

No faculty pay hikes in 1983-84: chancellor

By GINA FANN
Sidelines News Editor

Insufficient higher education funding will prevent 83-84 salary hikes for MTSU faculty—as well as all other State Board of Regents employees—in an “extremely austere” year, Chancellor Roy Nicks said recently.

State legislators provided \$183 million for higher ed—an increase of only 1.3 percent over 82-83 monies—for the current fiscal year, which took effect July 1. MTSU's 83-84 operating budget, set at \$39.6 million, was cut \$2.2 million from last year's figures.

“WE HAVE A situation where state funding, which is

supposed to be the mainstay of our budget, is remaining virtually constant while basic needs and costs are increasing,” Nicks said in a release. “As a result...we will fall further behind in the region in faculty salaries.

“The next fiscal year will be extremely austere for all public post-secondary educational institutions. It will be the tightest year we've had in recent history.”

University President Sam Ingram agreed with Nicks' statement, adding that replacing faculty members who have taken other positions will be more difficult because of a lack of competitive

salaries.

“I THINK in the areas where there is a high demand for faculty, the answer would have to be yes, we'll have a problem hiring,” Ingram said. “A number of the people who have left us simply could not afford to stay.”

Ingram added that university officials, working in conjunction with members of the campus Education Association (an affiliate of the Tennessee Education Association), should be able to expect help from the general public to lobby for salary increases and more funding for higher education.

“The general public is

recognizing that public education is a national issue, and I think they'll demand that we get some help in lobbying [for funding],” he said. “They [the MTSU Education Association] understand the situation as well as we do.

“WE'RE GOING to have to all work together to get more support from the state to provide for the people here.”

Other lobbying efforts—specifically for sick leave banks for faculty members—by the MTSU Education Association have been successful, past president Patrick Doyle said yesterday, and should encourage the group to continue working for increased higher

education funding.

“I feel quite sure that we'll be working individually for that [salary increases and funding]...as well as a fringe benefits package,” Doyle said. “We'd like to see faculty members allowed to take classes for credit at no charge—and possibly allowing their dependents to take courses at reduced costs.”

IN THE MEANTIME, budget worries will force institutions to defer equipment and supplies purchases, limit course offerings and dip into contingency funds to get through the year, Nicks told the SBR at its June 24 meeting. University Budget Director

Jerry Tunstill said last week, however, that MTSU will not be forced into major cutbacks and reductions for the 83-84 fiscal year because of little change in budgeting procedures from last year.

“Basically, there will be no reductions,” Tunstill said, “because everyone stayed with last year's budget [when submitting figures for approval]. Most of our reductions have come from not having to make transfers for the new phone system.”

In May, university officials tentatively approved installation of a new telephone system which will cost more than \$2 million.

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photo by Dee Parker

Quick trips with friends to local “beer joints” between classes may appear to be a relaxing way to spend a spare 45 minutes, but those who return to campus after beer breaks often face disciplinary measures later, university officials say.

Alcohol affects campus

By TERRY MORROW

Editor in Chief

Editor's note: This is the final installment of a three-part series on alcoholism.

Of the 350 disciplinary cases called to the attention of MTSU officials last year, an estimated 280 were alcohol-related, says Dean of Men David Hays.

About 10 percent of that number are in need of “serious help,” Hays explains, but very few students come to him for advice on what to do about their alcohol problems.

“A LOT OF people think I'll probably judge them by saying something like ‘Alcohol is wrong or bad,’” the dean observes. “I don't care if they go [off-campus] and have a few, but it becomes my business when they come back to campus and cause some sort of trouble or vandalism.”

Most of the vandalism that occurred on campus last year was alcohol-related, Hays

adds.

“There's a lot of damage done to places here on campus because some person will get drunk, come back to his dorm and start an argument with his roommate or throw a chair into a window,” he says.

AMONG THE incidents which the dean handled last year were the following:

- Four intoxicated residents at MonSchaRey Hall turned on all the water faucets and flooded the surrounding rooms. The damage was estimated at more than \$300.

- A window at H-Hall was destroyed when “karate-kicked” by a student who had been drinking. The cost was over \$100.

- A car was damaged by a student because he “didn't like the way [the car] was parked.” Damage to the car came to “several hundred dollars” for the owner.

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Scholarship set to honor prof

By GAIL HURT

Sidelines Associate Editor

A scholarship fund has been established in memory of Dr. Robert Prytula by the faculty of the psychology department through the MTSU Foundation.

