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Student rights bill gets ASB approval

By Tony Daughtrey

Legislation concerning the investigation of the Special Events Committee and an amendment to the ASB Constitution to insure the protection of student rights were passed by the ASB Senate and House of Representatives Thursday night.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Bill Mason and Sen.

Richard Langford, was passed on a voice vote by both Houses. It will need to be approved by a second vote of the ASB and a student referendum before taking effect.

The purpose of the amendment is to guarantee "basic American rights" to students and to "insure fair treatment in the university courts."

Provisions of the amendment

call for a presumption of innocence until proven guilty and protection from double jeopardy.

Questions were raised concerning whether or not the bill would be retroactive and how much respect would the administration give to it.

A resolution calling for a committee to investigate the workings of the Special Events Com-

mittee was passed by an overwhelming majority.

Sponsored by Jeff Combos, candidate for speaker of the house, the resolution alleged that a major portion of the student body was displeased with the committee.

The resolution declared that the main concern of the committee should be the students and said that the committee had allowed the general public the same advantages as the students in attending concerts.

A resolution to study the possibility of changing the school's name was passed by the house but died in the senate.

Proponents of the bill said the presence of the word "state" in the school name carried the impression of small size and cited as examples several state community colleges.

Sen. Sarah Brotzge maintained that the impression was carried by the word "college" in the school names and not the word "state." Another opponent used the examples of Penn State and Ohio State as proof that the word carried no implication of size.

Reaction good on grant extension

by Charlotte Crowder
TCPA Correspondent

NASHVILLE — Reaction across the state has been favorable to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last week, which said Tennessee's tuition grant program can continue pending appeal.

Earlier, a three-judge panel had declared the 1971 tuition grant program unconstitutional and ordered that no new applicants be accepted. This is being appealed, and the state had asked the Supreme Court to allow the plan to continue during the appeal.

The program had been responsible for awarding \$3,667,607 to 5,803 students across the state, or an average grant of \$632, accord-

ing to Dick Keller of the University of Tennessee financial aid office.

About 300 students are on the program at MTSU.

The controversy over the program started because the curricula at four Tennessee schools (Lee, Lipscomb, Freed-Hardeman and Bryan College) were challenged as being too religious in nature. The court said a clear separation between church and state was necessary under the first and fourteenth amendments for those schools to receive grant money.

The court's ruling declared the tuition grant program unconstitutional for all Tennessee schools, not just the four involved in the original action.

John Folger, executive direc-

tor of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, said he hopes the legislature will be able to change the plan to make it constitutional.

He said if the program were stopped, it would "be difficult to get it cranked up again" and would cause "a tremendous loss to the students."

Folger said funding next year could be a problem, especially since he doesn't expect the Supreme Court to make a final decision during its current session.

Folger said he thinks the program can be reworked to clearly differentiate between secular and non-secular institutions.

Write-in pair blast ASB, seek presidential post

by Phil West

Calling for re-designation of parking spaces to aid commuters, ASB support of decriminalization of marijuana and privacy for dorm residents, two students yesterday announced their write-in candidacy for ASB president.

Ken Marshall, a Murfreesboro senior, and Don Reynolds, a senior from Gallatin, both blasted the ASB for lack of concern for students.

Marshall, who finished second in last year's presidential election, said he "felt the two announced candidates were just too conservative to adequately represent the views of the majority of students on this campus."

A Navy veteran, Marshall said it is "incomprehensible" that dorm residents are denied "every right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution" and proposed organized student demonstrations.

Reynolds said the ASB "has one customer and one customer only — the student body." He suggested re-designation of parking spaces and said decriminalization of marijuana is "inevitable."

"The ASB should seek to lobby effectively (for decriminalization), protect MTSU students and prevent all marijuana busts in Murfreesboro," Reynolds' statement says.

Reynolds also said he would "eliminate all benefits for ASB officers and officials," open up the MTSU Day Care Center "to children of married and unmarried students" and institute "meaningful programs."



ASB President David Dodd demonstrates the use of one of the computer terminals that will be used to register votes in the upcoming student elections.

Charles Steed photo

Carroll: students need senate knowledge

By Robin Freeman

If the ASB is really going to be effective, people need to know who their senators are and what they can do, Jane Carroll, candidate for speaker of the senate, said yesterday.

Carroll, who is running unopposed, said she is "really sincere" in her campaign. "There is always the possibility of some competition from write-in candidates, but there is no strong opponent that I know of," she said.

Two problems with the ASB, according to Carroll, are the average student's unfamiliarity with his senators and the administration's veto power.

"You just cannot ramrod an idea or legislation through the administration. You have to subtly sway their opinion by approaching them with backing from a large group of students," Carroll said.

Senators do not have confidence in what they can do because of this constant veto threat, she added, and they are easily discouraged.

"The senators I've talked to

expressed dissatisfaction with the senate and the cabinet. They simply do not know what they are supposed to do. The speaker (of the senate) needs to combat this feeling and organize the senate," Carroll explained, "and I'm a fairly good organizer."

If elected, Carroll wants to inform the senators this summer about university operations.

"I want them to be 'orators,' speakers before the people," she said.

"I took a survey of 10 of 22 senators who attended the last ASB meeting, and only two of them felt the senate was even the slightest bit effective," Carroll said.

She blamed the lack of candidates in the election on a lack of feeling of accomplishment on the part of students and senators,

calling it a "a sad situation."

The main internal ASB problem is a need to correct the working relationship between the branches (senate, house and executive), Carroll said.

"My first concern is the whole ASB. I support most of David Dodd's programs such as ombudsman, trouble shooters and academic advisers," Carroll said.

"There will always be gripes from students, and we need to find out the best way to deal with them," she concluded.

ASB Speakout set for grill

The ASB-sponsored "Speakout" for student office candidates will be held at 7:00 tonight in the new section of the grill.

Candidates for president, both speaker seats and for the senate will appear. Both official and unofficial (write-in) candidates will be allowed to speak.

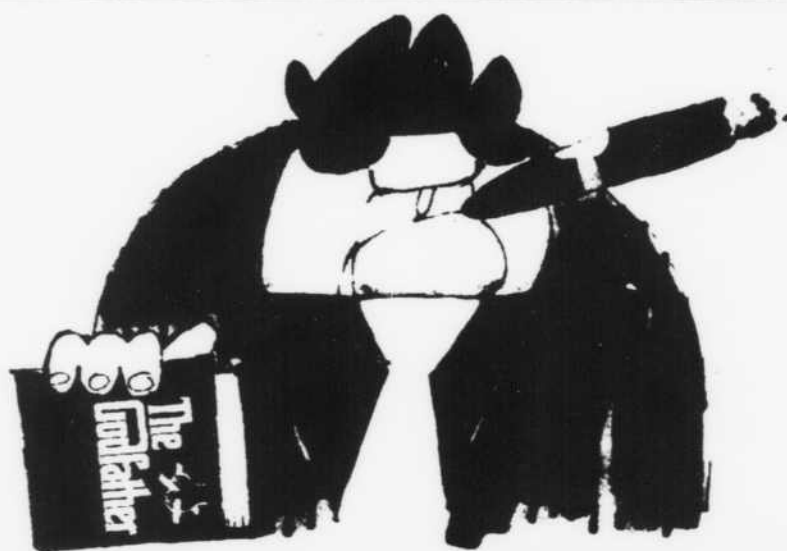
Elvis tickets still available

Tickets for the May 7 Elvis Presley Concert will be available to students from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thurs., at the University Center ticket booth, Harold Smith, director of student programming, said yesterday.

