

# Wagner hopes to provide more relevant student programs



Harry Wagner

By Mike West

Harry Wagner, vice president of student affairs, stated that his office's responsibility is to provide meaningful and relevant programs for the student that begins with his waking hour and continues through the day.

This office encompasses a broad number of student services ranging from supervising the student personnel deans to housing, he said. Other duties include supervising student financial aid, the guidance and counseling department, safety and security, the University Center and working with the ASB.

"We see ourselves as complementing the academic wing," Wagner commented. We operate under the assumption that students learn in places other than the classroom, he explained.

The student learns in the dorm situation, during social activities and by participating in campus activities, Wagner continued. Education, he added, should also involve citizenship. Much of this, Wagner stressed, is actually learned out of class.

Wagner pointed out that he wants to update all existing programs and services in view of changing patterns on the university campus. Hopefully

This is the final article concerning the three newly appointed vice presidents. Vice president Harry Wagner's duties and background are highlighted in this story.

he said, this will be completed by the fall semester.

Another goal, stated Wagner, is to remove the stereotype that the office of student affairs is concerned only with discipline.

He remarked that he wants to open lines of communication with the students. Too often, he said, students only talk with the student personnel deans when they are in trouble. Wagner stressed that he wishes students to meet with these deans in an atmosphere of comfort not duress.

Wagner was president of Martin College before his return to MTSU. Prior to his association with Martin, Wagner served as administrative assistant to the president, dean of men and as a member of MTSU's physical education faculty. He also worked several years in Tennessee high schools before coming here.

The new vice president is originally from Dunlap, Tenn. He is married and has three daughters. Wagner attends St. Mark's Methodist Church.

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## New typesetting unit aids

### SIDELINES' production

Production capabilities of the SIDELINES printing service have been modernized and expanded with the acquisition of a new phototypesetting machine and copy processor, according to Mrs. Rosalind Harrell, production supervisor for the campus publication.

The equipment makes possible the use of varying type styles at reasonable rates, she pointed out.

The recently obtained Friden Justotext 70 copysetter photographically prints typed copy on light sensitive paper. The paper is developed by the Kodak Ekta-matic processor. This produces camera ready copy for off-set production, the journalism instructor explained.

Mrs. Harrell pointed out the major advantages of the equipment, the first of its type to be acquired by a university newspaper in the state.

The Justotext 70 provides faster operation, greater flexibility,

superior reproduction capabilities and extreme durability in operation, she further explained.

The copysetter prints copy three times faster than the equipment previously used. The faster copy processing will facilitate the production of the paper and other material printed for university organizations.

In providing greater flexibility the machine can type both bold face and italic type without changing programming.

"Superior reproduction capabilities provide visibly different set copy which is always black and crisp. It creates sharper photo-ready copy," the journalism instructor said.

Mrs. Harrell pointed out that the Justotext 70 is particularly beneficial in terms of durability and ease of operation. This is important from the standpoint of student workers who will operate the new unit. Because of the rapid turnover in student help the simplified unit facilitates training new personnel.

## Centrex utilization

### Direct in-dialing to be new feature

By Gary Matthews

Direct in-dialing will be a primary new feature of the Centrex telephone system which begins operation August 9, according to Mary Campbell, South Central Bell representative.

Speaking earlier this week at four meetings designed to inform university phone users about the new system, Mrs. Campbell repeatedly stated that it will provide "modern, efficient" 24-hour service.

She contrasted Centrex with the system currently in use, which does not receive incoming calls

after 11 p.m. and not at all on Saturdays.

Also unlike the present system, Centrex will permit outgoing long distance calls through student telephones, Mrs. Campbell stated.

The former Murfreesboro resident explained that each student will receive a student telephone account number for billing purposes.

The account cards will be usable only on campus and with-

in the Murfreesboro city limits.

The Centrex representative urged each student to inform all his associates of his new phone number to avoid confusion during the transition period.

