

Becky On Probation

Dorm Council Decides

By Jill Woodworth

Members of the Women's Dormitory Council handed down decisions concerning both cases against Rebecca (Coble) Burch for violation of her 6 a.m. curfew in a closed meeting in the Dean of Women's office on Monday afternoon.

The council sentenced Mrs. Burch to unrecorded probation for her first offence which occurred prior to the spring break; and recommended recorded probation for her second offence of April 7.

According to the ASB Student Handbook, the unrecorded disciplinary probation includes the serving of a written notification to the student informing him that in the event of any further misconduct he or she will be subject to additional penalties or disciplinary action. Information regarding the unrecorded probation is maintained in the Personnel Deans' Offices.

The recorded disciplinary probation is defined as prohibiting the recipient from holding office in any campus organization, playing on University teams, or representing the university in any public or inter-collegiate activity.

The entry of the recorded probation in official records is removed upon graduation or may be removed prior to graduation upon written application by the individual concerned to the authority which levied the penalty.

Mrs. Burch has been involved in a number of decisions and counter decisions since her initial violation of the curfew, Women's Dorm Council minimum punishment sentence, and her appeal to the ASB Supreme Court on the basis of the unconstitutionality of hours for women students.

The Dean of Students Office declared the appeal a 'mistrial' following the student Supreme

Court's dismissal of the punishment. Becky's subsequent appeal to the University Discipline Committee was refused and she was offered an ultimatum by the administration to serve her sentence or accept suspension.

Following the occasion of her second curfew violation, Becky moved out of her Wood Dormitory residence to join her husband, Skip Burch. Appearing last week before the Dorm Council, Becky's case was dismissed by the women's judiciary body. In a meeting with President Scarlett, ASB officials, Supreme Court, men's and women's dormitory council members and other administrative personnel, solutions to the case were discussed, following which the cases were remanded back to the Women's Dorm Council.

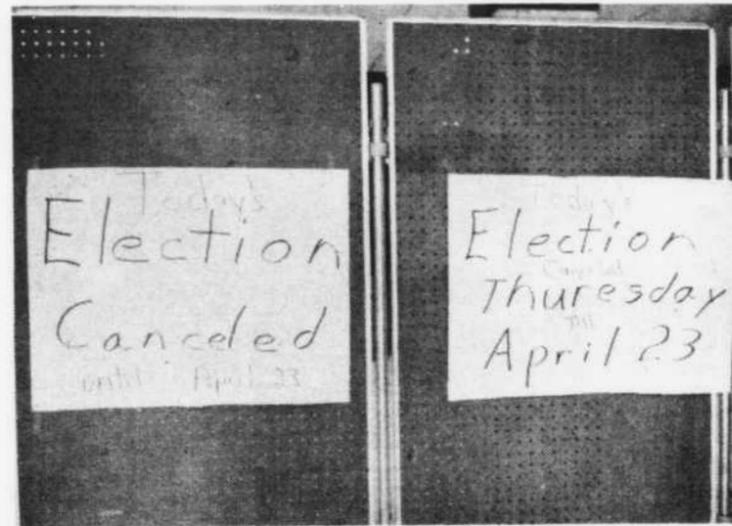
According to Gary Barnett, Evansville, Ind. freshman, Mrs. Burch was sent a letter from Dean of Women Martha Hampton stating that the first case was being referred to the Women's Interdormitory Council for resentencing. Barnett stated that the letter stressed that Becky's presence was not required and mentioned no time or place concerning the meeting.

Supporters of Mrs. Burch have published releases which have been distributed to dormitories stating that they went to Dean Hampton's office Monday at 4:15 for the purpose of ascertaining information regarding the time and place arranged for the council's meeting. Becky's supporters state that they were refused this information by Dean Hampton.

Learning later Monday evening that the Dorm Council had convened at 4:30 in Dean

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ASB Delays Officer Elections; Ballot Includes Referendum



Signs were posted in the University Center Wednesday to inform students of the postponement of the scheduled class elections. The elections, whose postponement was caused by the absence of some qualified to adjust the voting machines, will be held Tuesday but, according to this sign, Thursday (sic), April 23.

Referendum To Determine Validity Of ASB Run-off

In accordance with a ruling made by the ASB Supreme Court Monday night, a referendum will be held next Tuesday to determine if the ASB presidential run-off of April 9 should be conducted again.

The ruling of the court followed an investigation of supposed election irregularities and a decision that irregularities had occurred in the registration and identification of student voters.

In making the ruling, Larry Ledford, chief justice of the Supreme Court, stated that the court had to consider the "unity of the ASB" as well as the "question of whether or not the

election should be invalidated." Ledford concluded, therefore, that the matter should be placed in the "hands of the students."

According to Van Martin, ASB president, the Supreme Court does not have the authority to call such a referendum. Martin stated, however, that since he would not raise an objection the referendum would proceed.

Following the delivering of the ruling, Ledford asked that there be no active campaigning for or against the measure, but rather let the individual student use his own judgment in deciding the matter.

The election of class officers and the ASB presidential run-off referendum has been further delayed until Tuesday, April 28, according to acting commissioner Harold Murff.

"It was necessary to delay the election from their original date, because we could not get the voting machines ready for the referendum," Murff stated.

"A further delay was necessary because we want to make sure that the election is run right."

The elections were originally delayed until today but a further delay was necessary so that the machines could be properly readied for the referendum question, according to Murff.

Murff was appointed acting election commissioner by ASB President Van Martin after a temporary injunction was brought against Larry Gillem, regular election commissioner, by the ASB Supreme Court enjoining him from performing his duties during this election.

The injunction came after Gillem was found guilty by the court of negligence in performing his duties during the ASB presidential run-off election in regard to the registration and identification of student voters.

Murff added that ASB officials attempted to improvise so that the election could be held Wednesday, but they were unsuccessful.

