also states that special discounts at campus bookstores for faculty and staff are forbidden by the amendment.

However, university presidents or chancellors may continue to have guests in designated boxes for athletic events.

### Pulitzer winner to speak

by Rick Edmondson

A Dracula enthusiast, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and a Kennedy assassination researcher were booked last week by the Ideas and Issues Committee to appear on campus this fall.

Raymond McNally, a Boston College professor who has spent years researching Count Dracula's legend and vampire folklore, is slated to speak at 8 p.m. Sept. 3 in the Dramatic Arts auditorium.

McNally has traced the Dracula legend to a 15th Century Romanian prince who was "ghoulishly cruel and fiendish as his fictional reputation, but not a vampire."

New York Times investigative reporter Seymour Hersh will discuss "The Press After Nixon" at 8 p.m. Dec. 3 in the DA auditorium.

Hersh, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his exposure of the My Lai massacre, recently brought congressional and executive attention on the Central Intelligence Agency with his stories of alleged violations.

"Who Killed JFK?" will headline a discussion by Bob Katz at 8 p.m. Oct. 24 in the DA. Katz's program includes hundreds of rare slides, suppressed film and diagrams of President Kennedy's assassination.



Braille terminal Charles Steed photo

Marilyn Childs, a Learning Resources Center employe, operates a computer terminal which prints in braille. The computer is one of many facilities being incorporated into the LRC which will be available this fall to assist blind and handicapped students.

# Upward Bound tries to free school's prisoners

by Trina Jones

Jim has been locked up in an institution for some ten years now.

His mind and body are rotting away in a cold cell of frustration, boredom and isolation.

He is a prisoner in a school.

Jim is one of the many students who find themselves trapped in the traditional educational system. The system denies their aptitudes and needs and kills their individuality.

Upward Bound, an enrichment program for high school students, is out to free them through self-discovery and development. Initiated in 1965 by the U. S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare, the program attempts to equalize educational opportunities for students who might otherwise be excluded from higher learning achievement.

Upward Bound students are recruited into the program when they complete the tenth grade. They remain in the program for two years, during which time they prepare for entry into post-secondary programs.

For their postsecondary programs, students may choose to enter a university or train at a vocational school.

Usually the program begins with a seven-week college residence period. While living on a college campus, the students attend classes and participate in social and cultural activities.

Tutoring, special classes and

counselor services for the students are continued for the following two years.

Robert Womack and Dorothy Howard, MTSU's Upward Bound co-directors, are unanimous in praising the program.

"About 75 per cent of our Upward Bound students have gone on to college," Howard said.

According to Womack, the program tries to instill in the student a love of learning and a pride in accomplishment. "Our emphasis is turning them on to learning. We're trying to show them that learning can be self-satisfying and enjoyable."

MTSU has been involved in Upward Bound since 1966. Sixty students from the Rutherford County area are now enrolled in the program.

General guidelines are given to frame Upward Bound, but directors are allowed free rein to develop programs that will be beneficial to their own students.

The MTSU program emphasizes three areas, offering opportunities in academic, cultural and recreational activities.

Academics include daily math and communicative arts classes, which are taught jointly by high school and university teachers.

No grades are given and no student passes or fails. Each student is guided by his abilities and his willingness to work. Womack said teachers help students individually and grades would only



Charles Steed photo

Upward Bound student members of the cast of "Two for the Show" rehearse for the drama which will be performed today and Thursday.

stifle the learning process.

Cultural and recreational activities are also offered. The students visited Opryland, participated in athletics, and are now working on a drama.

The student drama, to be presented Wednesday and Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the Arena theatre, will be one of the highlights of the

seven-week summer residence phase of the program.

An awards banquet is also planned to honor those students who have excelled in academics, athletics, and drama.

(In the view of MTSU educators Upward Bound has succeeded. Next week the students will air their views.)

## 'Total woman' to advise

An instructor for Total Woman, Inc., will teach local women Friday and Saturday at

the Holiday Inn how to "put the sizzle" back into their marriages.

"It is only when a woman surrenders her life to her husband, reveres and worships him and is willing to serve him, that she becomes really beautiful to him. She becomes a priceless jewel, the glory of femininity, his queen!" according to Marabel Morgan, president of Total Woman, Inc., and author of a volume of antifeminist advice for wives.

Her book, The Total Woman, last year topped the nonfiction bestseller list. It teaches women to be blissfully submissive to their husbands, and Marabel tells of meeting her husband at the door garbed in baby-doll pajamas and white boots in order to revitalize their sex life.

The four A's — accepting, admiring, adapting and appreciating — will be taught at Friday's 7:30-10:30 p.m. session. Communication, sex and other areas of the marital relationship will be discussed Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in addition to a definition of a female's role and priorities as a "Total Woman" and mother.