Mrs. Campbell pointed out that calls within the university will be made through four-digit numbers, rather than the three-digit system currently in operation.

The present switchboard provides for only 300 phone lines, but Centrex will provide for 1200 telephones in dorms alone.

## Youthful voters fall prey to inquiring researchers

By David Dearing

Recent legislative action has made young people between the ages of 18 and 21 fair game for a special type of hunter.

The hunter is the researcher. Armed with the tools of the scientific method, he is out to get his limit of significant facts and correlations. His aim is to target the effects of new state laws making 18 the age of legal responsibility and the recently ratified amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving 18-21-year-olds the right to vote in all elections.

The fact that political and sociological researchers have been given new avenues of research and study is evidenced in David Grubbs' political science class, Studies in Tennessee Government.

The seminar-type class, com-

posed of six graduate students, is studying the impact of the 18 year-old legal status law and the 18-year-old vote amendment on Tennessee government and politics.

Grubbs, chairman of the political science department, explained that the constitutional amendment giving 18-year-olds the right to vote in all elections was not ratified until after the class began.

"We had previously gone on the assumption that it might not be ratified before the 1972 elections," he said, "and therefore our class work has been somewhat altered by its early approval."

He pointed out many legal ramifications of the new legislation

in Tennessee which makes 18 the age of legal responsibility or adulthood.

The law allows young people to enter into contracts, sue and be sued, run for political offices previously restricted to 21-year-olds, purchase and legally consume alcoholic beverages, and become notaries public. Rutherford County, Grubbs noted, now has two notaries who are under 21.

The study is largely original research since little has been published concerning the topic. Students are using several methods of research, including interviewing and questionnaires.

Arthur David, candidate for the Doctor of Arts degree and professor of history at Lane College in Jackson, has used ques-

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ROTC mandatory for freshmen

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'Bitz' provides amusement

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## Editorial

Activism  
provides  
training

One of the major barriers to finding employment is being alleviated by the university. The requisite of experience, so important to employers is now provided by more and more university classes and internships.

More students, however, need to consider them as a part of their educational experience. Almost every department on campus now offers courses that are pragmatically applicable to one's chosen profession.

The internship programs offered by the university provides for the student personalized study with potential employer, often an opportunity to serve other people, in many cases full or part time employment with pay and college credits as well as an opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge of his courses.

A student enrolled in an internship program may discover in such a course his primary professional interest.

Most interns find their job experience "worth-while" and "challenging and interesting". Some departments offer the student specialized study that he can not obtain easily elsewhere. For example, the Tech Aquatic Center -- a research program cosponsored by this university offers biology students singular opportunities to do field research under the guidance of zoologists and botanists from over 11 schools.

Long a part of the curriculum the student teaching

courses provide potential educators with experience that they find reassuring before facing the first class of their own.

Internship programs allow students to experience the actual working conditions of their major fields with the aid of trained, sympathetic supervisors.

The fields are varied for this experience including accounting, aerospace, journalism, psychology, sociology, and political science. Other areas of study present the student with on-campus study. Practicum courses in law enforcement, journalism, and business game theory are available to the eligible student.

Many of these work-study courses allow the student to benefit the community with his knowledge. The social welfare program in the sociology department, for instance, assigns an intern work at a social agency several hours each week.

A student at MTSU can help plan a subdivision, aid in business counseling, teach in a day care center or serve as a welfare counselor. Any of these experiences is invaluable to their employer and to themselves.

Prerequisites for an intern program in a department can usually be met by an upperclassman with a major or minor in the field.

These programs should be seriously considered by the student planning for fall registration.

## Bill Mauldin

## Jobs initiate issues

## Letters policy



POVERTY WAR

By Dennis Frobish

My neighbor, Mr. G.O. Peay, came to my house last night eager to tell me of his good fortune. "Last week I was unemployed," he said, "today I am once again a breadwinner."