The fund was created to recognize Prytula's contributions to MTSU during his tenure here from 1969 to 1983, according to Psychology Department Chairman Marlyne Kilbey.

“BOB HAD A deep abiding interest in the students' welfare,” Kilbey said.

Members of the psychology department made contributions to the fund, then informed other faculty members of its existence, she said.

“There's been a generous response,” Kilbey said, referring to contributions from other faculty members.

JEANNETTE Heritage and Glenn Littlepage, associate professors of psychology, are coordinators of the fund.

The coordinators' goal is to use monies accruing from interest on the original contributions, in order to keep the fund self-perpetuating, Heritage said.

Ideally, the fund should be available for student use this fall, Heritage said, but realistically it may be spring semester before it can actually be awarded.

CONTRIBUTIONS are being accepted through the MTSU Foundation.

Admissions, Records dean elected to 3-year national post

MTSU Dean of Admissions, Records and Information Systems Cliff Gillespie was elected April 21 to a three-year term as secretary-treasurer of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Gillespie was elected as an officer of the professional organization for admissions and records administrators during the 69th annual meeting of the group in Boston. Currently, more than 7,000 individuals—representing 2,000 institutions of higher education—comprise the association's membership,

according to a recent newsletter.

As an AACRAO officer, Gillespie will serve as a member of the executive committee of the association, chair the budget committee, assist in management of the association's investment portfolio and record official action during meetings.

Gillespie earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at MTSU and his doctorate at Nashville's George Peabody College. He has served as Dean of Admissions and Records since 1970.