When asked if there would be any changes in the election procedure, ASB President Van Martin commented, "There has not been sufficient time to make any significant changes, but an attempt will be made to have the voters register and vote as quickly and efficiently as possible."

"There will be a campus policeman observing the proceedings," he added.

Finds Gillem Guilty

Supreme Court Rules Election Violation

In an investigation hearing Monday night, the ASB Supreme Court ruled that a procedural error had occurred in the ASB presidential run-off election April 9 and called for a referendum of the student body to determine if a second run-off election was warranted.

The court found Larry Gillem, ASB election commissioner, guilty of a violation of Article 2, Section 1 of the ASB Constitution concerning the valid identification and registration of voters.

As a result of this finding, a temporary injunction was brought against Gillem preventing him from serving as commissioner during next Tuesday's election.

The hearing followed an investigation initiated by the ASB Supreme Court at its meeting on Tuesday, April 14.

At that meeting, four students - Keel Hunt, M.A. Norman, M. Ke presented the case to the court citing irregularities in the Ap-

ril 9 run-off election.

Jeff Sakas, ASB general, served as counsel for Gillem in the hearing Monday night.

Sakas had also conducted the investigation of the run-off election for the Supreme Court in his capacity as attorney general. Serving as counsel for the plaintiffs was M.A. Norman.

The charges brought against Gillem by the plaintiffs included the opening of the voting machines during the election without attaching a note signifying that the machines had been open, (a violation of state law in this action), which resulted in the interpreting of election rules by the election commissioner in violation of the ASB Comprehensive Electoral Act.

Gillem was also charged with negligence in his duties in that it was claimed that election officials failed to check all identification and registration materials; workers at the poll wore campaign literature; and not all computer cards which were used to gain admittance to the

By Jim Leonhirth

voting booths were collected.

Sakas asked for a change of venue and stated that Gillem could not get a fair trial, and the case should be heard before a different and impartial body.

Larry Ledford, chief justice of the Supreme Court, stated that the ASB Supreme Court was the only body with jurisdiction in the case, and it would have to try the case unless due cause was given.

Sakas then asked any of the justices who felt themselves biased to disqualify themselves.

Ledford stated that this was standard procedure and called for any so biased to step down. None of the justices - Lindsay Johnson, David Pound and Tom Long - responded.

The defense council entered a plea of 'not guilty' for Gillem. The plaintiffs asked Gillem to take the stand, but he chose not

to testify.

Norman made a statement concerning Gillem's testimony at the court meeting of the week before.

Sakas objected on the grounds of the precedent of *Adams vs. California, 1962*. In this case, it was decided that statements cannot be made concerning a defendant if he does not choose to testify for himself.

Ledford ruled that Sakas was out of order because the use of precedents set in state or federal courts is not allowed in the ASB court.

Sakas contended that if Gillem was being charged with a breach of state law then the use of state and federal precedents should be allowed.

Ledford maintained that the plaintiffs could use the state law but that the defense could not use the precedents. Sakas persisted contending that precedents are merely unwritten laws.

The Supreme Court justice

ruled that any charges brought against Gillem concerning any but MTSU law would be dropped.

Mike Jean, one of the plaintiffs, testified that he saw three out of the four election officials who were handling the registration wear campaign literature and that one official had actively campaigned for one of the candidates.

Barbara Jo Somers testified that it was possible to take one of the computer cards out of the voting area because she had done so by accident. Chuck Doerflinger stated that it would have been possible to take a computer card out of the area because no attempt was made to collect his.

Rick Robertson who stated that he had been stationed by one of the presidential candidates to observe the election, testified that he saw two people pass him outside of the voting area with cards in their hands, and saw two people en-

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President To Host Ball

President and Mrs. M.G. Scarlett will host the Presidential Ball to be held Friday, May 1 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. This invitation ball is in honor of all organizational presidents.

The Phi Mu Alpha Stage Band will present dance music at the semi-formal, to be held in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building.

Invitations have been sent to

the presidents of all organizations. Each president will be presented at the ball by President Scarlett.

Gary Keyt, president of the junior class and coordinator of the ball, stated, "This will be the biggest event of the year."

There is no admission fee for the ball but tickets must be obtained in the University Center next week.

Becky Burch...

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Hampton's office the supporters were "the most surprised people in the world," according to Roger Clark, Winchester junior who has represented Mrs. Burch in her trials.

According to Clark, Becky was not informed about the retrial of her second case in the letter which constitutes an indirect denial of her right to be present with counsel.

Dean of Students Robert MacLean explained regarding the fact that Becky's presence was not required that "this is standard procedure when there is no question of guilt."

"There was nothing special or different about it," he added.

MacLean further related that at the time Dean Hampton talked to Mrs. Burch and Roger Clark it wasn't decided that a meeting of the dorm council was being held.

"The dorm council doesn't have to meet on Wednesdays only," the dean of students qualified.

MacLean explained that council members were present to discuss with Dean Hampton the subject of punctuality at meetings of the Women's Dorm Council.

According to him, the topic

led to the discussion of the Burch cases as one member had been thirty minutes late to one of her trials, and the council decided that since they were all together they could make a decision on her case since her guilt was unquestioned at both of her previous trials and no new evidence had been submitted.

MacLean added that he was talking with Dean Hampton while the dorm council members made their decision alone in her office in a closed conference.

When contacted by the Sidelines Dean Hampton explained that she is not at liberty to give out any information about the situation. "If a girl wants to discuss the case, it is her business and it is very private business," she explained.

Gary Barnett stated that he and other supporters of Mrs. Burch has contacted Dean Hampton and invited her to answer student's questions at a rally protesting the Council's decision without Becky's presence be held at the University Center this evening at 5:30.

In support of this rally which is supposed to force confrontation between the students and the administration, Mrs. Burch stated, "Aside from the fact that the administration is following questionable legal procedures, we will continue to try and follow through with the case within the system until it becomes impossible--then without the system."