Tickets will be \$10 and if there are any left they will go on sale at 12 noon Friday, Smith said.

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Court has 'good representation,' Helberg says

By John Pitts

Stating that the administration "would be within their legal right to abolish the entire court system," ASB presidential candidate Ted Helberg said the present judiciary "has good student representation."

"If the seats are filled by good, competent people, the courts will be adequate bodies of representation," Helberg said.

"Certainly I'm not saying we have everything we need," Helberg cautioned. If changes are needed, in the courts or elsewhere, students need to "fight for reform," Helberg added.

Helberg said he "would like to see double jeopardy applied to

disciplinary actions," but that "double jeopardy does not apply to administrative matters."

On the issue of using the powers of ASB president to lobby for legislation in the state, Helberg said he would, if elected, lobby for putting a student on the Board of Regents, the governing body of 16 state institutions of higher education.

Helberg attended a meeting of state student government presidents last weekend, where a proposal was made for placing a student on the board. In the plan, the presidents of student governments in Regents' controlled schools would nominate three candidates for the single post.

Helberg said he supports this plan and eventually would like to see more than one student on the board.

Although the computer voting system to be used has been criticized, Helberg says it will be "more efficient . . . if students can be informed about it."

"People have been crying for a long time about how inefficient ASB elections are," Helberg said, while the new method will be "just pushing buttons."

Answering accusations that he is "Dodd's boy," Helberg defended himself, saying "I'm sorry that anybody would make that kind of stereotype."

"I'll do David's programs the

same as I would do any other outgoing president's," Helberg said. He added that he would keep the "good" programs and abolish those that are not helping the students.

"I do think that David has developed a positive attitude toward the ASB this year," he added.

Helberg refuted other charges about his affiliation with Dodd and said, "I'm not going to resort to any mudslinging."

Helberg encouraged students to attend the "speakout" Tuesday night. "They'll find out a lot about what the candidates have to offer," he explained.

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Sponsored by the American Red Cross for foreign students throughout the midstate area, the talent night is being held to

"promote good will" with the students, Sheila Alford, one of the Red Cross workers, said.

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Mason attacks opponent, judicial system

by Phil West

ASB presidential candidate Bill Mason yesterday attacked the campus judicial system and opponent Ted Helberg's stand on parking.

"Dean Paul Cantrell told me to lay off the judicial system," Mason said. "He (Cantrell) told me the system we have here is the best in the state. If it is, I pity the other schools."

Mason criticized the student courts because "the burden of proof lies with the accused. You are guilty until proven innocent," he charged.

The presidential hopeful claimed that "the word of an administrator is taken above that of a student" and that "conviction does not require proof beyond a shadow of a doubt."

Mason cited the Jimmy Washington case where he said "the word of two administrators — campus policemen — was accepted" by the Campus Disciplinary Committee rather than Washington's testimony.

Mason also charged that students can be held in double jeopardy despite a recent ruling by the ASB supreme court to the contrary. Mason called the ruling "asinine."

"We have an attorney general

who is bloodhungry," Mason said. "He's more interested in prosecution — winning a case — than seeing that justice is done."

"The solution," Mason suggested, "is to make it the attorney general's job to see that fairness is done. Appoint a prosecutor and public defender."

Mason pointed out that the parking issue "comes up every year." He said he sees no viable solution to the shortage of parking spaces.

"The only solution is for the president to recommend changing the color codes of the present parking spaces," Mason said.

The presidential candidate also attacked ties between his opponent and former ASB presidents.

"He (Helberg) is Dodd's lackey. It's obvious," Mason said. "Three out of the last four ASB presidents have been Sigma Alpha Epsilon members. I may as well be running against Dodd."

Another of Mason's points of dissatisfaction is the rights of university officials to search dorm rooms. "There is no right to privacy. Any university official can search your dorm room at any time," he charged.

However, an amendment, co-

sponsored by Mason and Richard Langford, to "guarantee students their basic American rights and to insure fair treatment in the university courts" was passed on the first reading by a joint session of the ASB legislature Thursday.

The amendment also

"clarifies" the question of double jeopardy in student courts. "No student shall be tried twice for the same offense; and no student shall be brought to court more than once for the same action, even if the charge has been rewritten," the amendment states.

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 Quiz Bowl: 6:30 p.m., UC 318
 Tutoring program: 7 p.m., UC 310
 ASB Speak Out: 7 p.m., UC grill
 Meeting: MTSU Fencing Club, 7 p.m., AM 300
 Meeting: Weight Off Club, 8 p.m., AM dance studio
 Meeting: women's consciousness raising group, 6 p.m., NCB 218
 Meeting: Prelaw Society, 11 a.m., OM 324

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Meeting: Chemistry Club, 7 p.m., NS 106.
 Guest speaker John Davis will speak on "So You're Interviewing Dupont."
 Meeting: MTSU Hang Gliding Club, 7 p.m., mass communications conference room, third floor, SUB
 Placement Orientation: seniors and graduate students, 3 p.m., UC 322
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Movie: hang gliding, 1 p.m., UC Theatre
 Meeting: Karate Club, 4 p.m., dance studio B, Murphy Center
 Meeting: Circle K, 6:30 p.m., UC 312
 Concert: Baptist Student Union, 8 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB
 Meeting: Kool Club, 8 p.m., UC 305

Thursday, Feb. 27

Placement Orientation: seniors and graduate students, 11 a.m., UC 322
 ASB traffic court: 3-4 p.m., UC 322-A
 Movie: "Harrad Experiment," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre, 50 cents
 Meeting: Baha'i Association, 6:30 p.m., UC 324-C
 Meeting: Modern Dance Club, 7 p.m., dance studio B, Murphy Center
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No double jeopardy--court

By Rick Edmondson

In a 4-2 decision, the ASB Supreme Court ruled Thursday that MTSU prosecutors did not violate double jeopardy laws by bringing David Hock to court twice for the same offense.

Justices Nancy Scarlett and Ardina Garth dissented.

