

Sidelines

Student Publication of Middle Tennessee State University

Future uncertain over proposed TV program

Status of a proposed WDCN-TV program series spotlighting MTSU students is in limbo because no one seems to know who is in charge of the venture.

Entitled "Perspective--Higher Education," the program idea originated within the administration of former ASB president, John Jackson. The program's purpose was designated by Jackson as an attempt to change the student's image by showing "responsible opinions on the part of students."

The venture was originally scheduled to be in the pilot-stage by "this summer."

However, Jackson said yesterday a decision on the choice of formats has not been made because "we are waiting for technical aid from a professional producer to be hired this fall

by the mass communications department."

Jackson said, however, that he had not been appointed to the job of student program coordinator by ASB president, Tim Watson.

Watson said Monday night that the job is Jackson's "upon his acceptance." Jackson said he tentatively assumed the position pending "official notification."

Watson said the state of limbo existed because of the time consumed by "other important matters."

Gaylord Ayers, WDCN-TV station manager, said delay in implementing the original ideas for the programming would not jeopardize its future. He said the program would have to compete in impact with a "heavy schedule for fall."

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Night torch

A single lamp illuminates this barren tree as well as the surrounding campus, providing needed light for walkers, while perhaps impeding the type "advance" others might have in mind. Photo by Nancy Nipper.

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MTSU suspends Smith

A probe into complaints of alleged misconduct on the part of campus authorities during MTSU's Leon Russell concert has resulted in the suspension of the university's assistant security chief.

Captain Robert Smith, assistant director of the school's security forces, was suspended pending today's release of the outcome of the investigation, a reliable source said.

The move, taken by officials within the university's student personnel section, came after heated controversy locally over allegations that university "authorities" told officers at the concert not to arrest drug-law violators.

Many of the allegations came after a "memorandum" was circulated downtown by persons alleging its author was Smith, the source said.

Smith declined comment and indicated any statement on the matter should "be attained from Dr. (Harry) Wagner."

"We are thoroughly investigating the whole concert, placement and action of every officer and how they performed," Wagner, vice president for student af-

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Major gains approval

Recording industry management

In a meeting Monday at Jackson State Community College, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) approved a bachelor's degree program in recording industry management at MTSU, Edward Kimbrell said yesterday.

THEC approves proposed major in cooperation with industry

The recording industry management (RIM) major was developed in cooperation with recording industry leaders in Nashville, according to Kimbrell, chairman of the Department of Mass Communications.

RIM will be administered by the mass communications and Kimbrell will be the advisor.

The new major is designed to prepare students for professions in the re-

ording industry outside of talent, Kimbrell said.

"That is, in the supporting occupations of advertising, public relations, writing, and business management," he said.

Kimbrell said the major areas of student involvement for the RIM program are business, mass communications and the recording industry.

The program offers a wide base of studies and only allows 16 hours of electives," Kimbrell said.

The program is a result of four years of work on an idea originated by MTSU President M.G. Scarlett. Scarlett organized a committee in June of last year to work on the program.

The committee, headed by Linnell Gentry, consulted with the recording industry leaders in its research into the program.

Gentry, author of a book on the subject, will teach the history of the recording industry course, said Kimbrell. John Duke will

be the professor of the survey of popular music in America, which is in the music department and Willard Kerr, of the psychology department will teach influence of music on behavior.

Kimbrell said that Bill Williams, of Billboard magazine, will possibly

RIM will attempt to help prepare

MTSU students

for a profession

teach the courses on the survey of the music industry.

Survey of popular music in America will be offered this fall, Kimbrell said.

"Hopefully we will be offering history of the recording industry and a survey of the music industry, as well," he said.



RIM

Edward Kimbrell, chairman of the mass communications department, announced this week that a major in the recording industry will be offered at MTSU. (Photo by Nancy Nipper)

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News

Regents take no action on Scarlett controversy

The Tennessee State Board of Regents announced the hiring of one university president, but failed to fire M. G. Scarlett, during a regularly scheduled meeting in Nashville last Friday.