Dee Ratcliff of Franklin, who is one of 100 certified instructors for Total Woman, Inc., will instruct the workshop. Cost is \$15, and reservations may be made by calling 890-0147, 459-4636 or 896-4569.

## Health agency offers VD treatment

The Rutherford County Health Department will treat venereal disease without parental consent, department Chief Nurse Polly Buckner said last week.

"They say gonorrhea is as common as the common cold, and I think this is probably true," Buckner said. "All of our treatment is confidential and we try to stress confidentiality to our employees."

Speaking to the local chapter of the National Organization for Women, Buckner said the health department offers a family planning clinic, which provides birth control, pregnancy testing and abortion referral services.

Most people in the clinic are from medium to low income families, she said, adding that treatment is free if the families are unable to pay for it, Buckner said. "We don't take a lot of MTSU students since there is a similar clinic on campus."

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## Security update

Five larcenies involving "mostly car stereo equipment" were reported to security this month, Capt. Gary Miller said yesterday.

A Jamestown sophomore, Steve Osgatharp, was charged with possession of marijuana and released from Rutherford County Jail on bond. A hearing will be at 1 p.m. tomorrow in General Sessions Court.

Four maintenance payroll checks stolen June 30 were recovered, Miller said.

Five bicycles worth \$10 to \$100 each were stolen, the officer said.

People should use stronger locks and chains to secure the bicycles, he added.

No burglaries were reported.

## Staff positions offered

Students interested in writing for Sidelines during the fall semester should apply at the newspaper office in the Student Union Building any weekday afternoon.

Positions for feature editor, reporters, feature writers and sports are still open.

Feature editor applicants should have experience in feature writing. The feature editor is expected to devote a substantial amount of time to the newspaper.

Other positions are paid and do not require experience.

Sidelines' first fall issue will be published Sept. 5.



Gary Holt photo

## Shot snake

Security Sgt. James (Barney) Hall killed this 61-inch rattlesnake, the second one in two weeks, on his farm five miles from campus. The first snake had 15 rattles while this one had 10. Each rattle represents one year of age.

## Park to air Greek Drama

A Greek theatre production, an arts and crafts show and a concert will highlight Nashville's family outings program in Centennial Park this weekend.

Scenes from "Oedipus Rex," the "Libation Bearers" and "Bacchae" will be presented by the Greek theatre at 7 p.m. Friday at the Parthenon.

A community clothesline arts and crafts show and sale will feature both local and out of state artists. The show will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday near the park bandshell.

Gene Cotton and Beegie Cruser and Gyroscope will provide both folk and jazz music in a free concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the bandshell.

## Don't pack that suitcase

**Today**  
 Band Camp: 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; DA auditorium and Tennessee Room, SUB  
 Karate Club: 4-6 p.m.; dance studio B, Murphy Center  
 Upward Bound Banquet: 6:30 p.m.; Woodmore cafeteria  
 Party: 7 p.m.-1 a.m.; Kappa Sigma Fraternity house

**Tomorrow**  
 Band Camp  
 Graduate Test: 1-4 p.m.; UC 314  
 Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
 Band Camp

**Monday, August 4**  
 Band Camp

Vocational Administrators' Workshop: 7:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; UC 311-313  
 MTSU Archery Club: organizational meeting; 3 p.m.; UC 310  
 Karate Club: 4-6 p.m.; dance studio B, Murphy Center  
 Fencing Club: 7-9 p.m.; dance studio B, Murphy Center  
 Free Film: "Something Big"; 8:30 p.m.; baseball field

**Tuesday, August 5**  
 Band Camp  
 Vocational Administrators' Workshop  
 Graduate Test: 1-4:30 p.m.; UC 314  
 Fencing Club: 7-9 p.m.; dance studio B, Murphy Center