Pressure Will Bring About No Rule Changes: Scarlett

"There is not going to be any change at this university that is brought about by pressure," President M.G. Scarlett told a group of about 60 coeds Tuesday morning.

The women were invited to a meeting with the President to discuss disagreements about regulation of women's hours and other disciplinary problems on campus.

Scarlett told the assembled women that should the rumored mass dormitory walk-out materialize, the demonstration would definitely not speed up any hours liberalization.

"If we step out of the lines established for change here and take militant action, we might very well jeopardize any chance for change in the future," he said.

"The only method for change recognized as effective here," he said, "is through investigation and discussion by faculty, administration and students working together."

Militant Action

He added that "anyone who tries militant action will bring only trouble for themselves."

Scarlett pointed out that the acceptance of 6 a.m. permission for all junior and senior women beginning last fall is the most drastic hours liberalization in the university's history.

And he stressed that virtually all rules changes here have been brought about by students working through the proper channels.

Many of the coeds, however, raised the question of discriminatory rules for women students. "I resent being told that I'm too immature to decide what time I should be in," commented Paulette Fox, Nashville junior.

"We aren't allowed to live by our consciences because of all the rules that limit us," add Debbi Barnett, Nashville freshman.

Harry Wagner, assistant to the President, told those assembled that "this is more of an educational than a moral issue." And Scarlett added that "we think we need to protect you from yourselves."

He explained that most freshmen women are not aware of the academic requirements which will be demanded of them and said he believes curfew restrictions help form better study habits.

However, Scarlett did tell the women, "You wouldn't have any difficulty getting an extension on the hours you now have if the rules committee thinks it necessary."

Student Concern

Women students also expressed concern over the harshness of the penalty for violating 6 a.m. curfew. The minimum penalty -- even for a few minutes tardiness -- is two weeks strict campus and four months of sophomore hours.

"The people in the rules committee are students and supposedly our representatives, but I think they sold out," complained Miss Fox.

Scarlett explained that this punishment may be lessened by the University Rules Committee but to be abolished on the grounds of unconstitutionality it must be taken to civil court.

Other complaints aired by the group of coeds included subjective distribution of demerits by dorm mothers.

Several of those attending cited instances where specific dorm mothers had given demerits for violations of rules not listed in Coed Codes or in the university handbook.

"If we could get this dorm mother thing straightened out, we wouldn't have half the trouble," commented Becky Cumberland, Orlando, Fla., freshman.

Change Proposals

Those who propose changes in the rules or procedures should call Jan Williams at extension 234, several women at the meeting said.

Miss Williams is chairman of the subcommittee on women's rules and has the power to call a subcommittee meeting to change dormitory practices.

"You are making progress," stated Wagner. "But I don't think you're going to get it over night. There has recently been a great deal of doubt in the eyes of the students that the 'establishment' will operate in the interest of the students. Granted, they're not going to satisfy everyone. But I have confidence that they will come up with a representative decision."

Supreme Court Decision...

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er the voting area from the back.

Roy Roberson stated that he saw someone step over the rope and enter the voting area as he was picking his computer card up from off the floor.

For the defense, Mike Hosea, who served as an official voting booth attendant on April 9 testified that he had been given two computer cards after they had been removed from the voting area but he was not certain where they had come from.

Sakas then attempted to submit as evidence an affidavit

which had been signed by 21 of the election workers to the effect that to their knowledge no election irregularities had occurred and they had not campaigned actively or worn campaign literature while they were working.

Norman objected on the grounds that the signees were not under oath when they signed the affidavit and the signing of the affidavit was not witnessed.

The court sustained the objection and disallowed the affidavit as evidence. The defense then proceeded to call those of the ASB election workers who were present in the court to the stand to swear to the statements of the affidavit.

The defense entered the computer lists of the students enrolled in MTSU as evidence of all the possible voters recorded.

The plaintiffs asked the court to allow the presentation of a new witness to further substantiate the charges previously made. The court agreed with the assent of the defense.

Doug Eble testified that he had seen workers wearing campaign literature; he also testi-

fied that he had voted Wednesday and on Thursday and had not been checked by election workers Thursday. A check of the computer voting list showed only one vote recorded, as did a check of his activity card.

The court then recalled several witnesses in an attempt to clarify the chain of events involved in the displacement of two computer cards from the voting area and their eventual return to the election commission.

The hearing which up to that time had consumed four hours was recessed in order to allow the court to deliberate the case.

The court deliberated for 90 minutes and then returned its verdict acquitting Gillem of all charges except the one concerning the voting registration of students.

Concerning the decision in regard to the election, Ledford said, "It is our duty not only to interpret the law but to be responsible for the unity of the ASB. An infraction in the election process did occur and therefore we will allow the student body to decide if a new election is warranted."

In regard to the verdict, Sakas commented, "I believe that certain members of the court were unduly biased in their opinion before the court met. I am aware that certain members of the court took part in the planning of the indictment."

"I don't believe the court was impartial," he added, "I think the case should have been before another judicial body."

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McLean, Greer Lose 5, Win 3 In Debate Meet

Fred McLean and Lee Greer, two members of MTSU's debate squad, won three and lost five rounds in the National Debate Tournament held in Houston this past weekend.

They defeated Ohio State University, Loyola University of Chicago, and Georgetown University.

The team lost to Wyoming University, Loyola University of Los Angeles, Southwestern Missouri State University, and Kansas State Teacher's College.

MTSU narrowly missed participation in the elimination rounds which requires a record of four wins and four losses.

Jim Brooks, debate coach, stated that he was "very pleased with their showing." He pointed out the calibre of the institutions represented at the national contest and expressed his feeling that the 3-5 record is a noteworthy achievement.

"I wanted them to win," he added, "but I thought that they reflected well on themselves and the university and I'm sure they can do better next year."

Greer and McLean, who debated whether the federal government should grant annually a specific percentage of its income tax revenue to the states, are both Paris juniors and were both chosen as Tennessee Collegiate Debate Champions for the second year in a row.