Billy Jones, former MTSU professor was named president of Memphis State University during the three hour regents meeting held at the Tennessee State Archives building.

A rumored move to oust Scarlett from his post as MTSU president never materialized during the session.

Reports had earlier indicated that Kenneth Ezell, a regent from Murfreesboro, would attempt to initiate action ousting Scarlett from his job.

"I have had no official indications of any con-

siderations of my administration at the university, Scarlett said. "There was no official statement today in the board meeting at all, and anything that I would say would be conjecture."

"I think the excellent year we just had makes it very difficult for me to understand how there could be any charges of significance brought against the administration of the university," Scarlett said.

Published reports said Scarlett might be dis-

Action to dismiss

Scarlett fails to surface at meet

missed because of "permissiveness" toward students on the MTSU campus. Objections had also been raised over his son's attempts to acquire a

liquor license in Murfreesboro.

James H. Jones, regent from Mt. Pleasant, viewed the meeting as being successful because "this board meeting had the funds for the largest budget which the state has ever had."

"Better work programs were devised with substantial increases in many areas," Jones said.

"I don't know if the matter concerning Scarlett will ever come up again, but it hasn't been discussed in our meetings," he said.

Kenneth Ezell had no comment on the matter. Informed sources said that Ezell said he had no pre-meeting plans to seek Scarlett's dismissal.

The newly appointed president at Memphis State president at Memphis State, Jones, is scheduled to take over the \$33,000 a

year post on September 1. He succeeds C. C. Humphrey, who left the post last year to become chancellor of the board of regents.

Jones holds degrees from Vanderbilt University and George Peabody

State regents pick Jones to manage at Memphis State

College and has been serving as president of Southwest Texas State University since 1969.

A budget of over \$132 million was recommended to the board of regents by its business and finance committee, based on appropriations made by the 1973 state legislature.

Six universities and 10 junior colleges will operate on this budget.

MTSU received a budget

of \$13,632,855 for the next fiscal year. MTSU's renovation of its student center, costing \$1,104,700, was also approved by the board. Completion date of the renovation is expected to be June 1974.

A progress report, concerning a proposed new medical school, was submitted by East Tennessee State University. The board approved and filed the report.

In other action, the board of regents received, approved, and filed a recent court order prohibiting construction of the Shelby State Community College. The board of regents was named as the defendant in this court order.

Some 80 persons, including representatives of newspapers, radio, and television stations, were on hand to report the meeting.

File 13

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will be available to students beginning July 1, Tim Watson, ASB president, said this week. The cashing plan proposed last spring was delayed because of the lack of proper equipment, Watson said.

Ken Shelton, Manchester sophomore, has been named chairman of the WMOT advisory board, Tim Watson, ASB presi-

dent, said yesterday. He was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Paul Fischer.

Gary Mathis, Columbia senior, has been appointed ASB traffic court justice. He will be responsible for hearing all appeals of parking citations, given by university security police, Tim Watson, ASB president said.

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If the sun shines

Pigg plans drainage work

The drainage problem on MTSU campus is in the preliminary process of "drying up" within the next few months.

"There are three major problem areas," said Charles Pigg, campus planner. They are the areas around the Bell Street parking lot, in the vicinity of Halls Hill Pike and near the Greenland Drive and Tennessee Blvds. intersection.

The work will be conducted in three phases, he said. "Our foremost concern is the Greenland Drive area, which covers a very large area," Pigg said.

"Preliminary plans call for all three problem areas to be eliminated," said Henry Huddleston, Murfreesboro city engineer. "Greenland Drive being the most serious, will be the first step in the project."

"This one area alone will

cost approximately \$305,000 to straighten out," said Huddleston.

"The funds for the entire project will be provided by the university, city and county," said Pigg. "MTSU's share of the expenses is about 20 percent."