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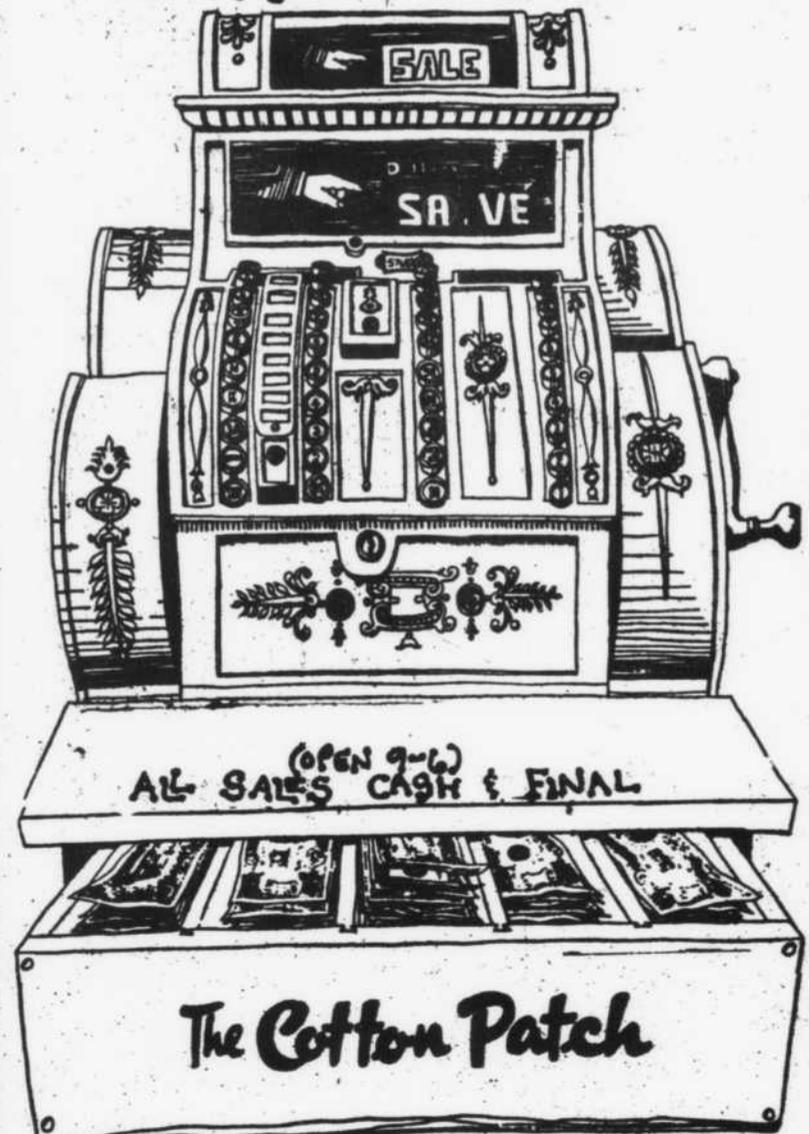
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# Editorial and comment show irresponsibility

I am not interested in the editor's personal opinion about the LRC. I am even less interested in what he feels my or the rest of the student body's opinion should be. In other words, I feel page four of the July sixteenth Sidelines is pointless except to demonstrate a real, genuine verbal temper tantrum by the editor and one of the managing editors. I feel adolescence is too late to be indulging in tantrums.

Now, I suspect the editor could not care less what my or anybody else's opinion is, but I feel very strongly that one of my cherished constitutional freedoms has been summarily trampled underfoot, and I want to say something about it.

A point about the editorial and its accompanying cartoon — the letter "A" and the toilet tissue bit could only have come from one kind of mind and it should have stayed in the little room where it was conceived. The printing of this piece of graffiti can only be described as adolescent irresponsibility.

The last paragraph was one of the most weasel-worded things I've read lately. Mr. Editor, what do you have in mind when you talk about the fireman getting burned up? Are you predicting something or are you just engaging in a little wishful thinking in my newspaper?

In the "comment" article, a managing editor talks about "LRC monarch Marshall Gunselman's extravagant desires." Come now, I can't believe your crystal ball or tea leaves or wherever you get your inspiration is really that accurate. Did Mr. Gunselman tell you what his desires were? My! My! Talk about slander! WOW!

I wouldn't call a \$4,600 mistake by the Sidelines "malicious" — at least not on the part of the "Scarlett-Gunselman team." Nor would I call it "insignificant." I don't know if the inaccuracies were deliberate or not but I do think they were stupid.

The article further castigated Gunselman for lack of "accountability to the public that pays him" because he refused to discuss the issue with the "media".

No doubt that did hurt some personal feelings but it may come as a shock to some that there is a "public" other than the "media". Let us not equate the two terms — many times it is doubtful the two are even related.

Speaking of "biting the hand that feeds you." Is it true the Sidelines editorial staff is paid for their work — from funds from within the university?

As for our university president and his (and I say "his" because he did accept full responsibility) mistake or error in the LRC matter — why I imagine if the truth be known he probably could tell of one or two other cases of less than perfection somewhere in the university structure.

If some of the Sidelines staff weren't solely motivated by the "Tattle-tale Syndrome" (or was it the "Watergate Syndrome"?) he might be allowed to share one or two of the more funny ones with us.

But, of course they may not be "painfully humorous" enough to make print. I get the distinct feeling the managing editor doesn't like "this guy", as Dr. Scarlett is so tastelessly called in the article.

Okay, so that's his opinion, he's entitled to it and he's welcomed to it and I can't imagine why I or anyone else would be interested in it.

I say, if you've got someone better in mind for the job — let's hear about him. Don't be secretive. Say something positive for a change.

The managing editor also said the "victory was grudgingly won." As long as you win don't be grudging about it. Reminds me of that snake that fights and fights until he finally bites his own "tale."