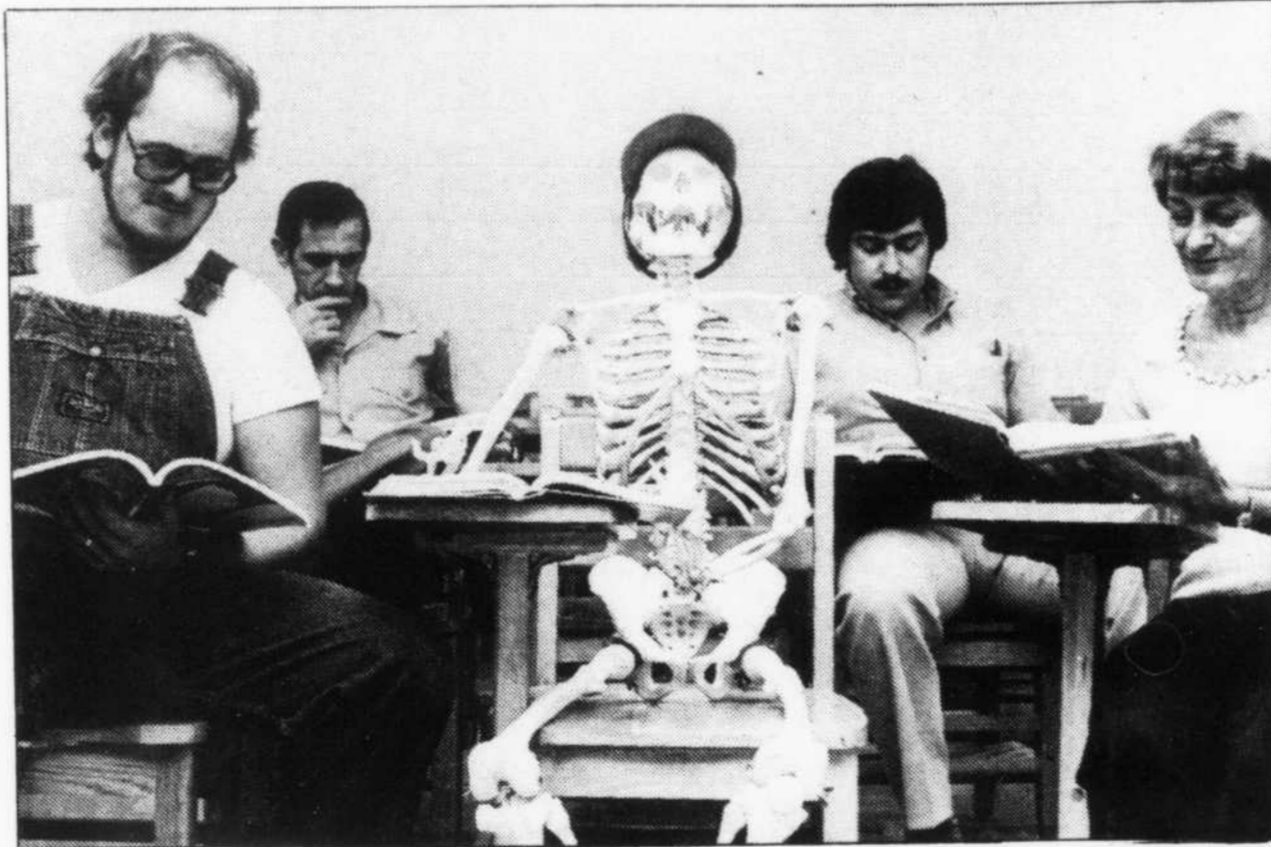


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Session two ends Friday

Although Session II of the summer semester officially ends tomorrow, it was apparently too late for some of these people. Session IV classes will meet for the first time Monday, for those who didn't get enough of it the first time.

Program to study ACT scores

By LEE ANN REID

Sidelines Staff Writer

The State Board of Regents announced last week that it plans to implement a system-wide program designed to assess and evaluate ACT tests in an effort to boost sagging scores.

“ACT scores nationwide have declined for the last 10 years,” SBR Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Bert C. Bach said yesterday. “Last year was the first year that there was even a slight increase. The new project is being designed to improve program quality and student performance.”

ACCORDING to Bach, the SBR needs to support a system-wide general education program to improve the present system.

Aubrey Forrest of Iowa, director of instructional design and assessment for ACT, has been contracted to work with the SBR for one year, Bach said.

Forrest will be working with the SBR's 16 institutions by evaluating ACT testing and helping to improve the system. His primary objective will involve working with faculty members across the state to assess the meaning of the test scores.

ALTHOUGH graduating seniors from MTSU exited last spring with above-average ACT scores, freshmen had a low average of 13.5, according to Sidelines reports.

University Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Jones said that he did

not know the reason behind the low freshman scores, but he theorized that upperclassmen become better students as they develop more interest and motivation in their majors.

“ACT scores haven't really been low for seniors here compared to a dozen other similar schools,” Jones said. “We found our seniors this year ranked above average on their ACT test scores.”

Freshmen and seniors take different ACT tests, but the tests are developed by the same firm, Jones said.

He added that freshman scores should be higher and that the present system does need help. He said that he hoped the proposed program will help interpret the ACT tests in a diagnostic way and provide a guide for self-help.

Business school kicks off new drive for finance program

By LEE ANN REID

Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU launched a \$500,000 fund-raising drive last week to establish the Tennessee Chair of Finance in the School of Business, according to the dean of the business school.

Dean Ben McNew said that the fund drive will be pursued through the MTSU Foundation and will involve the local community and businesses.

“WHEN WE get the necessary resources, if they are available, the program will probably be put into effect fall semester of 1984,” McNew said.

According to McNew, the program will have four main objectives.

The most important objective, McNew said, is to provide superior financial instruction to students enrolled in the program. These students will pursue a major in finance, with emphasis in financial institution management.

THE PROGRAM will also create and stimulate student interest in a finance career by working directly with high school and junior-college students, adults, and MTSU students who have not yet declared majors.

The program will serve as an in-service training device for employees of local financial institutions and will also encourage development of a research program for financial institutions.

Many individuals associated with local finance companies are expected to serve on a steering committee and business advisory board to guide the program and offer instructional and financial help.

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Campus Capsule

THE LAST DAY to sign up for summer classes in Session IV is July 12.

THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST for admission to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Students taking the test must present a valid I.D. There is no charge for the test, and pre-registration is not required.

GRADUATE STUDENTS enrolled for fewer than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors who plan to attend graduate school the next semester following graduation must notify the post office by Friday, July 29 of their desire to retain their present post office box.

UNCLE DAVE MACON DAYS will be held on the Courthouse Square July 8, 9 and 10, beginning at 6 p.m. on July 8. Almost 20 events for all ages are planned.

THE ECONOMICS EDUCATION WORKSHOP will be held July 11 through July 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration will be held during regular summer registration July 8.

ANYONE wishing to announce an upcoming event in Campus Capsule should send the information to *Sidelines*, Box 42, before 2 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Alcohol

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"Most of the incidents of alcohol-related offenses are just nickel and dime stuff," Hays says. "But all that adds up to a lot."

Nonvandalism-related cases are on the increase also, he says; each semester there are six to 10 cases of DUIs on campus.

HOWEVER, drinking is not a serious problem at MTSU, ASB President Mark Ross contends.

"Alcoholism has become a major issue in colleges," Ross commented. "It's sort of like the way birth control was addressed in the '60s. People just didn't want to discuss it, but now [birth control] is an acceptable issue."