Hock, an MTSU junior, was found Dec. 6 in a apartment occupied by three women. The ASB General Sessions Court sentenced him Feb. 6 to a semester of disciplinary probation for violating J and K housing regulations.

The court had dismissed charges against Hock at his first hearing Jan. 28, ruling the pro-

secution filed improper charges. Hock had been accused of violating "open house" regulations although J and K residents participate in visitation, not open house.

ASB Public Defender Jean Byasse submitted a written deposition from Norman L. Parks, professor of constitutional law, who indicated double jeopardy does apply to the Hock case.

"It is beyond doubt that under judicial proceeding Mr. Hock cannot be tried a second time for the same offense...He should not be victimized merely because of the blundering of his accusers. Otherwise every proceeding before the court becomes a fishing expedition under which the accused can be continuously in jeopardy in trial after trial," the deposition stated.

ASB Atty. Gen. Mike Carter argued that double jeopardy could not apply to the Hock case because it was an administrative as opposed to judicial type hearing.

"How can you be placed in jeopardy before you are found guilty?" he asked. "You have a 50-50 chance of being found not guilty. You cannot lose anything until you are found guilty," Carter said.

River trip offers alternative to studies

by Tony Daughtrey

If you are tired of the routine of classroom learning, the department of geography and earth science has a refreshing alternative for you. As part of its inter-session curriculum, the department is sponsoring a two week,

three hour credit field trip to the western United States highlighted by a four day float trip down the Green River in Utah. For the cost of \$270 plus tuition and personal expenses, the course gives students the opportunity to study in a course related environment

that no classroom can duplicate.

The river expedition will include a plane trip up the river in addition to the float trip down.

Students interested in the course should meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday in OM 320 for more information. Those unable to attend may apply by contacting the department of geography and earth science, OM 301B. Deadline for application is March 15.



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Combos calls for more issues, less criticism

by Michael Gigandet

Calling for less politics and more student services, house speaker candidate Jeff Combos charged Saturday that "most" ASB candidates spend more time on criticizing than on issues.

It is the "general feeling," Combos said, that candidates should criticize preceding administrations instead of talking about issues.

Combos will run against Tom Wells for speaker of the house in the ASB elections slated for March 4 and 5.

Friday Wells questioned the continuance of the ASB and said that would be a major issue in this year's elections.

"If he is not sure it (ASB) is worth keeping around, why is he running for a top office?" Combos asked.

Releasing an 11-point campaign platform Saturday, the pre-vet major called for lower tuition costs, ASB executive review every two weeks, more student determination of curriculum and an investigation into the wages of on-campus employees.

Combos also promised to fight any increase in tuition costs. Although his power is limited, he said he would pass resolutions challenging costly policies

which might cause a tuition increase.

Seniors and juniors from every department should be selected to help make recommendations for courses the university will offer the next year, he said.

He also pledged to find out if the administration is taking advantage of the abundance of student

employees and paying them too little.

"I feel they (student employees) may be paid too little, but maybe that is all the administration can pay," he pointed out.

He also said he would appoint a housing committee, "which would locate inexpensive housing, try to keep rents down, inves-

tigate health conditions, keep register of unethical standards and provide free bug spray for students living in the campus dormitories."

An investigation into "the possibility of providing offices for the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Council" are also planned.

Wells says 3 members run house

by Rick Edmondson

Until Bill Mason became a representative, two people controlled the entire ASB house, Tom Wells, candidate for speaker of the house, said yesterday.

Due to the lack of interest of house members, Wells said himself, his opponent, Jeff Combos and Bill Mason, ASB presidential candidate, were the only house members to introduce any legislation last semester.

"They (the house members) don't know what's going on and they haven't been given an opportunity to get involved," Wells added.

Wells said this lack of involvement was due to apathetic house members and lack of initiative from the ASB leadership.

"There are 84 or 85 groups rep-

resented in the house, but only 45 of them are active right now," the candidate said.

Wells said the Ombudsman and tutoring programs could have worked, "but it hasn't been organized from the top." He again blamed this on a lack of ASB leadership.

The speaker hopeful commended Combos for his proposal to promote greater relations between campus religious groups and the administration, but added "I think a lot of issues are more important."

Wells, who introduced a student rights amendment earlier this year that was passed through the house but killed in the senate, promised to solicit more student response to ASB government through cooperation with

Sidelines.

Students should express their feelings about administration vetoes by writing letters to Sidelines, but first they must be informed about ASB action, Wells said.

The ASB derives its power from informing the students, he added.

Wells, who went on the Hy-lake trip last year, said the annual trip is unnecessary, but an outing should be planned each year to help students in ASB government get better acquainted with the administrators they will be working with.

Wells headed the House committee on gun control which resolved that security officers should not be allowed to carry guns in the day.

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Regents' visitation ruling benefits 'Peeping Toms'

J and K apartment residents have been condemned to live yet another year by someone else's antiquated standards.

After approving the rules committee's differentiated housing plan, the state Board of Regents graciously ruled Friday that students could start closing their doors during visitation hours.

Previous rules forced residents to crack their doors while visiting the opposite sex to eliminate the distinct possibility that students might take advantage of privacy by committing nefarious and immoral acts.

Considering the sudden revelation of the energy crisis, the regents showed a slight hint of common sense.

Doesn't it make you wonder why we had to be suffering something as severe as a nationwide energy crisis before students could close their doors and enjoy a little of the age-old American right to privacy.

Ah, but the good news stopped there.

Like a 19th century Victorian inquisition, the Regents ruled that students **MUST** leave their doors unlocked, **MUST** keep window blinds open and **MUST** have their rooms fully lighted.

Instead of enduring the cold wind and rain in their apartments, residents must now endure the snooping eyes and noses of officials ever on the alert for immorality.

In the real world, these officials would be arrested as "Peeping Toms."

Like Winston Churchill's aptly dubbed "prudes on the prowl," university officials will no longer have to "peek" through doors opened just a crack.

Thanks to 19th century standards, officials only have to glance into windows to discover residents committing immoral, sacrilegious, un-American acts.



ASB elections going to be best sideshow in town

by Robin Freeman

Students have complained about the lack of good entertainment scheduled on campus this semester. Well, your worries are over. The circus is coming to MTSU March 4 and 5.

While I call it "the funniest show on earth," others might haphazardly refer to it as the ASB elections.

Bill Bennett should seriously consider supplying popcorn and peanuts at the polls. After all, if you can't even book enough acts for the three main rings, does he actually think people will rush out and vote?

Most circuses consist of such daredevil acts as high wire, lion tamers, and fire eaters, but the

ASB elections are booked solid with side shows.

Elephants usually get the top billing for animal attractions. Not to be outdone by an ordinary show, the elections will display the biggest jackasses on campus. In the center ring we have two clowns, I mean candidates, competing for the crowd's laughter. With typical politician's expertise, they change masks and makeup to fit the situation. One minute they smile. The next, who knows?