The term "victory" sounds as if the campus press is in some sort of game with the university administration. I think the rules are something like this: Side One has the full responsibility and authority for operating a major state university and trying to make it better. Side Two consists of one to about twelve people in that university (depending on how many "Follow the leader")

Rule One: Side Two has unlimited "turns" to take "shots" (cheap and otherwise) at Side One. Rule Two: Side Two must find its own ammunition and can use anything, which it usually does. Rule Three: Side Two may be protected from Side One's retaliation by using the stu-

dent body's right called "Freedom of the Press". Side Two doesn't even have to ask permission — they can just use it any time they need it — they're supposed to be taking care of it anyhow. Rule Four: Side Two can use the student's newspaper for anything, including personal needs, as long as the public reads it. Rule Five: Side Two can ignore the student body as much as they think they can, including their rights, opinions and desires, and especially never ask them anything — those problems are the full responsibility of Side One.

It appears the university president, whomever he may be, is much more vulnerable and to be held much more accountable for his actions than those who preside over the printed pages of our university newspaper.

What was the answer to the big LRC flap? Should the Sidelines editor have been asked to contribute to the LRC planning? Planning isn't as easy as second guessing.

When the media learned of the large expenditures in the LRC office did they ask the university administration for an understanding of the cost of the furnishings before they went to print with it? So many factors went into the planning of the LRC — concept, funding, controlling, timing, should it look "first class" or "last class", who will it serve, how best to serve, etc. — as to make the discussion of one relatively minor item almost pointless without at the same time looking at the whole.

The "press" has decided what is best for the LRC and the student body (again); the administration has conceded the point in the case of the office furniture. We're going to go with used office furniture — "last class" to fit the newspaper's mental attitude.

Have you priced a roomful of nice office furniture lately? Perhaps with a lot less sensationalism and a little more judicious journalism we could improve the situation some. Positive input before the money is spent might be in order rather than waiting for someone else's solution so we can tear it down.

The way the matter was approached and handled by the news media has been sad and unnecessary. It has been the poorest possible way to solve the problem or help the university or its student body.

President Scarlett's "paranoid worrying over negative LRC news" is more likely a clearer understanding of how this facility can serve the people of Tennessee and how its value and usefulness will be greatly influenced by the way it was per-

ceived and understood by those who can benefit most from it.

I feel the campus press has injured themselves, the university, and ultimately the individual students by its immature ego-trip concerning the furnishings of two rooms.

What effect do you think the great LRC Flap has had on the state legislature's desire to provide the rest of the money necessary to put the LRC into its full envisioned operation? I, for one, would like to see some real concern on the part of the media in supporting the LRC effort.

It is just this heavy-handed overreaction and sensationalism that gave birth to the "Watergate Syndrome" so feared by the Sidelines managing editor. The "Watergate Syndrome" was conceived, created, and nurtured by the "press-media" not the public. It didn't turn out just the way they hoped but we the public must now live with it also. If the personnel on the Sidelines staff are serious about joining the ranks of the "working press" then they must pay their dues. The "Watergate Syndrome" and the "LRC Flap" are their bed. I say, You made it. It's time to get into it and stop whining about it.

The term "press" is held in high esteem on the pages of Sidelines. I am not sure what relationship the "press" has with the "Freedom of the Press", if any. I would like to remind the members of the "press" that this is one of the freedoms of the People and not of a privileged few who work in the journalistic professions.

There is a good percentage of us in the public who react when we perceive we are being told what we think or what to think. We don't like it whether it be government, administration or any other power structure. We don't even want to hear an acknowledged public personal opinion if it is patently irrelevant or degrading to us.

Does the newspaperman answer only to his employer or perhaps his own conscience? No more than Mr. Gunselman or Dr. Scarlett. Do they all not, in the final analysis, serve the public?

Being right does not excuse irresponsible or sloppy newspaper work. Maybe the Sidelines should have just printed the Xerox copies. The public isn't as ignorant as some would have members of the press believe.

I am neither for nor against any of the protagonists in the LRC drama. I am for MTSU students' rights. I write this letter upon my authority as a member of that body of the public.

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# Fogelberg music brings fans 'back home'

by Margie Barnett

Many rock musicians have taken their audiences on trips to the outer edges of the universe, freaking them out and psyching them up. Now it's time to return, and the Dan Fogelbergs are bringing them back home.

Thursday night at the War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville Dan Fogelberg brought his listeners back with the simple but genuine emotion of his music.

For the first half of the set, Dan

appeared alone to do "some pretty ones" for the receptive audience. Alternating between an acoustic guitar and the piano, he played well-known songs like "Wysteria" and "Song From Half Mountain" as well as some cuts from his new album, which will be released Aug. 20.

After a 15-minute intermission, Dan returned with his band, Foolsgold, and laid down some country-rock and bluegrass.

Fogelberg fans called the band back for two encores. Dan treated them to an excellent rendition of "As the Raven Flies" and wrapped up his three hour set with "There's a Place in the World for a Gambler."

Dan Fogelberg's immense talent was obvious throughout the entire show. His calm, easy-going personality made it possible to just relax and flow with the music.