According to Brooks this was the first time an MTSU debate team had qualified for the national debate since debating began on this campus 59 years ago with the organization of the Harry W. Grady Literary Society in 1911.

Each year the American Forensics Association extends bids to 40 debating teams to participate in the national tournament. Bids go to the top four teams in each of the eight regional districts.

MTSU placed second in the southeastern district and represented this district in Houston along with Emory University, Wake Forrest University, and the University of Georgia.

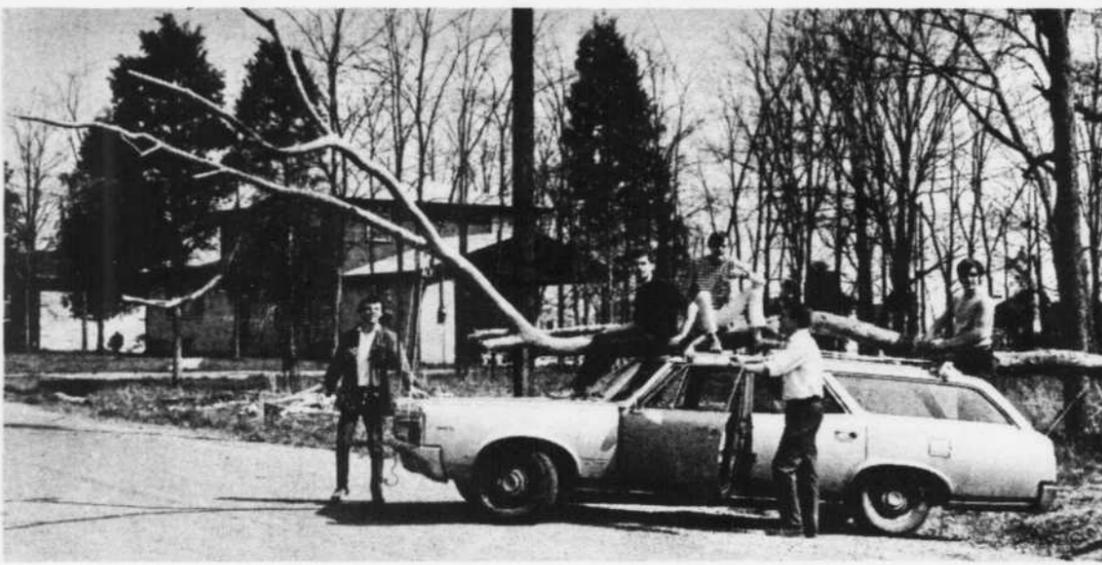
Greer and McLean were chosen to represent the squad because of the excellent records they compiled in the regional tournaments.

They left for Houston last Thursday and were accompanied by David Walker, director of forensics, and James Brooks, debate coach.

Friday they participated in eight rounds of debate. The top 16 teams then went on into the elimination rounds on Sunday. An octofinal round eliminated eight more teams and a quarter final eliminated four of these. Then the semifinal eliminated two of the four. The two remaining teams then debated for the national championship.

In August of each year the American Forensic Association selects one question. This question is debated by the colleges all year until the national tournament is over and the question is retired.

During the debating season the MTSU debating squad travels almost every weekend attending tournaments in the East and South. "Each member of the squad works approximately 21 hours a week in preparation for these tournaments," Brooks said.



Motorized Reindeer?

The stage crew for the Buchanan Players transport a 30-foot tree which will be used in the May 6-8 production of "The Crucible."

Director Ejects Trio From UC

Accused of Distributing 'Offensive' Material

By Bobby Sands
Special Reporter

An MTSU student, Jim Kacena, Madison freshman, and two non-student associates representing the "Young Socialist Alliance" were asked to leave the University Center basement where they were distributing literature and selling books yesterday.

Kacena's two associates were Rich Finkel of New York who is billed as National Field Secretary of the Young Socialist Alliance, and Sandy Peck of Cleveland, Ohio.

The three individuals set up their table in the post office area between 11 a.m. and 12 noon, when Joe Tenpenny, an instructor in business administration, challenged the trio's purposes. Numerous other MTSU students crowded around the table to witness the verbal exchanges.

Tenpenny termed the material that the young group was passing out as "offensive" and stated he felt that it was his obligation to speak out against such activity.

It was to the delight of an angry group of about 100 stu-

dents that Dallas Biggers, University Center director, asked them to leave after receiving a call from the dean of men, Robert LaLance.

Biggers stated that the trio was asked to leave primarily because they were soliciting the sale of books which is prohibited by university rules. Biggers also pointed out that Finkel and Miss Peck are not students and did not receive permission to set up the table in the University Center.

Harold Smith, assistant director of the University Center pointed out that the trio was "passing out literature that advocated complete overthrow of the establishment which included the university community."

When asked if the group planned to return to the MTSU campus, Finkel replied, "Sure do, plan to come back tomorrow."

Finkel exchanged taunts with the MTSU students chiding them for their "Tennessee style of

free speech and southern hospitality."

Students encouraged Finkel "to go to Cuba and cut sugar cane if he likes Fidel Castro so much."

Dean of Men Robert LaLance said that Kacena gave as the purpose of the organization to perpetuate the Socialistic theory of economics and point out the weakness of capitalism.

According to LaLance some of their literature advocated subversive activities against the university.

LaLance pointed out that provisional recognition provides a group with a limited range of activities and inviting in non-students to distribute literature in the University Center is not one of them.

As the group prepared to leave one unidentified student threw a rock at the trio's Volkswagen van. Assistant director of the UC Smith at this point pleaded with the angry students to keep "their cool" because violence would not prove or accomplish anything.

Band Director Exhibits Photos

Most MTSU students know Joseph Smith as director of the Band of Blue, but now they have the chance to meet him as a photographer.

Examples of his work are being exhibited at the photographic gallery in the Drawing Building of the Industrial Arts Complex through May 2.