"That means the Greenland Drive project will cost the university about \$50,000," he said.

"Part of the funds from the city and county will be from revenue sharing," said Huddleston, "but I don't think that will provide enough. Other appropriations will probably be necessary on their part."

Bell St., Halls Hill Pike and the intersection of Tennessee Blvd. and Greenland Dr. are problem drainage areas.

Another smaller scale program will be initiated to relieve the water problem around Baird Lane, said

Pigg.

"Bids for the project will be sent out in July," said Huddleston, "and work will hopefully begin in August."

"The projected two-three year project will cost over \$500,000," he said.

"The water problem is very evident," said Charles Pigg. "But we're just too flat in this area and it's going to take a lot of work to overcome it."

Shelton receives advisory post

Ken Shelton, Manchester sophomore, has been named chairman of the WMOT-FM advisory board, Tim Watson, ASB president, said yesterday.

Shelton succeeds the interim appointment of Dwight Lane, Nashville senior, who had served in the post since June 1.

Lane had been appointed by Paul Fischer, who resigned his post as chairman after he was named editor of the SIDELINES for the summer semester.

Watson said Shelton has expressed interest in ASB work in the past. This interest coupled with his radio experience, Watson said, makes Shelton very qualified for the post.

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fairs, said. "I have no other comment to make until this investigation is finished."

Locally published articles, some weeks ago, said Assistant Civil Defense Chief H.R. White had accused university "authorities" of giving the alleged order not to arrest the drug users at the event.

White denied those statements yesterday, saying he has filed a "sworn statement" of his denial with local Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification agent Joe Hannah.

Hannah was unavailable for comment, but local Civil Defense Director Russell Fox affirmed the filing of the statement.

"I was even out of town the day of the concert," White said, "so anything I could have gotten would have been hearsay."

"I wasn't even there at the concert," he said. "I didn't know who had worked the concert (as Civil Defense auxiliary policemen.)"

The author of some of those articles, Daily News Journal staffer, George Parrish, said yesterday White did make the statements.

"He certainly did say that," Parrish said. "He works right across the street from me, and he called me in and told me that."

"We've always been instructed to preserve order," White said. "The DNJ says we don't wish to work the university events anymore, but that's not true."

White said the conversation was held, but said Parrish was told "the conversation was not for publication."

Parrish said yesterday White was not under the impression the information discussed would be used for publication.

"I'm not really sure who first brought the rumor into the conversation," White said, "but all I know was the rumors; I wasn't even out there."

"Those rumors have a way of growing," White said.

Future uncertain

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Ayers said WDCN-TV's production staff were previously committed to other projects and, therefore, could not take this task on as a full-time responsibility.

If the MTSU students went to WDCN with a prepared format indicating the ideas they wish to convey, the visual effects neces-

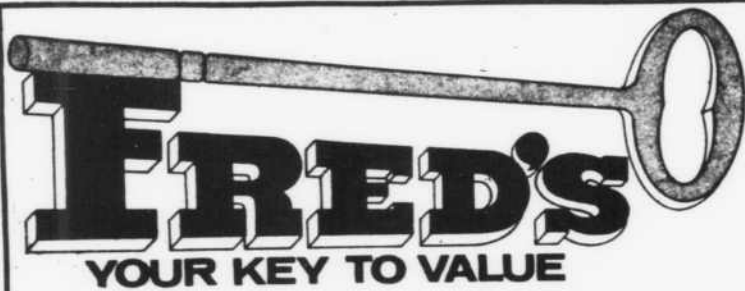
sary, and a program outline, a producer would be assigned to them to tape the pilot, Ayers said.

"We fully intend to assign a member of our faculty as a full-time producer to this show, in addition to his other duties," Edward Kimbrell, chairman of the mass communications department said.