Dan's music is a definite reflection of the man himself, yet it is written in such a way that almost anyone can relate to and identify with his feelings. There are few artists of this caliber, and Dan is one of the best.

His albums give a definite indication, but the concert proved without a doubt that there's a place in the world for Dan Fogelberg.

## Comment

# Co-curricular panel shows conflict of interest

by Lisa Marchesoni

Take a university standing committee and add a chairman. Mix in a student dean, a programming adviser, one debate director and one theatre director. Stir in three students.

Add \$133,975 for 15 student activities. Let simmer two hours. Result: the co-curricular committee preparing to slice the budget pie.

The co-curricular committee, chaired by University Center Director Dallas Biggers, has jurisdiction over seven programming panels (dance, films, fine arts, games, ideas and issues, publicity and special events), the art gallery, ASB, cheerleaders, debate, dramatics, intramurals, music activities and the photo gallery. from faculty to student members.

Student Programming Director Harold Smith serves on the committee "by virtue of his position," Biggers said. Smith advises seven programming panels.

The dean of students automatically serves as a member and ASB recommends four student appointments.

Due to three student vacancies this summer, ASB President Ted Helberg and Mike Dagley, one of next year's student representatives, were appointed as interim members. Jerrell Wilson served as the third student member.

The faculty senate recommends two faculty members for three-year staggered terms, Biggers said. University Theatre Director Dot Tucker and Forensics Director Jim Brooks from the speech and theatre department served this term.

With the membership of the theatre, dramatics and programming advisers, it appears that a "conflict of interest" has occurred. While this special interest is not overwhelmingly evi-

dent, it is clearly noticeable.

But the "conflict of interest" situation could be easily alleviated.

One solution would be to appoint faculty members with no direct ties to co-curricular activities.

And while the programming director's knowledge of student activities is important, Smith should serve only as an ex-officio member.

To avoid student "conflicts of interest," ASB should recommend students not actively involved in co-curricular groups.

Let's turn to budget proceedings.

During the last few years, a contingency fund was established for emergency purposes. Although the fund was formerly used, no one requested contingency monies this year.

The committee voted to eliminate the fund and distribute the

monies to each activity on a prorated basis.

Usually, group representatives present budgets to the committee and answer questions. Due to a time factor, only six of 15 representatives appeared to justify their expenditures listed on budget requests.

Helberg suggested a review of all activities during the fall semester, but the committee rejected his idea.

Biggers said, "A mid-year report would not necessarily accomplish that much. The supervisors are going to spend money wisely and with the benefit of their programs."

Budget hearings are supposed to satisfy the committee's concern as how the money is spent, he added.

One member suggested a review of each activity before a final budget was proposed.

"That's like opening a whole

new can of worms," another member replied.

Instead of a close examination of priorities, the committee voted to allocate the same amount to each group as last year with a percentage of the contingency fund and \$1,000 from the dance club (no longer under co-curricular jurisdiction).

Thus, without the formal budget hearings this year, most committee members are probably unaware of how co-curricular monies are actually spent.

For example, the special events committee spent \$53.76 last year for three shirts and three windbreakers for John Denver. And the cheerleaders Proposed an expenditure of \$244 for "awards."

Obviously, the needs change from year to year. The committee should "open the can of worms" and be more conscientious in reviewing future budget requests.

# Off-campus organizations create problems

by Ted Helberg, ASB President, and Fred Carr, ASB Attorney General

It is a fine situation when our campus can be used by many different groups in the state of Tennessee. This is a public institution and should be used to its fullest extent by the citizens of Tennessee. However, MTSU's first responsibility should be to the students who pay tuition to attend this university.

The university's secondary responsibility should be to all other patrons of this state. We are specifically referring to the use of campus facilities by summer band camps, football and basketball camps, Mormon Youth Conference, Church of God and Upward Bound.

The weak link in the organization of these events that are held on campus seems to be the food service. During the summer there are only two places on campus available for students to obtain a meal. When these other groups are on campus, this considerably overloads these two facilities (the grill and High Rise West cafeteria). It seems as if the summer school student has been forgotten in the university's quest for public relations or whatever. Cafeteria lines have been excessively long; university students have been harassed and bothered by noisy, boisterous and ill-controlled groups. More specifically, female university students have been harassed by unsupervised "gentlemen" from football and basketball camps and TSSAA All-stars.

We have some specific remedies for these complaints:

1) More coordinated efforts between university officials and officials for outside groups.

2) Better communication between university officials in reference to outside groups.

3) Investigating the possibility of opening up one of the other food service facilities on campus.

4) Consider the tuition-paying students first and the needs of all other outside groups second.

As this summer session is drawing to an end, we realize that not much can be done now, with the possible exception of improving food service. However, we would appreciate consideration of these suggestions for next summer's programs.