I congratulated him and asked what his new job was and how he got it.

He replied he was the chief assistant beautification and property stylist at the federal building downtown. The job, he added, was one of the 150,000 jobs created by the recent Emergency Employment Act.

"Just what does your job entail?" I asked.

"I mow the lawn," he replied.

"Wait a minute," I said. "There isn't any grass at the federal building. It's all cement sidewalks and asphalt parking lots."

"Oh, that's going to be taken care of by men who got the new jobs of covering up the parking lots with dirt and planting grass," he responded matter-of-factly.

"I hate to bother you with trivialities," I said, "but where are the employees going to park their cars?"

"Oh, the cars," he said. "All employees are going to park at what is now the West Side Country Club."

Proceeding logically, I said, "And the government is going to buy the country club and pave the golf course creating more jobs in the process."

"Now you're catching on," he cried. "It's really very simple economics. The employees, of course, will be bused downtown to their jobs." "Well," I said skeptically, "it looks like the economy problem is solved, but the solution may have created a busing problem."

"Don't worry about that," he said, as he was going out the door. "I'm sure the President will be able to remedy that problem as well as he has the economy."

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## Area talent offers 'Bitz' of fun

Possibilities for professional entertainment are always lacking in Murfreesboro. This weekend is certainly no exception.

However, local talent can provide at least an interesting, if not entertaining, evening.

The Murfreesboro Little Theatre has taken an interesting idea, put it together, found people for the parts, and named it "Bitz."

Among other things, "Bitz" is an interesting compendium of theatrical trivia. Mostly, it is bits of this and bits of that, with comedy, song and dance, -- more song than dance, and more comedy than anything else. In other words, "Hee Haw" fans might find something to remember in this one.

The five-night show, which opens July 30, does have its share of talented moments, however. Bill Holland, MTSU associate

By David Dearing  
theatre review

professor of English, plays the lead in one of the better skits, "Telephone." The voices of Claire St. Claire, Dean Westbrook, and Louisa Benoit all give commendable performances as telephone information operators.

Charlie Brown fans might miss Snoopy's antics in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," but they shouldn't miss the performances of Tom Gray and Rita Bennett, both MTSU students. Out of seventeen skits, this one ranks high.

Leg fans might agree that the "Big Spender" segment is well cast. Fans of vocal music might well disagree. The latter would be more pleased with David Howard's performance in "Step to the Rear."

Sidney Baumstein, an obvious natural for the part, shines as the son in "Of Fathers and Sons." One out of three in one skit is about 33 1/3 percent.

The highlight of the evening is the spot, "Visiting America." Four British gentlemen, portrayed by Brian Riel, Bill Holland, Steve Dees and Tom Benoit, present a sit-down travelogue that is uniquely written and performed.

Charles Dean, assistant professor of English at MTSU, produces the show and co-directs with Dorothy Harrison, MTSU graduate assistant. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. in the Ewing Boulevard Theatre. Be on time for seventeen bits of "Bitz." Admission is eight bits for students and ten bits for adults. Bits of "Bitz" are a good bet for an enjoyable evening.

## The Last Retort

Contact: SIDELINES, Box 42

## Basic ROTC stays compulsory

QUESTION: I pre-registered as a freshman last Friday and was told by my advisor that I am required to take ROTC. I thought ROTC was not compulsory this year. Am I supposed to be signed up for ROTC as a first-semester freshman? SCS

ANSWER: Yes. Freshmen men entering MTSU this fall are required to enroll in first year basic ROTC, according to Jim Free, admissions counselor. Free stated that the 1971-72 academic year is a year of transition for the ROTC program from a compulsory to a voluntary program. However, freshmen taking two units (two semesters) of ROTC this year will be given the option of taking two more units of ROTC or two units of physical education in the 1972-73 school year when the program becomes totally voluntary.