Let them promise us good times. Anyone can tell jokes for \$100 a month, tuition and a free room, but after the show is over, the joke is on us. We think we have elected a responsible stu-

dent government. Ha! Ha!

I really shouldn't laugh. The situation is no laughing matter, but after all, the elections have become the annual campus joke.

Some might argue that the elections (and subsequently the ASB) should be abolished, but we can't seriously consider such an idea. That would be like begging Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey to violate anti-trust laws! We certainly don't want to force a monopoly on them.

MTSU's circus is really a therapeutic tool. It comes along once a year; we laugh and do our duty as responsible students; then the circus leaves town and things are back on the track of no return.

What we have here is blasé attitudes. Apathy cannot be applied in the case of our circus. To be apathetic means we don't care, but we do.

We care so much about our student government, we always send the very best. Look at the star attractions! Such talent! Harold Smith, we beat you to this one! Elvis, eat your heart out!

To justify a circus like ours, it is always good to perform for a charitable organization, and can you think of a more qualified

charity case than the students on the campus?

Students, get your tickets early. You won't want to miss this show. Mr. Bennett, pack your peanuts and bag your popcorn; and to make sure you fill the big top, blow up some balloons. There's plenty of hot air.



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Rants about ranting seems self-defeating

He who rants last rants the loudest.

Really now! Let's be serious! Ranting about ranting, if I may express my incompetent, un-intellectual opinion, seems to be somewhat self-defeating. There are, of course, those who bitch just for the sake of bitching.

What's even worse, there are those who, when they can't find anything better to bitch about, bitch about bitching. To these people, superfluous bitching is something to be reckoned with. And Mr. Reynolds is right.

What will all the beautiful peo-

Second revolt

would not help

I don't know who started the talk about revolution in America, but whoever he is, he must be a fool.

I don't believe anyone would want to put up with the conditions that would result from a revolution. No one would like to wake up in the morning and wonder if this was going to be the last day of his life.

One could not get in his car and not wonder if he would disappear in an explosion from a bomb.

He could not walk down the street without the fear of being caught in a cross fire between government and insurgent forces or being picked off by a sniper.

And if things got bad enough, he would frequently face an empty table and the hungry faces of his family.

Many of these things are happening today in Northern Ireland.

America saw a great armed rebellion in 1861-1865. The only things the great Cause Southerners fought for produced were hardships, blockade, starvation, disease, destruction and over 600,000 dead Americans.

Even 110 years later sayings such as "Damned Yankees" and "Southern Rednecks" indicate that scars are still left from this war.

God forbid this should happen again.

Gary Sullivant
Box 7687

Letters

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ple and all the intellectuals think if they see that we are nothing but a bunch of "Yup-yups"?

Crackpot criticisms concerning those who might wish to express themselves serve no purpose whatsoever other than to give people like Mr. Reynolds and me a chance to practice up on our typing.

True, many of the articles submitted to Sidelines have little if any logical, concrete foundation; and they aren't going to win many literary prizes, either.

Editor should learn facts

Mr. Edmondson's article of Feb. 18 shows compassion for the poor of our nation, but an unbelievable hatred for the leaders of this country.

Emotionalism is pervasive in his article. Unfortunately his emotionalism is not backed up with a knowledge of economics.

Mr. Ford's proposed decontrolling of domestic oil prices and tax on imported oil are aimed at raising additional federal revenues to pay for programs to aid the poor and reduce our consumption of oil and our dependency on the whims of the OPEC nations.

No one looks forward to the possibility of paying a dollar for a gallon of gas, but regulating the prices thru the marketplace is possibly the least destructive way to handle the energy problem, and is easily the least susceptible to the bureaucratic bungling.

The "grand profits" cited by Edmondson have declined from

15.6 per cent of national income in 1950 to 9.2 per cent in 1974, a decline of over 40 per cent. And this was occurring while employe compensation increased from 64.1 per cent of national income to 75 per cent. Actual wages of nonfarm workers rose 38 per cent between 1966 and 1972 while corporate profits of the same period declined 4 per cent.

Since 1965 taxes paid by corporations have doubled while dividends paid to stockholders rose only 67 per cent. I believe this indicates that the corporations pay their way.

The statistics previously quoted are all available in two issues of the Wall Street Journal, Jan. 20, and Feb. 5.

Mr. Edmondson, may I suggest you research your emotional issues before you, as Steve Reynolds so aptly put it, begin your rantings.

Bill Richmond
Box 9081

People seek security, give up freedom

The American people no longer want freedom. They've traded it for security. Our freedoms have been violated and are no longer protected.

We have the freedom of speech as long as we say what they want to hear; freedom of assembly as long as we assemble at the right place, at the right time, with the right people; freedom to bear arms if we meet the restrictions (guns don't kill — people do) which are continuously becoming stiffer.

Two hundred years ago we had a great dream, but we blew it. We were to have a government controlled by the people.

A few elite control the government and the government controls the people.

If the present situation continues, you can expect demonstrations and protests again. Only this time it won't be college kids,

it'll be the worker.

The government has already turned on the people; phones are tapped, the CIA and FBI are gathering information and attempting to destroy anyone who

Peaceful revolt is better

I applaud Rick Edmondson's attempt in instilling political awareness of the right of revolution (Feb. 18 Sidelines). His reference to violence as the only way to transform society certainly shows a great amount of understandable frustration. I oppose violence as a revolutionary method.

We, who are part of a university (the institution which keeps the most abreast of all aspects of society), should have a high sense of political conscience.

We who are the future leaders should always be knowledgeable of our responsibility to government and its responsibility to us. We should question any societal system in which all the people are not being benefited to the maximum.

Factionalism amongst us only perpetuates the possibility of government abuse. We should all think positively of how we can live harmoniously.

Bo Richardson
Box 5365

public, regardless how irrational, insignificant or unintelligent others may perceive him to be.

You can't expect to find startling revelations concerning world problems in the Sidelines. Our infantile minds aren't developed enough to transcend Sidelines consciousness and move on up to the Daily News Journal or the Tennessean's consciousness, where the real mysteries of life are revealed.

The MTSU student body has long been noted as one of the most apathetic group of people ever assembled together at a university, as well as a student body composed mostly of pseudo-intellectuals.

So I fail to see any logic behind stifling a spark of empathy, regardless of how insignificant that empathy may seem to some, through the use of overreactionary, captious criticisms.

And any student who wishes to make his "ranting" known publicly should be given that chance without being coined as an impulsive, incompetent, undereducated teeny-bopper.

When people are frustrated it is very likely that there will be those who will respond by bitching. And my solution to those who feel that these opinions aren't worth any intellectual recognition is to simply disregard these letters and opinions when you pick up the next edition of the Sidelines. Spare me your ridiculous rebukes and I'll spare you mine . . . most of the time.