Students need to be educated concerning what alcohol can do and how to "drink responsibly," Ross says.

"**PEOPLE** aren't being educated to what alcohol can do, and that's not to say they should be addressing the moral aspects of alcohol. People just need to know the facts."

Ross and Hays are working together on an MTSU Alcohol Abuse project, designed to help students learn as much as possible about alcohol and drinking.

The project has been in the planning stage for almost two years, according to Ross, and student support is needed to get it underway.

"**ONE THING** that's keeping [us] from getting this project together is because [we] don't know how much student support we'll have," Ross said.

One goal of the project is to shatter the stereotypes people hold regarding alcohol and alcoholism, Ross and Hays agreed.

One stereotype, for example, is that colleges are often the first place where alcoholism occurs.

"**ALCOHOLISM** is a widespread problem, but colleges are the institutions people pick on most," Ross observes.

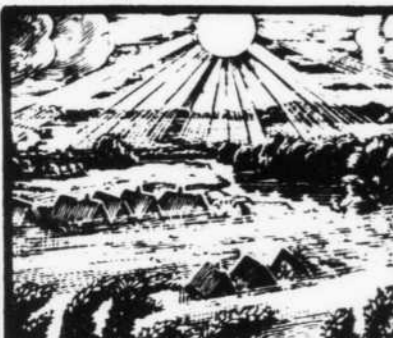
"That's because college is the one place where people are faced with drinking, and they have to make a decision on whether it's something they should do."

Tougher laws to punish alcohol-related offenders are not the answer to the alcohol problem in society, Ross contends, and educating people to the problem is the only solution.

"What [alcoholics] need is help, not punishment," he declares.

BUT, ROSS adds, the ASB has no definite plans for helping or informing students about alcohol when the fall semester begins.

A chapter of Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS) will begin on campus this fall, according to Hays, and students who wish to attend the meetings are encouraged to do so.



weather

Partly sunny and cooler for the weekend, with highs in the mid-80s and lows in the mid-50s.

June 30 drug busts 'tip of iceberg': police

From *Sidelines* News Services
The 21 people arrested in last week's citywide drug raid were "just the tip of an iceberg," police said after the arrests.

Officers said the raid netted several "major suppliers," but most of those arrested were "middle men."

Murfreesboro Police Chief E. N. Brown said the raid will probably make drug dealers in Murfreesboro more cautious for a while.

"I can't say relatively speaking what this means in the context of drug traffic," Brown said. "Minor traffickers today may be the major traffickers of tomorrow."

Officers began the raid early June 28 and by June 30 had arrested 21 persons charged in 41 sealed indictments issued by the Rutherford County grand jury.

Jurors returned the indictments June 27, climaxing a two-month investigation that began in late April.

Most of the suspects were

charged with selling marijuana or a number of other drugs.

Three suspects remained at large last week, but should be in custody soon, Officer Ricky Key said.

Brown said the operation, which cost \$5,000, netted up to \$15,000 in cocaine, hashish, marijuana, Dilaudid, Valium and Quaaludes.

Undercover agents who made buys from the alleged drug dealers said they "made a concerted effort to get what we call hard drugs" from dealers whose activities "contribute to other crimes."

"There aren't many jobs in Rutherford County that can support a \$100-a-day habit," said one agent who asked not to be identified.

Officers said the suspects "had regular access to drugs, dealt regularly, and made a lot of money."

None of those arrested were "nickel and dime operators," one officer said.

Gov. defends pay plan at Calif. convention

By JOAN GOULDING

UPI Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES—Gov. Lamar Alexander told the American Federation of Teachers yesterday that the rival National Education Association helped kill a proposal to reward Tennessee's "master teachers" by confusing and obstructing the plan.

Alexander, who received a standing ovation from about 3,000 delegates to the union's national convention, also warned the educators they must help lead any effort to reform the nation's public schools.

"**WE ARE** talking about the reprofessionalization of teaching," Alexander said. "We are talking about making public school teaching and public school leadership a more professional career."

The Republican governor outlined his Better Schools Program, which calls for significant teacher salary increases. "Master teachers," those recognized as superior by their supervisors and colleagues, would be rewarded with up to \$7,000 more per year.

President Reagan, who addressed the convention Tuesday, has supported merit pay as a way to attract and retain quality teachers and improve education.

THE 1.7 MILLION member NEA, currently meeting in Philadelphia, opposes Alexander's plan, while AFT President Albert Shanker has indicated he supports some aspects of proposal.