According to Smith, "Some photographers shoot pictures with a message, but I only shoot photographs that are of interest to me." He added that he enjoys making photographs

that other people enjoy looking at for the sake of beauty, event, or experimentation.

In the current exhibit, the pictures range from a tender portrait of a figure lying in the grass to exciting stop-action shots of a girl lunging out of a swimming pool.

Smith's still lifes, such as those of pottery or wagon wheels, almost have the quality of painting. He also displays his great skill with solarization in his photographs of Oaklands.

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Editorial

There Are ABC's In Communication

A confrontation on the question of women's rights and dormitory hours is finally coming to a head here. And both students and administrators are handling the situation rather poorly.

Representatives from both sides have declared their refusal to debate this controversial topic on the other's ground. Administrative officials have indicated that exertion of student "pressure" in the form of demonstrations will not speed hours liberalization -- indeed, the connotation seems to be that any such exhibition can lead only to tighter checks and control.

Similarly, the more radical students have declared that they won't try to work through channels that the administration has already suggested. Leaders of this group feel that administrators should meet them on their own ground -- at meetings and rallies -- to debate the issues. If officials won't come out where the students are, there won't be any intercommunication, they claim.

There certainly won't be intercommunication -- or any communication period -- as long as each of the supposed communicators maintains such a belligerent attitude toward the other.

Undoubtedly the final solution reached will be a compromise -- something that won't completely satisfy anyone concerned but will at the same time concede a little to everyone.

But unless both factions compromise a little right now, reaching that final solution will be a much more lengthy and painful struggle than necessary.

If the main concern here is really reaching a satisfactory compromise and not coming to a showdown on university power structures, then both sides should be willing to give in a little.

Administrators have already begun by organizing a meeting of women concerned with the women's dormitory problems. Now they could follow up by appearing at a similar student-organized meeting for both sexes.

And students who are truly interested can do their part by appealing to proper university channels to initiate changes.

In the meantime, however, all concerned could hasten progress if they would stop talking "at" each other and make a concentrated effort to objectively listen to another side of the question.

By Wanda Ensor

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Just How Much Must Officials Give In?

To the editor:

This past Monday night I received a communique from the dean of women informing that the President of this university wished to "communicate with several female students" Tuesday morning at 11 and would I please attend. I assumed that the President wished to exchange ideas with us concerning women's regulations on campus. I furthermore assumed that my name had not been picked at random since I have opposed the regulations concerning women's hours.

There was approximately 60 women at the meetings and members of the administration (assistant to the president, dean of women, dean of students, dean of men and assistant dean of women). I knew many of the women there since they, too, had been voicing their disapproval of the hours. Others were dorm presidents and members of the women's dormitory council. Many I knew did not agree with me.

President Scarlett began talking about the progress which had been made the past two years and how it had all been accomplished through the correct channels. He said that if we stepped over some hypothetical line that all this could be jeopardized.

He then began to talk about the rumors which he had heard concerning a walkout by women

students (although he did not ask if any of us had considered it). He emphasized that he would not be pressured by any group on campus, and anyone who participated in a walk-out on campus would have to be prepared to accept the consequences.

As the President spoke of the rules committee, someone in the group apparently raised her eyebrows. Seeming to lose his temper, Scarlett said by doing that, the girl was calling him a liar and was not showing his committee any respect. And "damn-it-to-hell" he was tired of people not having any respect for his committees.

After his speech the President asked for comments. Everyone sat for a moment in stunned silence. We had somehow been chosen to come to a meeting we knew nothing about, only to receive veiled threats and accusations of showing disrespect.

While President Scarlett was resenting pressure placed on him, he was at the same time putting pressure on us to not get involved in campus issues. One of the most accepted methods of shaping an institution's actions is through pressure.

While the ensuing discussion was good, the opening remarks had certainly impaired the freeness of the situation. A

few of us left the meeting feeling threatened, frustrated and angry. Whenever we tried to define the administration's feelings toward the rules, we were put off with "the rules committee will come up with the suggestions."

It seems that the administration has taken a rather condescending attitude toward the students. They seem not concerned with what the students want but rather how much they have to give the students to placate them. They only look at the means and not the ends. The basic question is not one of hours or dorm mothers-- it is one of the student's relationship to the university.

I have a larger concern than whether or not I have to come in at 6 a.m. I am concerned that men and women do not have equal rules at this institution. I am concerned that the students have little or no actual power to affect changes in the university structure.

I am concerned that the university has become a political tool to be manipulated by men who aren't involved in the university. And I am concerned that the administration takes an alarmist position concerning the actions of students to affect positive change.

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Don't Break Inadequate Rules

To the Editor:

There are many laws, rules and regulations which are inadequate. However, breaking them is a very poor and childish way of obtaining change and progress. If a person feels that a rule or law is bad or "unconstitutional," then he will have two strikes against him if he breaks this rule in order to prove a point.

Number one, the so-called "establishment" will be against him for breaking the rule in the first place and two, his own peers who have violated this same rule and been punished for it may not think too highly of him either.

When a rule is violated intentionally with full knowledge of the consequences, then a

person should be ready to accept the punishment. As for the Mrs. Burch case concerning dormitory hours, Mrs. Burch was fully aware of the existence of the 6 a.m. curfew and the consequences of coming in late.

If she feels this rule is "unconstitutional," then there are other ways of expressing her views that show more maturity and rationality than the way she chose. As the cliché goes, "Two wrongs do not make a right."

Some would say that because of her action, attention was brought more quickly to the problem. However, the problem was already under investigation and discussion. The Co-ed Codes were in the process of

being revised, and the committee was open for suggestions.

This "if-you-don't-like-the-laws-then-break-them" attitude has no place on this campus. It is detrimental to a struggling student body government that is doing its best to get on sturdy legs, and it widens the gap between student and administration communications.

If problems were approached by students in an adult manner with a mature foresight of the outcome, then maybe the administration would be more understanding and willing to listen.