Terry Mofield
Box 4662

"steps out of line."

Just remember, 1984 is only nine years away and Big Brother has already started watching.

Charles Steed
Box 3305

Frats slate dystrophy fund drive

Members of all twelve fraternities will participate in a fund-raising drive Tuesday to help combat muscular dystrophy, Mike Livesay, Inter-Fraternity Council president, said.

Murfreesboro will be divided into twelve districts for coverage by the fraternities.

Unlike past fund drives, there will be no competition this year between fraternities for the high-

est amount of donations, Livesay said. Instead, the IFC has banded the groups together to obtain greater cooperation in collecting the needed funds, he added.

Worldwide tours offered

Nine international tours will be offered to students this summer by the office of continuing education, Jerry McGhee, dean of continuing education, said recently.

Credit for the tours will be awarded to undergraduates and graduates, McGhee said.

Tours of Germany, London, Paris, Rome, Florence, Austria, Mexico, South America, the Holy Lands and the U.S. are planned, he explained.

The tours cost between \$250 and \$1500. For further information contact the office of continuing education.

Brass quintet schedules show

MTSU's Brass Quintet will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday in Choral Hall in the Saunders Fine Arts Building.

Quintet members represent the faculty and students. Performing will be Dr. Tom Naylor, trumpet; Dr. Thomas Hutcheson, horn; Cully Beasley, trombone; John Reid, trumpet; and Mark Baskin, tuba.

Among the pieces to be performed are the "Sonatine for Brass," "Four Moods for Brass Quintet" and "Timbres for Brass Quintet and Electronic Tape."

The last song listed was written by Joseph Ott, who will be on the MTSU campus for the Electronic Music Plus Conference in April.

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Veterans life insurance available

Vietnam veterans separated from active service since April 2, 1970, are eligible for the Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI) program.

Bob Burnett, Veteran's Administration representative, said men discharged on or before July 31, 1974, must apply for

VGLI before Aug. 1. Veterans discharged after that date have no application deadline soon.

The VGLI, a follow-up program to the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance, is offered by the Veterans' Administration as "interim protection during readjustment to civilian life," Burnett said.

Although the policy cannot be renewed, coverage lasts five years and may be purchased in \$5,000 multiples up to \$20,000. "It is designed for vets in college who cannot afford other insurance, and primarily for those who are married since they are usually more insurance-oriented," Burnett explained.

About 80 per cent of MTSU's 954 veterans could receive VGLI, Burnett said.

"The best thing about it is that it is cheaper than any commercial insurance policy, and when it runs out, it can be converted to a commercial policy without a physical examination," he said.

Servicemen discharged since Aug. 1, 1974, will receive application forms automatically, but those separated earlier must request a form.

VGLI forms are available in office 102 in the administration building.

Modern art film to be presented

As part of a film series on living contemporary artists being presented at the art barn, "Two Developments in Painting of the 60's" will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the design room.

Abstractionists Frank Stella and Larry Poons will be featured in their studios, painting and discussing the exploitation of repetition, emptiness and monotony.

Stella combines sculpture and painting by applying thick layers of paint on his canvasses, while Poons is more of a "pure painter."

In the second part of the film, Morris Louis and Ken Noland, who are called "new abstractionists" for their work in color field painting, will show examples of their art.

Critics familiar with the works of Noland and Louis will discuss their working relationships, their attitudes and the factors that influence their works.

Scarlett selects committee for vice president search

President M.G. Scarlett has appointed an advisory committee to search for a replacement for outgoing Vice President Harry Wagner, who will assume the presidency of Motlow State Community College March 1.

Dean of Students Robert LaLance is acting vice president for student affairs, and Paul Cantrell, associate dean of men, will temporarily assume LaLance's position.

The committee is accepting applications, but due to "time constraints," nominations will be refused, Robert MacLean, search committee chairman, said Wednesday.

Applications should be submitted directly to the committee, MacLean added.

The office of student affairs has "executive and budgetary responsibilities for planning and direction of all areas of student affairs" and "administers the university student program disciplinary code," the committee's guidelines state.

"An earned doctorate with extensive experience in student personnel work," teaching experience and management skills in student program planning are some of the qualities the committee is searching for.

Applications must be submitted by March 20 and mailed to Student Affairs Vice President Advisory Search Committee, Box 30.

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City safety commissioner will report on parking

Murfreesboro Safety Commissioner Claude Armour said Friday that he will report to the City Council "possibly Thursday night" on the problem of students parking in residents' yards and driveways during special events in Murphy Center.

Armour was instructed by the City Council Feb. 13 to study the parking problem after about 10 residents of Eaton and Division Streets complained to the council that people attending basketball games at MTSU were blocking driveways and "tearing up" yards.

During that meeting Councilman Joe Jackson said "tough and strict laws" are needed to correct the parking problem.

Armour said he had been "taking notes" in the area Thursday and Friday and will report on the matter this week.

Collage features history

by John Pitts

Rutherford County's historic courthouse and an MTSU faculty member's fascination with Abe Lincoln provide reading enjoyment in the third issue of Collage, the student creative magazine.

Collage will be available tomorrow in the usual Sidelines distribution areas.

The courthouse is the subject for Larry Reynolds' cover illustration, Michael Gigandet's story

"Though Time Passes" and story illustrations by Reynolds and Greg Bragg.

"Lincoln Lives On," written by Robin Freeman, is a look at the Lincolniana collection of mass communication professor Max Shively and his wife Phyllis.

Photographs by Fred Carr help illustrate the story of Shively's collection; from its beginnings with a single etching of Lincoln to the present number of books, busts, documents, pictures and other items connected with the president's life.

Murfreesboro's leading macrame artist, Dot Lau, is profiled in "Arabian Art," a feature by Lucy Sikes. Accompanying photographs are by Larry Robinson.

Bob Herring, who ventured with Cajun fiddler Doug Kershaw into the Savage Gulf wilderness of Middle Tennessee in November, chronicles the experience of roaming the ragged land in "The Savage Face of Savage Gulf."

Poetry by Ted Helberg, Sally Schneider and E. J. Pigg and illustrations and photos by Cathy Cobb and Danny Brooks round out the offerings of this issue of Collage.