Alexander's program, which was narrowly defeated in the Tennessee Legislature this year, would provide a 20 percent pay raise for teachers, who earn an average \$13,000 to \$18,000 in that state. His proposal would raise the average salary to \$15,000 to \$27,110 and top salaries reaching \$36,000.

Alexander called on the AFT to get in the forefront of educational reform and participate in development of his pay incentive program. He accused the NEA Tennessee affiliate of doing "everything it could to confuse, obstruct and defeat the plan."

"**WE ARE** talking about a system where as many as half of the teachers get additional prestige and pay in part because they are willing and able to work with the other half to help develop and improve their skills and performance."

Alexander, whose parents were both teachers, said better pay is essential to improve the quality of education.

"If we paid Pavarotti like we pay school teachers, he'd probably be driving a truck for a living and singing in the shower for fun," Alexander said.

Choir director resigns post to lead Nashville choral group

Director of Choral Activities Sandra Willetts, who resigned her MTSU post recently, has taken a job as the Director of the Nashville Symphony Chorus.

Willetts has served as the Acting Director for the chorus since January, following the resignation of the former director, Scott Withrow.

"**IT'S A CREDIT** to Sandra Willetts' credit that she was able to step in and work with the chorus in such an assured and confident manner to continue and build on the legacy that Scott had left," Kenneth Schermerhorn, music director and conductor of the Nashville Symphony Or-

chestra, said.

Last spring, Willetts directed the chorus in the Symphony's seventh series of concert triples, when Prokofiev's cantata, "Alexander Nevsky" was performed.

Willetts also conducted the chorus and orchestra in the final Nashville Symphony pop series of the season.

A GRADUATE of Westminster College in Pennsylvania, she received her master's in Conducting and Voice from Indiana University, and her doctorate in Conducting and Voice from the College-Conservatory of Music

at the University of Cincinnati.

Willetts has received critical approval from music critics. *The Washington Post* says "...she obviously is having a good time with her work" and "[Willetts has] charm, humor and musicianship."

Prior to her work at MTSU, Willetts directed the Choral Activities at St. Mary's College, Maryland.

At MTSU, she worked with the chorus and was instrumental in getting the group to do tours.

No replacement has been announced for Willetts' MTSU position yet.

Business

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"**THE MONEY** for the program will come from the financial community to the

MTSU Foundation," Boyd Evans, director of development for the MTSU Foundation, said. "The foundation will house the trust fund and invest

it, using the interest to run the program."

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Opinion

from the editor

Pageants degrade women

In a country which attempts to obtain individual rights for all races and sexes, it would seem that the old-fashioned habit of judging by physical appearances would not be one of our norms.

But, alas, a cultural lag has our country in a very ironic situation. While we claim that equality and fairness are what we want as Americans—no matter how one may look—we still hold on to certain taboos that contradict our very "liberal" approach to equality.

Beauty pageants have been around for years and their original meanings may have been lost in our culture. The only purpose they serve now is a skin parade for young women who want to exploit their sexuality.

The next example of this is the Miss Universe contest that promises "many beautiful women from around the world will try for the chance to be Miss Universe." But, the Miss USA Pageant held recently in Knoxville is probably one of the worse contributors to this shallowness.

Debra Sue Moffitt, the reigning Miss America, called the Miss USA Pageant "just a skin show" and made some other discrediting remarks recently, which only proves that even the contestants of similar contests realize the true meaning of the show.

In the Miss USA Pageant women will go to any extent, "pad or do anything," Moffitt said, because the whole affair is based on outward beauty.

This is not to say that the pageant is all fun and glamour. Indeed, the promoters of the show also stress that the contestants (often referred to as "girls" and not "women") are judged on their personalities and intellectual abilities as well as their appearance.

But most of the competition takes place with the contestants wearing bathing suits and promoting themselves in a very sexual demeanor. Don't be fooled—the contestants must be prettier than they are smart—or so it would appear.

The true irony of the entire situation comes from the current Miss USA, Julie Lynne Hayek, who spoke to reporters the morning after she was crowned.

She fought off rumors that the contest was just another skin parade, full of jiggle and sex (she said all this while eating breakfast in bed in front of reporters, according to reports), then she posed for photographers in a swimsuit for publicity pictures.

So, why do these pageants exist?

They do allow the networks a chance to grab a large percentage of an audience, and advertisers love that. Also, it's a tradition.