Respectfully,
Janis Montgomery
Box 7400

'Freedom' Article Wasn't Accurate

To the editor,

I have just finished reading the first edition of the new campus newspaper, "Freedom's Voice." Of special interest to me was the article concerning Mr. Robert W. Daughtry and Mr. Beany W. Stafford. These two men appeared before the Men's Inter-Dormitory Council charged with violation of MTSU regulations.

In the article Mr. Daughtry is quoted as saying the hearing was a "mockery of justice" for they were not advised of their Constitutional rights, and they were forced to act as their own defense counsel. Let me set the record clear.

These two men were told that they had the right to remain silent, and that they would not be required to testify against themselves. They were reminded of their right to have counsel, and in fact a Mr. Dan Coleman, Box 4395, MTSU, did serve as their counsel. Mr. Daughtry and Mr. Stafford were warned that statements made in

the hearing may be taken into consideration by the Council.

When asked to give a plea, they could plead guilty, not guilty or remain silent. They were told of this fact. After the case was heard the two men were given the opportunity to offer any information in extenuation or mitigation that might help the council reach a decision on the recommendation. None was offered.

Another charge was made in the article that a member of the council came in after the defense had been given. It was asked: "How could someone who was not even present have been a fair judge of what had happened?" A member of the council did arrive late, but neither his vote or the voice of the Council Chairman was counted or needed to reach a decision concerning the guilt of the two men.

Mr. Daughtry may appeal his case to the ASB Supreme Court as this is his right. He was notified of this right by the Inter-Dormitory Council when

their recommendation was read to him. His appeal, however, should not be based on any charge that he did not receive proper treatment before the Men's Inter-Dormitory Council.

John W. Ladd
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The SIDELINES welcomes all student and faculty comment on current events or articles published in this newspaper. Personal comments should be submitted as letters to the editor.

These letters should be typed, of reasonable length, and signed with the sender's name and box number or other address.

The editorial board reserves final judgment on the printing of all letters submitted.

'Tell It Like It Is'

BSU Musical Opens

"Tell It Like It Is," a musical production sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, will have two performances, Sunday, April 26.

Consisting of approximately 40 students, the group will perform at the Mount Zion Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 and at the Third Baptist Church at 7.

The Mount Zion Church has an all-black congregation, and the "Tell It Like It Is" cast is all-white. By performing at the black church, they hope to attract black students to participate in the production.

According to Sharon Agee, Watertown freshman, "Tell It Like It Is" is a "Christian

folk-musical to bring young people closer to God." She stated that the production does the participants good and that if people could understand how the cast feels about the program, they would benefit from it.

The cast has been practicing since last semester, making use of drums, bass and lead guitars, a piano, and psychedelic lights to convey their message of Christianity.

Miss Agee stated that the feeling she gets from the performance is "indescribable," and added that doing something for God gives her "a sense of floating in air."

SIDELINES Applications Due

The deadline for applications for the positions of editor-in-chief and business manager of the SIDELINES is Friday, April 24, according to Mrs. Anne W. Nunamaker, faculty adviser.

These applications are open for the summer and fall semesters to any interested student, and should be picked up immediately at the SIDELINES office and returned to Mrs. Nunamaker.

Candidates may apply for either or both semesters. To qualify, applicants should be at least second semester sophomores with a 2.0 overall average.

The new editor and business manager will be selected by the University Communication Committee and will be announced at the annual publications banquet May 8.

MTSU Observes Earth Week

Workers Uproot Trees By Art Barn

By Annelle Brock

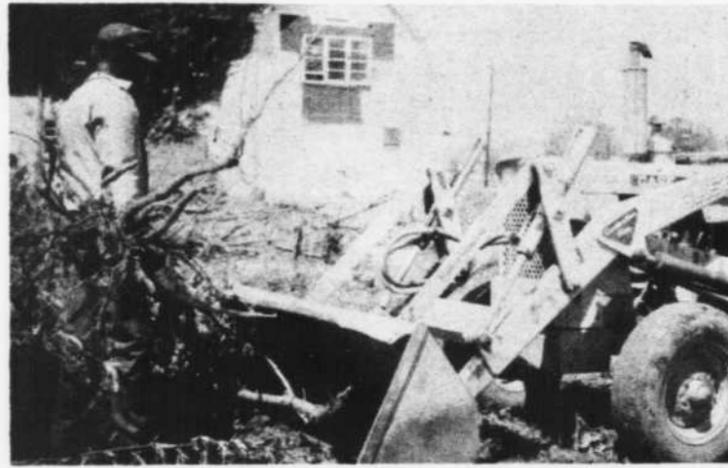
"There is significance in de-storying beauty in the form of trees during Earth Week," said Charles Brandon, head of the Art Department.

Brandon stated that since Earth Week is set aside to enjoy the preservation of living things, people on MTSU's campus have evidently missed the message.

Early Monday morning maintenance workers began cutting down the more than 50 trees behind the Art Barn which were planted there 15 years ago to be transferred to other parts of the campus.

Klaus Kallenberger, also of the Art Department, stated, "I feel very strongly about the trees being cut down. The trees are a beauty of nature and have not given anyone any trouble in the years they have been there, and I see no reason why they should be destroyed." He further stated that the young people should speak up now or there will be no trees by the time they are old.

One reason for the destruction of the trees is that some of the peach trees were diseased, according to Earl H. New of the Agriculture Department. He said that the trees were



Monday morning, MTSU maintenance men began destroying more than 50 peach and plum trees on the east side of the campus behind the Art Barn.

destroyed partly because they were not valuable at the time of purchase and that there are plans to buy more and better trees to be planted next fall.

According to Harold Jewell of the Maintenance Department, there is a drainage problem in the area where the trees were standing and that despite rumors that a parking lot is to be constructed at the site, plans are to regrade and reseed the cleared area.

Walks will be made leading from the doors of the east side of the Barn to the present parking lot. Jewell stated that an area near the Barn may be used for flower beds, and the new seeded lawn could be used to display the work of art students.