Questions submitted to "The Last Retort" should include the sender's name, address, and telephone number. Only the writer's initials will be printed. Unsigned questions will not be answered by the SIDELINES.

# Researchers probe voters . . .

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tionaires to measure opinions the 18-21 age group. He has gathered information from blacks in Milan, Lane College, and non-college blacks in Murfreesboro to correlate attitudes and political participation.

"Preliminary findings," David stated, "show that most blacks are not being approached by political parties for membership and active political work."

Walton West, Huntington graduate student, is working with the hypothesis that MTSU straw polls are accurate barometers of state elections.

Grubbs pointed out that MTSU is geographically centered in the state with a fairly good cross-section of students from different areas.

"This particular part of the study should be a good method of correlating the attitudes of young people on and off campus," the department chairman commented.

The question of over-all voter

participation is being probed by Ben Daniel, Charlotte native. "This is an effort to determine what percentage of young people in the 18 to 21 category we might expect to turn out to vote," Daniel stated.

While a class study showed that on a distribution curve for all voters, the participation of young people would be forecast as a low figure (20-25 percent), Grubbs expressed belief that today's college students should be an exception since they are presumably more easily organized and mobilized to turn out and vote.

In another part of the study, David Dale, high school teacher from Manchester, looks at the potential or expected impact of the new law on college towns.

Problems involved in his study include the sometimes perplexing problem of defining residency as a prerequisite for registering to vote in a community.

Barbara Bryant of Nashville is looking at the effects of the 18-year-olds' legal status and vote on the two major political parties in Tennessee.

Bob Libbell, Smyrna graduate student working toward a teaching certificate, takes a different approach. He examines possible impact of the law on secondary education systems.

Grubbs explained the class will complete its study by the end of the summer semester and combine the individual works into a single seminar paper.



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# Campus women sound off grievances

A special meeting for complaints by university women was held last night. Only a small number of students participated.

Martha Driver, speaker of the senate, called the meeting after she met with a group of concerned women who had come to her with complaints about dorm hours, the sign in-sign out procedure, freshman meal tickets and co-ed dorms.

The major issue discussed was what could be done about these problems, but due to the small crowd no definite solutions were given.

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New tennis coach

# Castle reworks Raider squad

Larry Castle, recently hired tennis coach, has high hopes for what some people consider the under-dog of sports. Castle will work this summer revamping the entire tennis program. He will appoint a new captain for the fall, welcome two new members to the team and initiate a publicity program.

"I hope to raise the standards of this team so we can finish better than we did last season," Castle said. He added that he hoped part of this could be ac-

complished by the appointment of Lee Mayo as captain for the fall and the addition of a new player from Wisconsin and one from Oslo, Norway.

"Much of the success of a tennis program lies in the audience as spectators," the coach said. He explained that this is why so much emphasis will be placed on the publicity in the new program.

"We hope to get as much help as we can through the media on campus, but besides this, brochures will be printed which give

the basic facts about the team members and the sports department in general," he said. It will also contain the schedule for tennis tournaments, he added.

Castle, an East Tennessee State University graduate, coached both basketball and tennis at ETSU. He wanted a position calling only for a tennis coach and gave that as his reason for leaving.

"Maybe someday," the ETSU graduate said as he smiled, "tennis will become the number two sport."

## ASB to survey campus needs

John Jackson, ASB secretary of campus services, has announced that he will conduct a survey of student opinion in regard to various physical improvements needed on the campus. Jackson indicated that students

have had numerous questions and complaints about various things around the campus such as poorly repaired streets, not enough sidewalks, lack of parking spaces, parking meters, and the lack of such things as bicycle racks around classroom buildings and book lockers in the New Classroom Building.

Jackson stated that he will be in the ASB office, room 320 in the University Center from 8:30 to 11:30 this morning to receive complaints and suggestions from students on needed improvements in campus services.

The ASB official indicated that when his survey is complete that all suggestions or complaints will be carried to the appropriate campus department.

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