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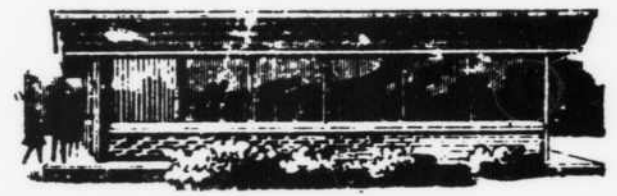
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ASB dumps minority post; cites 'insurmountable' odds

by Wayne D. Hudgens

Efforts to obtain a cabinet level secretary of minority affairs in the ASB have been abandoned because of "insurmountable" opposition, Tim Watson, president, said this week.

The position, which has never existed before in the ASB, would have been used to coordinate efforts to assist minority groups on campus, Watson said.

"It seems like there is no way we can get the position over the objections of the house and senate," Watson said. "John Hancock and Bill Bennett, both house members, blocked us before and it looks like

they will block us again."

Watson said Hancock and Bennett had told him that they felt the post was not needed because it did not serve the "majority" of the campus.

Bill Bennett said he had no comment as to what the mood of the house would be in the fall toward the minority proposal.

"I opposed it this spring because I felt like the post as proposed was not wide enough in scope to merit its role as a cabinet post," Bennett said.

"Watson could accomplish what he set out to do by naming a director of minority relations," he said.

John Hancock could not be reached for comment.

Bill Smith, a Columbia junior, was nominated for the cabinet position last spring, but was rejected when the house deleted the section of the legislative act calling for the job.

"I will appoint a director of minority affairs," Wat-

son said. "He will be responsible for ASB efforts to push through programs designed to assist minorities.

"The house is close-minded to the idea that minority members are not a total part of MTSU," Smith said.

"The function of the ASB, I am told, is to serve all students," he said, "but when a new post is called for, the House members don't even investigate its purpose for being.

"I feel the post would have made minority beliefs a part of the total MTSU community in terms of culture and exchange of ideas," he said.

"Many posts used in years past are, in my opinion, un-called for," Smith said, "but members of the house turn a deaf ear on any new suggestion unless some of their buddies want in.

"I don't want to play their petty political games," he said, "but when they decide to deal with reality I would like to become a part of the ASB."

Blames Scarlett issue

Watson declares ASB 'set back'

Tim Watson, ASB president, said this week that student government has been "set back" by its involvement in the recent controversy surrounding M.G. Scarlett.

"Many ASB officials were involved in the steering committee organized in support of Scarlett when he was involved in a dispute with the State Board of Regents," Watson said. They had to neglect their ASB functions to help the president.

"We literally lost a lot of time in planning our program for the summer," he said. "It was just one of those things that you have no real control over."

"I believe we did the right thing in helping Scarlett," he said. "If he was too liberal, as some charged, then his replacement would

have most assuredly been 'reactionary,'" he said.

Watson said the next order of business was to "bind the ASB together."

"All of the ASB members are becoming orientated to their positions," Watson said. "Most of them are scheduling conferences and beginning to assume the duties of their offices."

Watson said housing surveys have been distributed to dormitory residents, questioning them on methods for general improvement and are awaiting tabulation.

He said Gary Sadler, ASB attorney general, was also planning a new constitution, which would "encourage" the development of political parties on campus.

"Jim Griggs, president of the Tennessee Student Association will be at

school here this fall," he said, "and he's planning to help us in the creation of an effective liason between the ASB and the state legislature."

Creation of the liason was a major plank in Watson's campaign platform circulated this spring during the election.

Watson also said that check cashing facilities would be available in the bookstore beginning July 1. "John Jackson, the last ASB president, really planned this service," Watson said. "We are just reaping the benefits."

He said plans for the annual retreat held each summer for ASB officials and administrative figures were also being made. The retreat, funded in part with ASB monies, has traditionally been held at Camp Hy-Lake in White County.

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Editorials...

ASB bails out

MTSU students turned out last April in record numbers to overwhelmingly vote in "new" faces for ASB government.

These faces, in the main, were unexperienced in student government, and thus needed a period of time to learn the tricks of the trade sometimes called campus politics.