Shrubs and plum trees have not yet been removed from the area, but as soon as possible, they plan to move these trees to other locations on campus.

Officials Question Fire Origin

The fire which caused an estimated \$30,000 damage to the campus show barn last Wednesday night was probably the result of carelessness or arson, according to President M.G. Scarlett.

Scarlett said Tuesday that investigations have shown that the fire could not have been the result of electrical wiring failure or of spontaneous combustion.

However, there is no way to determine whether the blaze began from a careless match or cigarette or whether it was maliciously set, Scarlett said.

Rebuilding plans are not yet complete, he added. "We aren't sure if we'll want to put the new barn in the same location," he said. "We may just put a temporary roof on the brick walls so we can keep the cattle in it

now and relocate a new barn later."

The university president also expressed his doubts that extra costs for rebuilding the barn will change priorities of the campus building program.

The new structure will probably cost around \$35,000 -- not enough to divert the main schedule of the building program, he said.

What's Up

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
 4 p.m. -- Greek Week track events, Football field
 5 p.m. -- Fellowship Club, 324, ABC, UC
 6:30 p.m. -- ASB House meeting, 322 ABC, UC
 6:30 p.m. -- ASB Senate meeting, 303, UC
 6:30 p.m. -- Campus Scouts, 310, UC
 8 p.m. -- Young Democrats, 324 C, UC

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
 1 p.m. -- MTSU vs. Austin Peay, baseball, here
 8 p.m. -- Fun Night, Greeks and non-Greeks, 50¢, Gym.

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Greek Week Activity

ATO Captures Donkeyball Championship

By Jim Lynch

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity withstood a stern challenge from Sigma Chi and took the Fraternity Donkey Basketball Championship 6-4 Tuesday night.

The event, part of "Greek Week," was sponsored by the MTSU Rodeo Club and aside from a few bruises, sprained ankles and wounded egos was an outstanding success.

The action got underway as the ATO's mounted their steeds and blanked Kappa Sigma 6-0 in the first contest. The second game was captured by Sigma Chi over Kappa Alpha by the rousing score of 4-2.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon then grabbed the mules and handed the newest MTSU fraternity,

Sigma Iota Nu, an 8-4 licking in one of the more action filled clashes of the evening.

Rounding out the action in the first round, Pi Kappa Alpha slipped past Sigma Nu 6-4 to earn the right to continue in the revelry.

As the semi-finals got under way, the action got rougher and the donkeys got meaner. ATO struck first, downing SAE 4-2 and then Sigma Chi blasted the Pike 10-0, using the old "snowbird" routine.

Then came the finals and the ATO's came out on top to receive the trophy for being the

best donkey riding hookshot artists.

The next event scheduled by the Rodeo Club will be a full fledged western rodeo for all high school and college students to be held at the MTSU Agriculture Center on May 9, 10.

Specific events, according to club Vice-President Gary Buckner will be bull riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and others for the guys.

The gals will participate in events including goat tying and barrel racing.

The event is open to all students from anywhere including any fraternity or sorority interested in trying their skill.



Come To Me , Baby

Two members of the SAE fraternity seemed to be enchanted by the round sphere hanging over their heads. The action took place last Tuesday night in the fraternity donkey basketball tournament held in the MTSU gym.

Photo by Dash and Flash

Raiders Split Doubleheader

Coach Butch Clifton's Blue Raiders upped their baseball record to 10-6 with a split doubleheader at Tennessee State Tuesday. The Raiders fell in the first game 6-3, but bounced back to take the nightcap 3-2.

From the opening pitch the Tigers poured on the hardware and when the smoke cleared at the end of the second they led 6-0.

Then Terry Rowe, the freshman flash from Florida, went to work and held the Tigers to only one more hit.

The Raiders suffered a disappointment in the third when three men died on base.

In the fifth, Tony Kessinger

opened with a double and scored on Ed Robichaud's single. Robichaud took second on the throw to home and third when the Tiger shortstop booted Butch Wright's grounder. Robichaud scored on a balk but the Raiders again went down with two left on.

The other Raider run came on Bo Alvarez's tape-measure homer in the sixth.

Rowe went all the way for the Raiders at one point retiring ten in a row after the disastrous first two innings.

The second game had a happier ending for Coaches Clifton and Pack. The Raiders took the lead in the third when Scott Corbin walked, pitcher Denny Bailey singled and Alvarez

slammed a sacrifice fly to center.

The Tigers came back in the fourth when George Brown doubled in two runs, and took over the lead.

The winning runs came in the fifth when Ed Robichaud singled with two men in scoring position.

Denny Bailey collected his second win of the season with some seventh inning help from Gary Elrod.

The Raiders take on Austin Peay at home Saturday in a crucial OVC Western Division doubleheader. The Blue swept a doubleheader from the Gobs earlier in the season at Clarksville.

Spring Football Drills

Personnel Changes Mark Halfway Point

Several personnel changes have been made in the MTSU football program as the spring practice session has hit the midway point.

Chip Street, a 6-1, 235-pounder from Winchester and a regular defensive tackle last fall, has been moved for the second time this spring, this time from center to offensive tackle.

Moved to fill the hole left by Street's departure were Ron Johnson, a starting offensive guard last season, and Ed Zaunbrecher, a reserve linebacker.

Johnson (6-1, 210) is from Lenoir City, while Zaunbrecher (6-1, 205) is from Columbia. Moving to defensive tackle is

giant Bob Johnston (6-4, 250), who had been running at offensive tackle. Johnston is a transfer student from South Broward Junior College in Florida.

"We can't wait to see what this guy is doing to do at defensive tackle," stated line coach Bill Peck. "However, we anticipate that he may take a few heads off."

In return for Johnston, the defense seat Bob Taylor, a 6-0, 210-pound freshman to the offense. Taylor, from Atlanta, will be used at offensive guard.

Injuries have slacked off somewhat after the first week's deluge that saw several mem-

bers of the first two units sidelined.