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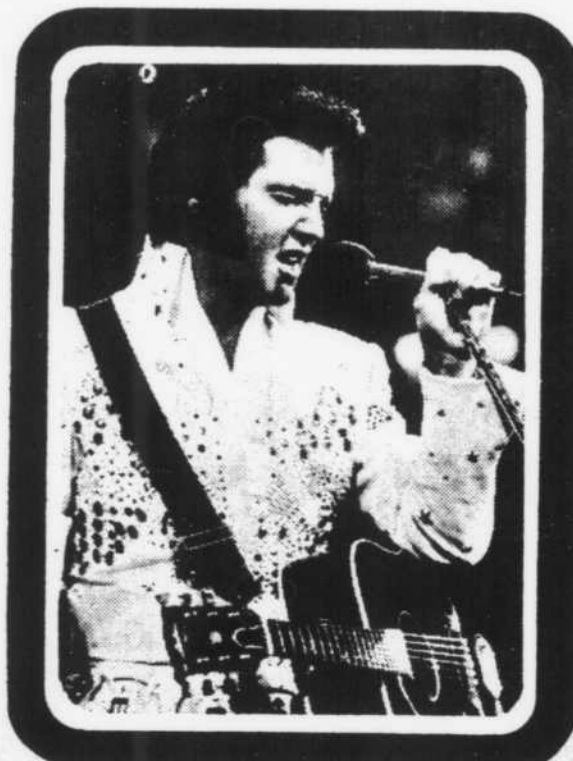


Crisis Call to meet Thursday

Rutherford County Crisis Call Volunteers will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Rutherford County Guidance Center.

Rebecca Marshall, a Guidance Center counselor, will be the first of a series of guest speakers.

The public is invited to attend. Persons interested in becoming Crisis Call Volunteers should attend the meeting or contact Dottie MacLean at 898-2799 or 896-0707.



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Learning group sponsors telecommunication contest

The MTSU Learning Resources Center is sponsoring the first Tennessee Audio Visual Association (TAVA) telecommunication contest for fulltime students of Tennessee public and private schools, Van Fox, director of telecommunications for the Learning Resources Center, said Friday.

Prizes will be awarded in the three categories of 8mm, 16mm and video tape and will include a portable television set, a super 8 projector and audio tape-recorder. Fox said the competition will be divided into grade school, high school and college divisions.

"Originality of ideas, creativity of script and material, technical quality of the production, appropriateness of the content and effective use of the medium employed will be the criteria for judging," Fox said. "We're anxious to see how our students match up with students from other schools."

The contest is designed by TAVA to recognize creative use of media by students in the state, Fox said.

Entries must be in by March 1. Applications are available from the LRC in the library.

First, second and third place winners will have their work shown at the visual literacy conference March 8 in the University Center.

Law society to give mock exam

A mock law school application test will be administered at 8:30 a.m. March 22 on campus by the Pre-Law Society.

Mike Carter, society president, said any student interested in taking the test should obtain an

application from the political science department office immediately. Applications must be returned no later than March 6.

The charge will be \$4 for society members and \$5.50 for non-members.

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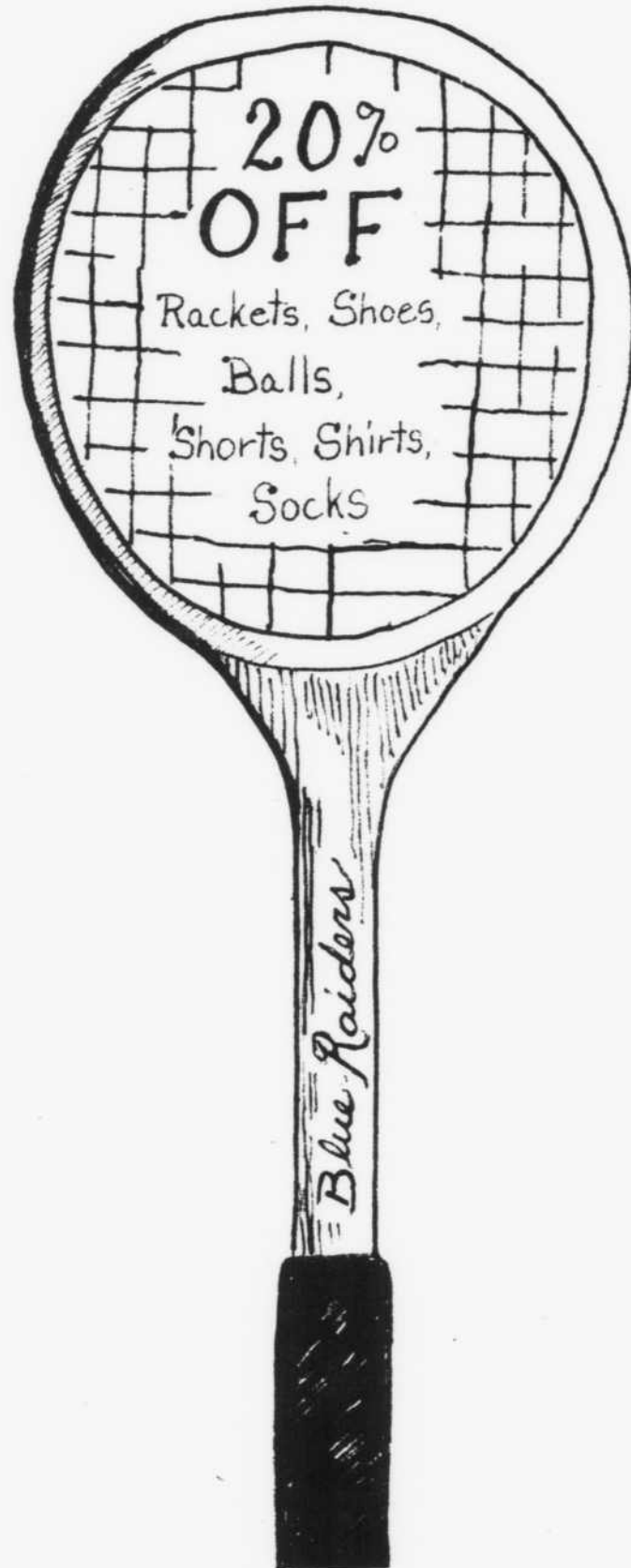
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MTSU places 4th at WCU; Krakoviak tops women

By Lisa Marchesoni

Blue Raider women gymnasts will host the University of Tennessee at Martin at 9 a.m. Saturday and the men will host UT-M and David Lipscomb at 2 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

The men placed fourth over the weekend in a meet with Western Carolina, Eastern Kentucky and Citadel College at Cullowhee, N.C., and the women gymnasts lost to Western Carolina.

All-round competitor Sally Krakoviak won first place honors, Coach Linda Patterson said yesterday.

"We had several girls injured or sick last weekend," Patterson said. "Krakoviak was the only all-round gymnast from our team who competed."

Although the men didn't have a full lineup, Coach Pat Hannon said the gymnasts "did well individually."

Guy Freeman, an all-round competitor, did not participate in the meet.

Gary Woodlee scored 20.6 points overall, and Rodney Syler averaged 4.55 points on the vault.

"On floor exercises, Jamie Proctor gained 5.45 points, and

Gene Foster totalled 4.1 on the rings," Hannon said.