MTSU holds to traditions like the Mr. and Miss MTSU pageant as well as the black Mr. and Miss MTSU pageant. Though the participants are based on talent and academic achievement, beauty is a factor.

If tradition holds true, then beauty is not in the eyes of the God...it's in the eye of beauty pageant judges.

by Mike Crowder

guest editorial Supreme Court ruling on legislative prayer erroneous

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that it is constitutional for Congress and state legislatures to use taxpayer's money in paying clergy who lead devotions during legislative sessions.

In a 6-3 vote, the court cited tradition as the major reason for allowing tax money to be used in financing legislative prayer.

"From colonial times through the founding of the Republic, and ever since, the practice of legislative prayer has co-existed with the principles of ... religious freedom," Chief Justice Warren E. Burger wrote for the court.

Burger noted that Congress has paid its chaplains since 1789, and that many state legislatures have followed the same practice for at least 100 years.

Justice William J. Brennan, one of the dissenters in the ruling, said that if the court had decided otherwise, it would have "invigorated the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom."

There is nothing wrong with legislative prayer. Anything that would give our lawmakers inspiration and encouragement is desirable.

However, the use of taxpayer's money to finance this practice is rather questionable. Our monstrous federal deficit, as well as many state revenue shortfalls, are not conducive to unrestricted government spending.

Congressmen and U.S. senators make in excess of \$60,000 per year, including travel expenses and honoraria. Most state legislators, in addition to earning a salary for government service, are involved in other professions such as business, law or real estate.

Since legislators are the ones who authorize and receive the benefits of a chaplain—not the taxpayers—why not have them assume the responsibility of paying at least half of a chaplain's salary, if not all of it?

Comfortable taxpayers are already burdened with paying the hefty salaries of lawmakers. In addition, taxpayers have no voice in deciding when legislators can receive raises, and how much of a raise they will receive.

Another point to be made is that tradition should not be used as a rationale for continuing a policy or program. Just because something has always been done a certain way doesn't make it right.

In all fairness, the Supreme Court's decision Tuesday was narrow and careful, yet it was erroneous.

As far as paying chaplains for leading legislative prayer, the burden should be shifted, at least to a degree, from the taxpayers to the lawmakers.

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From Our Readers

To the Editor:

[Mike Crowder's column] published Thursday, June 30, was quite critical. Unfortunately, it was not very clear.

Just what were you commenting on—unnecessary costs? What were the "fundamental questions" raised by these unnecessary costs?

First, you criticized the \$25 graduation fee, and then you attacked the relevance of paying tuition for an internship with a television station. How

are these costs unnecessary?

In a time when state funding is being cut and federal funding is in doubt, the relevance of these costs is obvious. Our university needs the money.

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MTSU can't guarantee you a job. But, an internship with a functional television station,

where you not only earn credits toward a degree but also are able to make career contacts and demonstrate your abilities to professionals, is a very large step in that direction.

The personnel files of media corporations across the country are filled with applications by people who would jump at this opportunity.

The most revealing elements of your column were the quotes you placed around the words "career" and "real world." If there is a "fundamental

question" to [the column], it is the value you place on these terms.

This question can't be answered at MTSU. The answer is found in the "school of hard knocks," which is synonymous to your "real world."

This is an important question, and from the tone of your [column], I suggest you go to that school and find the answer.

Mark Phillips
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Success of drunk driving law unclear

By TOM HUMPHREY

UPI Columnist

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—One year after Tennessee began enforcing the nation's toughest drunken driving law, intoxicated motorists are still cruising state roads, killing and maiming themselves and others.

The available statistics are somewhat confusing, but it is clear that the dramatic decrease in drunken driving that supporters of the new law wanted has not materialized.

The mandatory minimum jail terms required by the

law—from 48 hours on first offense to 120 days on the third conviction—have also brought complaints of clogged jails. But the majority view among law enforcement officers seems to be that it probably has saved lives—and that makes it worthwhile.

"THERE ARE STILL many, many DUIs out there," said Lt. Dan Raper of the Highway Patrol. "There's no doubt in my mind that the law has been a deterrent to a certain group—the so-called social drinkers who just go out occasionally. But the hard core

drinkers don't pay much attention."

The number of arrests for drunken driving under the new law has remained about the same. In fact, some cities, including Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville, report a modest increase. On the other hand, DUI arrests by state troopers are down slightly.

One comparison that may indirectly indicate a drop in the number of drunken drivers on the road is in the number of convictions that forced them off the road.