Among the injured are the Patterson twins, Herbert and Harold, who both have broken left hands; fullback Tommy Beene (hamstring); fullback Gary Wright (slowed by an old knee injury); and punter Ron Johnson (back injury).

With the squad down to 55 men, including only two quarterbacks, rough work has been held to a bare minimum, and even in the limited scrimmages, the quarterbacks, junior Bobby Gatlin and freshman Dean Rodenbeck, are merely tagged instead of tackled.

"If some of our injured men don't make it back, we may not have enough players to hold our spring game," said Coach Don Fuoss. "We'll just have to wait and see."

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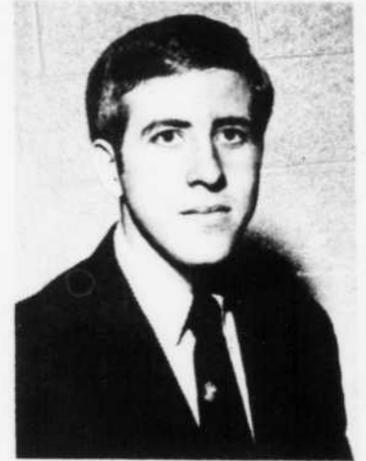
Steve McElhaney, guard for the MTSU Blue Raider basketball squad last season, has reportedly left school giving up his last year of eligibility.

The little sparkplug from Chattanooga performed as the quarterback of the team at the beginning of last season before suffering a fractured foot before OVC competition began.

He did not see action for the remainder of the season until the last game with Austin Peay in Clarksville. His return to the lineup in that game brought a rousing reaction from the fans who attended MTSU's final game of the 1969-70 season.

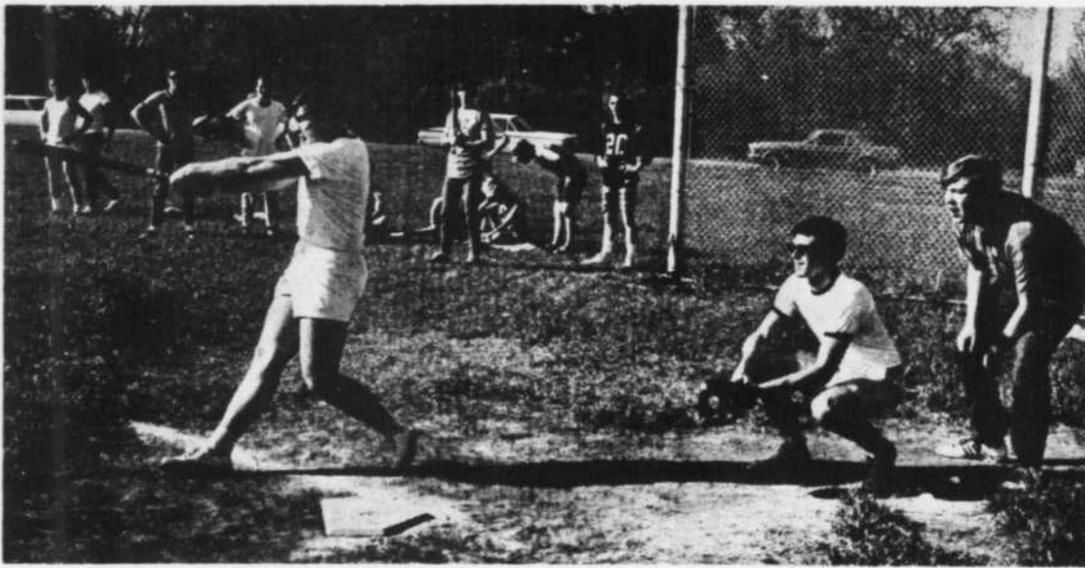
"Mac" led the scoring percentage for the Blue before the injury sidelined him with a mark of over 13 points per game.

Reports indicate that he will be entering the army soon.



Steve McElhaney

leaves school....



Wendell Pedigo of the intramural softball team, The Bandetts, laces into a fat one as competition began Monday. Wendell's efforts were in vain, however, as they fell

to the Head Honchoes 6-5. Catching for the Honchoes is Wade Phillips and calling the balls and strikes is Randy Smith.

Photo by Dash and Flash

Intramural Softball Games Begin

The MTSU intramural softball season got off to a big bang Monday under the direction of Coach Joe Ruffner, intramural director.

With the sun shining brightly and a stiff wind blowing from the South, the Gore Bunch opened the season with an 11-7 win over Smith Hall.

The Big Knockers laid it on Judd Hall 5-2 in one of the lower scoring games of the day, and the UCF's pushed across the winning run in extra innings to take the Leftovers 9-8.

The Ghetto Boys jumped off to an early 6-1 lead in other action only to see the Vet's Club catch them later and take an 11-9 lead going into the last inning. The Ghetto boys however pushed across the neces-

By Jim Lynch

sary runs and took home a 14-12 win in the action packed contest.

The Bombers did exactly that, they bombed Delta Tau Alpha 22-1, to register the most runs scored by one team for the day.

Tuesday's action saw the LDL's fall short with a four run rally in the bottom of the sixth inning, dropping the game to Charlie Brown's All Stars, 12-11.

In a real pitchers dual featuring superb defense, the BSU, current intramural basketball champs, defeated the Rappers 3-1.

The Red Eyes squeezed across the winning run in the top of the seventh and then held

on to take a 13-12 win over the CSMF's.

The Head Honchoes held off a seventh inning rally in which the Bandetts scored two runs, to score a tight 6-5 win. The big inning for the Honchoes was the fourth when they tallied five times.

The Reivers had little trouble with Yebatz holding them to only one run and taking home a 6-1 win.

Action was rounded out for the day as the Big "T" bombed across eight runs in the bottom of the third to defeat the Man Town Men 14-10.

Action will continue this afternoon, barring rain, and schedules are posted in the gymnasium or in Coach Ruffner's office.

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