## Hurt 'optimistic' about upcoming football season

Stressing that "this is a rebuilding year," Ben Hurt is "as optimistic as anybody" about the possible success of the Blue Raider football team in his first year as head coach.

"We'll have a team that will play with great effort and great

unity," Hurt said. "They think they're going to be good."

More than 30 lettermen will return to the Raider camp in the fall. Some 13 of the 22 players who started the last game will be back. The varsity players left spring practice "fired up," Hurt

said. "They can't wait until the first kickoff."

One of the team's biggest strong points is the offensive backfield. Bobby Joe Easter, Mike Moore and Rick Steadman are all returning runners. Mike Robinson, a sophomore signal caller from Murfreesboro, is the top choice for quarterback.

Easter played a variety of positions last year, but his 4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash makes him a breakaway threat as a runner. Moore is a powerful sophomore who last year gained over 100 yards in one of his first starts.

Giving Robinson competition for the quarterback slot in the fall will be Marine veteran Jack Fuqua, a 6-4, 218-pound former high school star from Georgia. Veterans Tommy Beaver and Marty Adams are backup signal-callers.

"Robinson is a real quality quarterback," Hurt said. He added that Fuqua, who has not seen action in football for several years, will need time to readjust to playing.

Whoever quarterbacks the team will be calling signals for

the "Houston Veer" offense, which was first used while Hurt was at Houston as an assistant coach. "It makes a better passing formation than the wishbone offense," Hurt said. The "big



Ben Hurt

play" veer "certainly won't be a dull offense," the head coach added.

Anthony Williams, a 6-3 193-pound wide receiver, is one of several players who transferred to MTSU after Tampa University discontinued their football program. "We got a couple of players (from Tampa) who will help us right now," Hurt said.

Williams is only one of three Raider receivers over six feet. Tight end Leigh Kolka is nearly 6-3, while Ed Skinner is 6-0.

Gary Burchfield and Robbie Barrow are short at 5-8, but their quickness and good hands will make them competitive as wide receivers.

The offensive line, destroyed by the 1973 graduation, never recovered last year. Hurt has moved several players from defense to offense in order to improve line play.

Defensive tackles Frank Long and Tom Weingartner have been moved to the line. Long joins tackle Jim Hicks, while Weingartner will team with former linebacker James Isabell as guards. Eddie Wright, a second team all-OVC selection last year as a tackle, will be the starting center.

"There is an adjustment period they will go through in moving from defense to offense. They're going to get better," Hurt said.

Hurt's offensive philosophy is simple: "You have to make the running game go, then the passing game will come." He also stresses that "the team with the least amount of turnovers will win the game."

## Scholarship issue 'closed'

OVC Commissioner Paul Dietzel "closed" the controversy over the non-renewal of scholarships of varsity athletes yesterday in a letter to the Tennessean which explained and defended the actions of MTSU football coach Ben Hurt.

Noting that the procedure followed was legal, Dietzel said Hurt and his assistants believe "that the young men should have been notified personally," but circumstances would not allow that.

Dietzel said the controversy "pointed up" a national problem and added that he will propose a solution to the OVC and the NCAA.

"From the standpoint of the

many, many players around the country who are so affected, it is also a traumatic experience, but I believe that a solution can be achieved so as to not have any such reoccurrences in the future," Dietzel said.

In addition, Dietzel said MTSU assistant coach Bobby Baldwin had apologized to Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix for calling Feix a "liar" for saying he never cut players. Baldwin said his statements were taken out of context.

Dietzel also cleared assistant coach Monty Crook of charges of cursing his players saying, "There is a huge difference between harsh words in the heat of battle and personal abuse."

## Future Raiders compete in all-star games

Performances of five future MTSU athletes varied in Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association-sponsored all-star basketball and football games this weekend.

Participating in the TSSAA events were:

**Jerry Copeny**, a 5 feet 11, 170 pound halfback out of Chattanooga Riverside, who has signed a grant-in-aid to play for MTSU next season.

**Jerry Thompson**, a 6 feet 5, 210 pound center from Maryville, who has also signed with the Blue Raiders.

**Betty Hardcastle**, a 5 feet 8 forward from Warren County, who will play for MTSU's women's basketball team.

**Cindy Hughes**, a 5 feet 10 guard from Madison, who will also play for the women's team.

**James Trobaugh**, a 6 feet 4 forward from Celina, who will play basketball for MTSU next year as a walk-on.

All of the future MTSU athletes played for all-star teams representing the East state.

In the East football team's 21-14 victory Friday night, Thompson played most of the game as center. Thompson was



**Betty Hardcastle (No. 15, East) passes the ball during TSSAA action Thursday night. Looking on in the background is Cindy Hughes (No. 25). Both have signed to play for MTSU next year.** Gary Holt photo

plagued most of the first half with high snaps to the punters, but he settled down after mid-game.

Copeny saw only limited action for the East. Although he managed to find his way to open ground on several occasions, Copeny was never tossed a pass by MVP Billy Arbo of Knoxville Webb.