Saturday's competition will be the last regular meet of the season.

Volleyball, handball registration open

Registration for men's volleyball and the men's handball doubles tournament will remain open until 4 p.m. Friday.

Any teams wishing to compete in the intramural volleyball program should register in room 205 of Alumni Memorial Gym. Clinic sessions will be held March 17 and 18, and each team must send a representative or be dropped from the schedule, IM Director Joe Ruffner said yesterday.

Handball matches will begin March 18 and will be scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6 and 9 p.m., Ruffner said. All persons entering the tournament must play their matches at the designated time, he added.

The single elimination tournament is open to faculty members and students.

For further details, contact Ruffner in the intramural office, room 205 of the old gym, or call 898-2104.

Raiders sign 15 prospects

by Tom Wood

Fifteen high school football players have signed national letters of intent to play for MTSU next fall, head coach Ben Hurt announced Friday.

Hurt said he was "delighted to have them with us," and that the Raiders lost only one prospect, a lineman from Columbia who decided to go elsewhere.

Hurt and his coaching staff signed three quarterbacks, one place-kicker, one punter, two running backs, two defensive backs and six linemen.

Tommy Nolan, an All-Nashville Interscholastic League performer and Barry Draper are the kicking specialists. Nolan is the younger brother of MTSU record setting kicker Kenny Nolan. Draper was an All-Conference performer at Gallatin High School.

Midstate Player of the Year Mike Hollerman, a running back from Gallatin, also signed with the Raiders.

Robert Snapp (5-11, 180) from Church Hill, is one of three quarterbacks signed. Jack Fuqua (6-4, 215) from Atlanta, Ga., who is a Marine veteran and David Tucker (6-1, 185) from Cookeville are the other signees.

James Rogers, (5-10, 195) a running back from Blairsville, Ga., Tim Moore, (6-1, 175) wide receiver from Marietta, Ga., and Tim Mack from Lexington, Ky., were the only other out of state players. The 6-2, 175 pound Mack was a 'Coach and Athlete' All-American.

Lady Raiders drop pair

By Mark Barebo

The Lady Raiders dropped two of three basketball games this weekend in the Tennessee Collegiate Women's Sports Federation (TCWSF) District Tournament at Tennessee State in Nashville.

Despite the losses, the MTSU club qualified for the TCWSF State Tournament, to be held at

Lambuth College later this week.

In Friday night's action, the Lady Raiders swamped Fisk 76-26. Saturday morning, the squad was stopped by Austin Peay 56-53. Saturday afternoon, the MTSU club was tripped by Tennessee Tech 67-57.

"We had a difficult time playing at 10:30 in the morning and then again at 1:30 that afternoon," coach Dee Hunt said.

The Lady Raiders will compete at 8 p.m. Thursday in the TCWSF State Tournament at Lambuth College.

MTSU booters lose 3rd in row

MTSU's soccer club dropped its second and third games of the season over the weekend.

Saturday, the Raiders fell 4-0 to Vanderbilt University's second team, with three of the goals coming on penalty kicks. Sunday, the club lost to Nashville International by the same margin. Again, three of the victor's goals came on penalty kicks.

Competing for the first year in the Dixie Amateur Soccer League, the booters' season record is 0-3. MTSU fell to Father Ryan high school 12-1 in its first defeat.

"We just got organized in the last couple of weeks and have only had one team practice," club co-ordinator and president Don Johnston said yesterday.

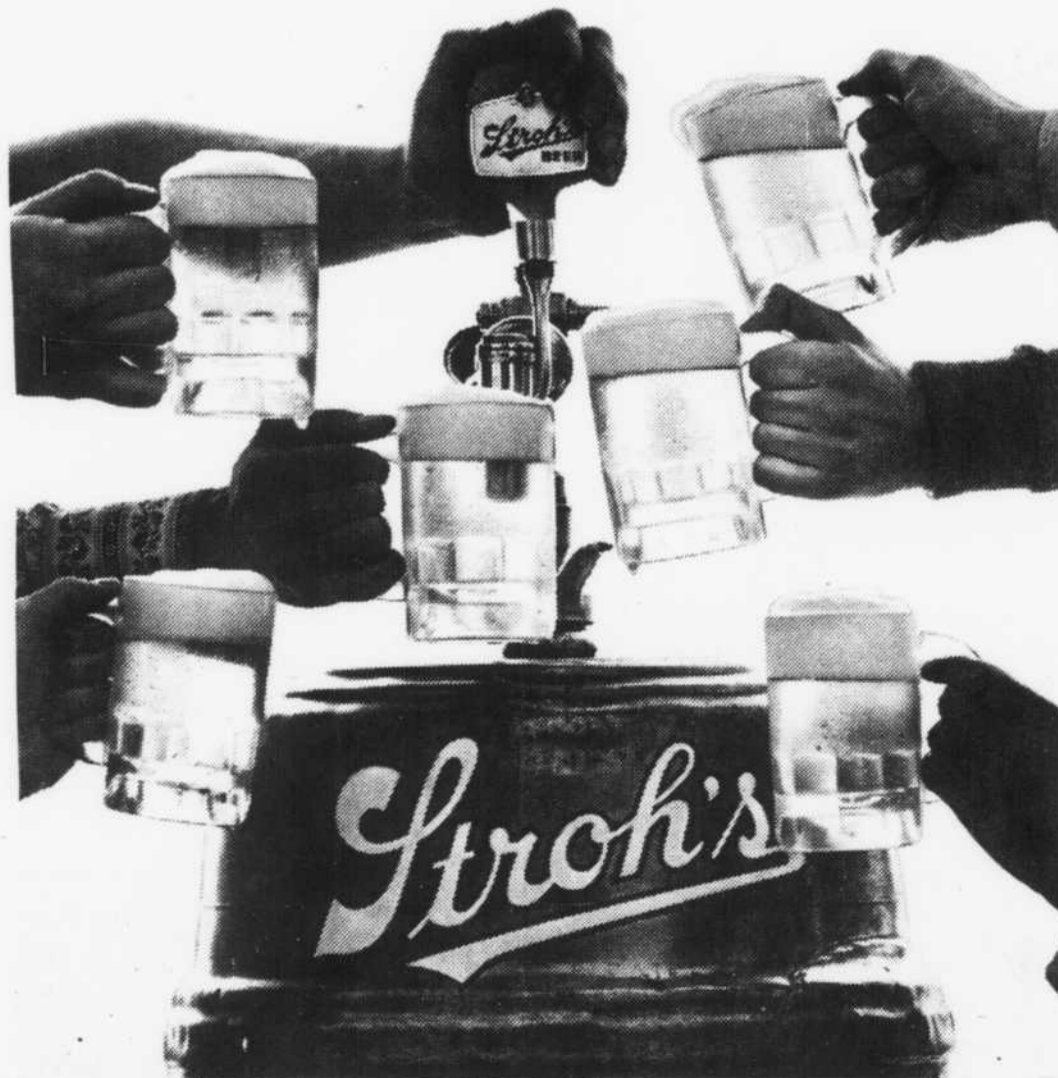
"Our team this year consists mostly of newcomers," Johnston pointed out. "This is the first year in the Dixie League, and our opponents are pretty tough."