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figures show that from July 1, 1982 (when the new law went into effect) through April 1983, about 18,540 Tennesseans had their licenses revoked or suspended after a drunken driving conviction. For the same period a year earlier, 13,925 lost their license for drunken driving.

That means at the end of April, 4,615 more potential drunken drivers were banned from the roads than a year earlier. Most will return legally only after undergoing safety instruction designed to deter drunken driving.

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Sports

10 named to the Basketball Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (UPI)—The coach of the 1984 women's Olympic basketball team and the owner of the Los Angeles Lakers were among 10 people named Sunday as trustees of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The appointments, made by Hall President Curt Gowdy, increases the total number of Hall trustees from 52 to 62.

Named as trustees were Pat Head Summitt of the University of Tennessee, the 1984 women's olympic coach;

Dr. Jerry Buss, who owns the Lakers and the Forum in Los Angeles; David Gavitt, commissioner of the Big East Conference and chairman of the NCAA basketball selection committee; and CBS-TV Color Commentator Billy Packer.



Also Wayne Embry, vice president of the Milwaukee Bucks; Sanford I. Weill, American Express vice chairman; Larry Baxter president of Big Yank Jeans in New York City; Louisiana State University Assistant Coach Fred "Tex" Winter, a past president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches; University of Missouri coach William A. Key; and Charles Bloodworth of Rex, Ga., representing the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials.

Riding the bench NFL's problems mount

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Staff Writer

The NFL's knack for getting negative publicity during the off-season continued last week.

Cincinnati Bengal teammates Ross Browner and Pete Johnson were in court to testify that they had bought cocaine from, of all people, a Cincinnati-area plumber.

TO ADD TO the NFL's woes, wide receiver Cris Collinsworth of the Bengals and running back Joe Cribbs of the Buffalo Bills signed contracts to play for the USFL.

Collinsworth signed with the Tampa Bay Bandits for the 1985 season after his current pact with Cincinnati ends. Cribbs will join the Birmingham Stallions next year after playing out his option with the Bills this fall.

Tragedy also struck in the NFL last week as two players lost their lives.

LINENBACKER Larry

Gordon of the Miami Dolphins died as a result of a heart attack while jogging in Arizona in preparation for the upcoming season. Later in the week, Joe Delaney of the Kansas City Chiefs drowned while trying to save three boys in a lake in his home state of Louisiana.

WHILE NFL news is bleak on the eve of training camp, USFL news is looking up on the eve of their playoffs.

In addition to the signing of Cribbs and Collinsworth, the new league has just completed its inaugural season with most teams averaging at least 20,000 in home attendance.

Two or three USFL teams actually have a good chance to turn a profit during the first year. Two things that might combine to undermine the fledgling league are the league's expansion by four teams for next year and the formation of the International Football League.