In girl's basketball action Thursday night, All-State forward Hughes an extremely aggressive player, turned in an excellent performance by grabbing

six rebounds and helping spark her squad to a 42-41 victory over the West.

Hardcastle, an intense, team-minded player, saw only limited action in the game. She scored two points and grabbed two rebounds for her squad.

In men's basketball, also on Thursday night, Trobaugh was constantly being shuffled in and out of the game, which was won by the West 97-88. Trobaugh scored four points and pulled in two rebounds for the East team.

# Pro player likes team's chances

by John Pitts

Murfreesboro's only native professional football player has never been more optimistic. "Buffalo is looking good, We've got a good chance to go all the way," according to all-pro cornerback Robert James.



Robert James

A high school star at nearby Holloway and a college standout at Nashville's Fisk University, James went to Buffalo as a free agent the same year Superstar O.J. Simpson was the team's first draft choice.

Seven years later, James and Simpson are the only Bills players left from that 1969 team that went 1-13. Things have im-

proved greatly in Buffalo since then. Under the direction of Coach Lou Saban, the Bills put together last year their second straight 9-5 season.

A season-ending defeat in the AFC playoffs at the hands of Pittsburgh has not diminished James' enthusiasm. "We have the depth, the experience and the talent. There is nothing we have to search for."

James does not think the competition for his job will be any worse than usual. "Due to experience and because I've learned more, I move about a little better" than when he came to the NFL, he said.

The cornerback sees the AFC Eastern division, the one Buffalo plays in, as "the toughest division" in football. "Miami has always been tough, New England is getting tough, New York is coming back and Baltimore, my goodness, they're physical."

James, who is quickly becoming a perennial all-pro defensive selection, defends himself against charges of being "mean." "Man, I'm not really mean, I'm being aggressive. You have a job to do out there," he explained.

James said that a mean football player "Knocks a man down

and then kicks him, "while an aggressive player "will put him on his butt and then pick him up. I won't try to mistreat him, you don't win games being mean," James cautions.

Although he received a lucrative offer from the Florida Blazers of the World Football League last year, James did not accept because "it didn't look too profitable. There was no stability in the WFL last season."

James hopes to play several more seasons with the Bills. "I hope that I'm fortunate enough to play 10 years, and then after that it will be a year-to-year thing."

## Former Raider dies in crash

A two-time All-OVC basketball player for the Blue Raiders in 1968 and 1969, Willie Brown, died last week in a motorcycle crash in Stanford, Conn., where he had served as a policeman for more than 3 years.

In 1965, Brown, a standout from Father Ryan of Nashville, and Springfield star Jim Burr became the first black athletes ever to sign a grant-in-aid at MTSU.

The two signings came within a month after the firing of coach Bill Stokes, and the replacement of Stokes with Ken Trickey. Jimmy Earle, Trickey's assistant coach, attended Brown's funeral Friday.

## Coaches differ on 'cutting' players

A trio of successful southern football coaches, in town last weekend for the TSSAA Coaches School, expressed differing opinions when questioned about the practice of "cutting" football prospects from their rosters.

Tennessee State coach John Merritt commented "we've done that every year," adding "nobody is infallible in their recruiting."

Fran Curci, in his fourth year at Kentucky, said "yeah, I've cut people, but not at Kentucky." Curci said that in some situations "somebody has got to go."

Tennessee Coach Bill Battle said he "never had" cut any football players. "I like to have a lot of numbers on the team. We find something for them to do."

A considerable controversy erupted after the release of several Blue Raider football players earlier this year, but all three coaches defended the one-year scholarship rule adopted by the NCAA.

"I was tickled to death when they did away with the four-year scholarship," Merritt said. "We gave very few four-year scholarships when they were legal."

"I don't know anything about the controversy, but I do know the rules," Curci said. "Really, he's (MTSU coach Ben Hurt) doing nothing but what he was legally allowed to do. I don't think what your coach did was unreasonable."

Battle said the rule which allows a school to award football scholarships to athletes for only one year at a time "puts a little more burden on the player." On the old scholarship plan "a guy didn't have to play after he got the four year grant...and that's not right," Battle said.

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# I Phelta Thi defeats Good Timers 10-9

Scott Anker came up with a flying catch in the seventh and final inning to rob Tom Snow of a two-run homer as I Phelta Thi edged the Good Timers 10-9 yesterday in intramural softball action.