MTSU will meet the Nashville Stars at 3 p.m. Saturday at Peabody College in Nashville.

Anyone wishing to join the Raider soccer club should contact Johnston at 893-0589.

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Sorrell, Sisneros spark 99-90 win over Racers

Raiders clinch first OVC crown

by Tom Wood

Coupled with a 92-76 Western Kentucky win over Austin Peay, MTSU clinched its first Ohio Valley Conference championship by whipping Murray State 99-90 last night at Murphy Center before a crowd of 8,500.

The win marked the Raiders' first 20-win season (20-4 overall and 11-2 in conference play) and extended the Blue Machine's home court winning streak to 25.

George Sorrell and Tim Sisneros led the way for the Raiders with 31 and 24 points, respectively. The Kokomo Kruncher (Sisneros) grabbed 10 rebounds, while Sorrell pulled down seven.

Jimmy Martin rammed in 17 points and had 11 assists, while backcourt teammate Fred Allen gunned in 10. Steve Peeler added eight points, and Sleepy Taylor contributed nine.

Jesse Williams pumped in 26 points for the red-hot Racers, who shot 61.8 per cent from the field. Zach Blasingame added 25 points in the losing cause.

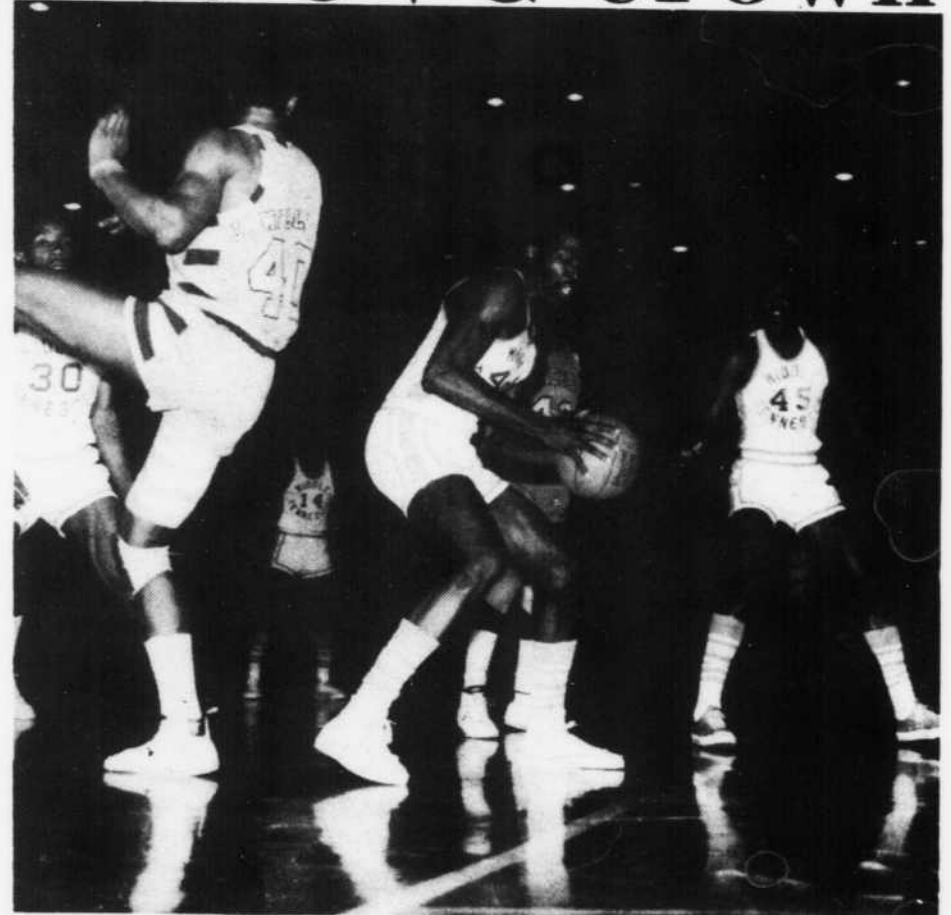
The Raiders went into the second half up by six (47-41), and jumped out by as many as 12 midway through the final period. Murray refused to give in, however, pulling to within three with 2:30 showing on the clock.

MTSU went into its patented stall with 1:23 left, and the free-throw shooting of Taylor and Allen pulled the Raiders out to a 97-90 margin. Sisneros scored with three seconds left for the final spread.

"This was our best offensive game of the year," MTSU mentor Jimmy Earle said. "It had to be, or we wouldn't have won."

While exuberant in knowing the Raiders had captured their first title, Earle warned that Western Kentucky (the final foe of the regular season) would be ready to play.

Tipoff time for the Western game will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday.



George Sorrell sets up to score two of his 31 points in last night's 99-90 win over Murray. The victory gave MTSU its first OVC championship ever.

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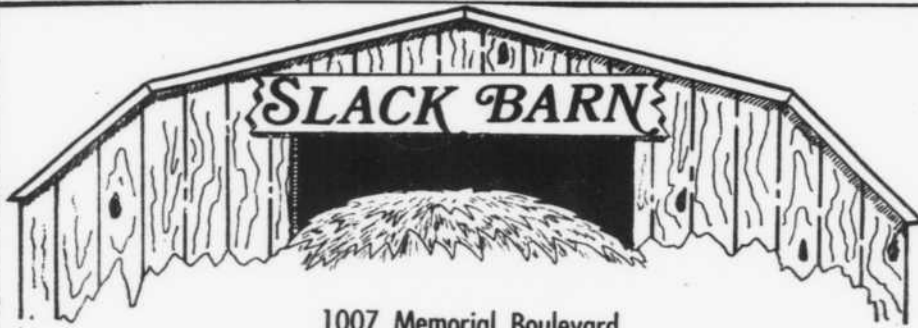
Oh, sure, we've had high-sounding programs and impressive-looking bills, but when the noise died, the average student was no better off than before.

The only important issue this year is student rights. Presently a student can be tried twice for the same offense, is presumed guilty until proven innocent, and might be convicted even if the evidence is in his favor.

We need a president who is not afraid to fight for a fair shake for students, a president who is willing to go over the administration's head to get justice. This year, we have a candidate who will do that.

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WESTERN BLOUSES, MATCHED SETS,
AND SHORTS IN MIDDLE TENN.**

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