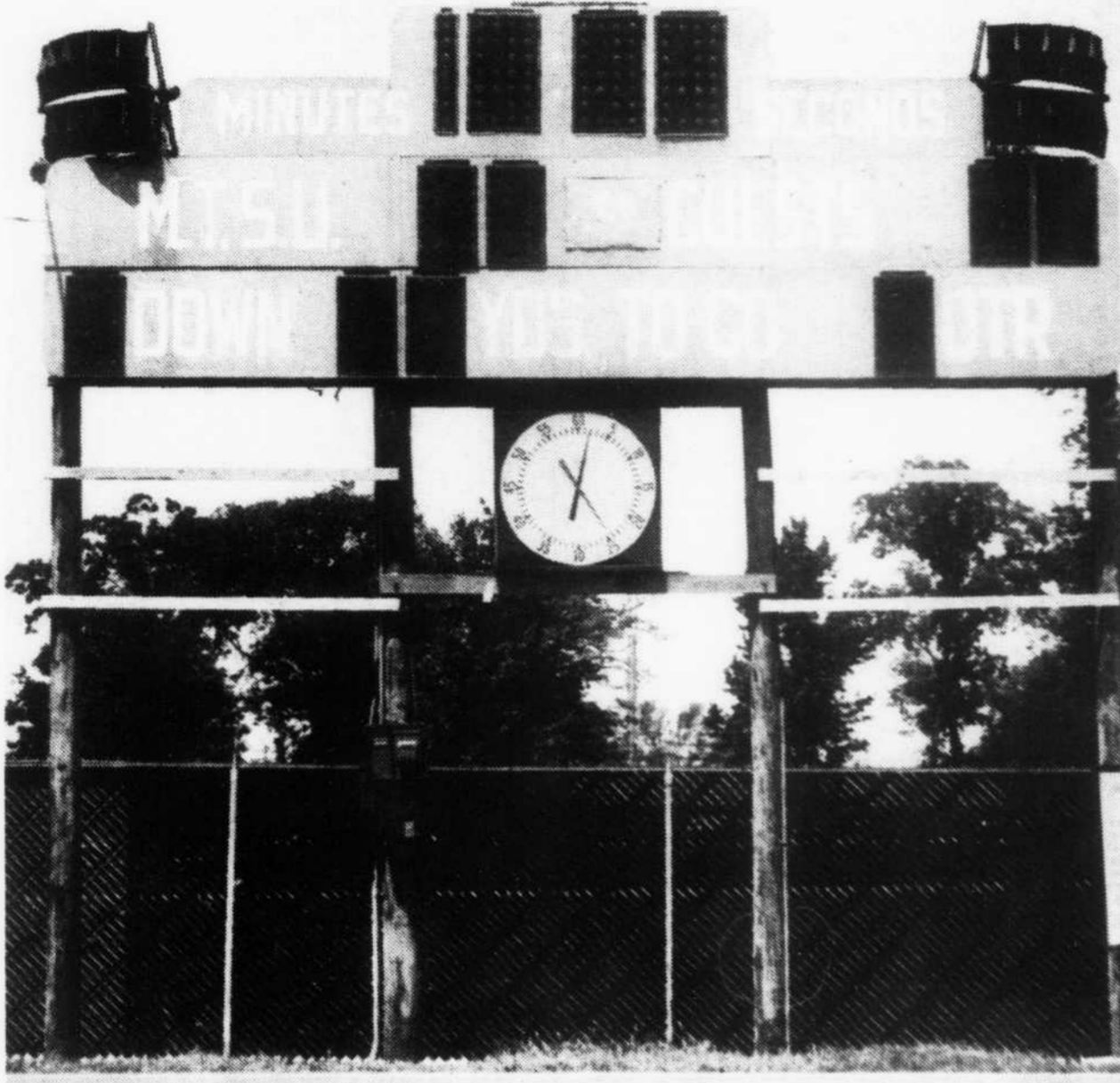


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Football field to get new scoreboard

A new scoreboard-message center is scheduled to be installed at Horace Jones

Field in time for the 1983 football season, Athletic Director Jimmy Earle announced.

Stanford signs new players

By DON TILLET

Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU baseball staff John Stanford admitted he had a lot of replacements to sign, but he believes that he "signed good quality players...with the emphasis on right-handed hitting."

"We had an awful lot of left-handed hitters last year, and got into trouble with good left-handed pitching," he said.

SO, TO rectify that problem, Stanford signed Jeff Nix, Tim Nicely, and Scott Johnson, all out of Roane State Community College in North Carolina.

Stanford also signed Columbia State's Gary Emerson to replace Brad Windham at shortstop.

"He [Emerson] and Nicely should provide middle infield stability," Stanford said.

IN THE pitching department, Stanford signed southpaws Mike James and Dale Swofford and right-hander Ken Lomax. Stanford said that he depends on them all for adequate pitching.

Stanford also hinted that he may give Marty Smith a chance in the starting rotation, saying that "after all of the work he's done, he deserves the chance."

In the outfield, in addition to signing Johnson, Stanford said that he has also signed Smyrna product Keith Shadovens.

"THEY BOTH possess fine arms and can hit for power," he said.

Jeff Hindley is next year's leading candidate to start behind the plate.

"He is a good left-handed hitter who plays good defense," said Stanford.

Stanford added that Hindley wishes to play here because of the strong baseball program being built here.

IN ADDITION to the

newly-signed recruits, he also said he will depend on returning letterman Alan Coburn and Tim Goff's leadership.

"We will put a lot of responsibility on them because they are closer and know the situation better," Stanford said.

The Blue Raider schedule for the 1984 season will be tougher than last year, Stanford indicated.

The MTSU squad will play five non-conference opponents: Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Memphis State. In addition, they will play three conference twin bills in the course of five days.

Sports Trivia

QUESTIONS

1. Today, Dale Murphy is an All-Star centerfielder for the Atlanta Braves. What unlikely position did Murphy play when he first made it to the majors?

2. When the University of Evansville basketball team was killed in an airplane crash in December 1977, they were enroute to Nashville for a game that night. Who were they to play?

3. Midway through the 1982 season, Phil Niekro was 11-1. Who was his first loss to?

4. Who was the winning coach in the first Rose Bowl in 1902?

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2. MTSU
3. His brother Joe with Houston
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