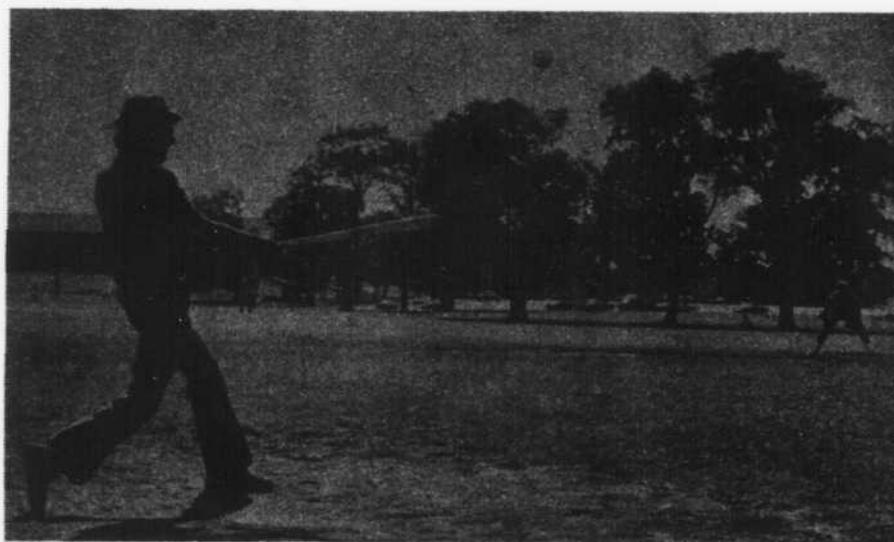
In addition to his fine defensive play, Anker blasted a three-run homer in the bottom of the first inning to give I Phelta Thi a 3-2 lead.

I Phelta Thi increased their lead to 10-2 with five runs in the third inning and two more in the fourth, thanks to some power hitting.

Lynn Strank brought the Good Timers back in the sixth inning, however, with a three-run homer to make the score 10-5. They scored four more runs in the seventh.

Needing just one more run to tie, James Isabell singled to set the stage for Snow, but Anker's snag of the would-be homer ended the game.

Today--Sidelines Stars vs. All-Star Sluggers and K Dorm vs.



I Phelta Thi team member Chris Prine slams a hit during intramural softball action yesterday.

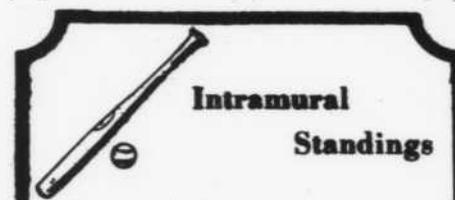
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Batter's Box, 3 p.m.; Over the Hill Gang vs. When in Doubt and Bongadeers vs. H. C. Rednecks, 4 p.m.

Monday--I Phelta Thi vs. the DT's and All-Star Sluggers vs. Felix Aardvark, 3 p.m.; Benny and the Jets vs. Good Timers and K Dorm Elks vs. Over the

Hill Gang, 4 p.m.

Tuesday -- Felix Aardvark vs. Sidelines Stars and Benny and the Jets vs. the DT's, 3 p.m.; Bongadeers vs. Batter's Box and Good Timers vs. All - -Star Sluggers, 4 p.m.



## League A

	w	l	pct.
Benny and the Jets	3	0	1.000
Felix Aardvark	3	1	.750
All-Star Sluggers	1	1	.500
I Phelta Thi	2	2	.500
The DT's	1	2	.333
Good Timers	1	2	.333
Sidelines Stars	0	3	.000

## League B

Over the Hill Gang	3	0	1.000
When in Doubt	3	0	1.000
H. C. Rednecks	2	1	.667
Bongadeers	1	2	.333
Batter's Box	0	3	.000
K Dorm Elks	0	3	.000

Losses may outnumber wins because of double forfeits.

Standings are for second summer play only.

## Golf coach expects improvement

by John Shires

MTSU golf coach E. K. Patty looks for an improvement in this year's golf team after describing last season's squad performance as "terrible."



E.K. Patty

"We started out good in the fall and didn't do too badly in the spring," said Patty. "However, the lousy weather we had last spring kept us from being able to practice as much as we needed to."

Returning to this year's team are seniors Bobby Dyke, Mike Harmon, and Geary Sharber, who Patty will be depending on to lead the squad.

Two new recruits who will play

this year are Gerald Nelson from Florida and Sam Hunt from a Georgia junior college.

Patty cites East Tennessee as the team to beat in the OVC this year, despite the fact that Eastern Kentucky won the OVC championships last May.

"Eastern Kentucky had the advantage of playing on their home course (Richmond, Ky.) when they won the tourney last year, but this time the tournament will be played at the Fort Campbell golf course in Clarksville," noted Patty. Whether this will give Austin Peay an advantage remains to be seen, he said.

Patty also noted that the cut in scholarships has hurt his ability to recruit some good young golfers from around the country.

"MTSU gives me four scholarships, whereas the tennis team gets four, the basketball team gets 18 and the football team gets 55 or 60 scholarships," Patty said.

## Archery club to form

Persons interested in forming an archery club should attend a meeting at 3 p.m. Monday in UC room 310 or contact John Lucas at Box 7098 or 890-1549.

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