It's June now, almost July, and the "honeymoon" these new officials once enjoyed is over. It's time to get to work.

Two problems have immediately presented themselves to the ASB:

One concerns a WDCN-television program for this university.

The other concerns WMOT-FM and its role for the students it seeks to serve.

The television program is of major importance to this university because as conceived by the past ASB president, it would publicize our school, its place in the community and the students that attend it.

It seems this proposed program has been allowed to "wither" on the vine of neglect. (Ostensibly, in order to allow time for a new broadcast faculty director to be hired.) No real plans have been made, no format prepared and no student director officially appointed to produce the show.

This is a responsibility Tim Watson's administration can no longer afford to ignore.

It seems a shame that university officials must do a job that student government evidently can not do.

A glaring lack of concern for student views on WMOT---its programming and management--has also been evident in the new ASB administration.

For starters, we feel the station's advisory board should be revitalized, balanced and giv-

en an actual role in determination of the programming.

Secondly, the survey of student opinion of WMOT, which was promised by ASB officials, in the spring semester, should be conducted, and the results should be made public.

We wonder what better action could be taken by an administration which purports to have "populist" support on campus.

Action on WMOT would certainly be "populist," even to William Jennings Bryan.

ASB scares self

ASB President Tim Watson announced this week that he has met "insurmountable" odds in his attempt to place a Secretary of Minority Affairs on his cabinet.

It seems most of this opposition has developed from within the ASB House of Representatives -- specifically two members of this body.

To us, it appears to be a poor commentary on the state of student government that two individuals can effectively block an appointment so vitally important to minority groups--not just blacks, but foreign students, the handicapped and others who find a need for special student services, whatever they may be.

But more importantly, it's saddening to note that one branch of student government can become "intimidated" by another branch, especially on an issue of this importance.

We suggest that the ASB executive branch take advantage of the summer "lull" to develop a dynamic and far-sighted legislative program to greet returning student legislators in the fall.

When one governmental branch works at odds with the other, cooperation cannot ensue. The ultimate effect of such political game playing is detrimental to the students they all exist to serve.

Thomas airs dirty laundry, asks official help

Campus Commentary

by Barry Thomas

It seems evident that there is a lack of consideration and convenience for on-campus students.

First of all I'm sure all of the male students get rather tired of hearing washing machines and dryers running while they are studying. (As you may have noticed there was a bit of sarcasm in the previous statement.)

It doesn't make a h...of a lot of sense. Girls have access to washing machines in their dorms, but for some unknown and unsanitary reason the guys do not.

Maybe the women are preparing to be good housewives and the washing accessories are essential for adequate premarital preparation.

Sure, it's just a few blocks to an off-campus laundry; it's also a few dollars if the monetary value is considered.

By-the-way I suppose that's the reason male dorms aren't equipped with these machines already.

I'm sure a lot of fellows would make use of a 'clean clothes care center' if it were provided.

Of course, it's not something that is anxiously awaited from week to week, but it isn't a bad pastime and can save you a few bucks.

What are the poor guys going to do after marriage and their sick wife is unable to perform the household chores?

Another topic of interest. It seems to me that a university of this size could make good use of some type of small market on campus.

It would be especially convenient for dormitory students. Think of the times late at night when you wanted a magazine, or needed some typing paper, or something to eat. You're right -- it would be nice.

Also additional student jobs could be made

available. That alone isn't a bad selling point.

Oh my goodness, what would the Murfreesboro merchants have to say about a productive idea such as this? It's my guess they would be very upset.

You know it wouldn't be the first time their feathers were ruffled.

It seems the retail world is full of competition anyway, so one more little campus-located, student-operated mini-market couldn't do that much harm.

One building could serve a double purpose and just might be less expensive. We could have our market and washerette combination under one roof. Isn't that a nifty idea? (Hopefully somebody else will think along those same lines.)

There we have it, a sneak preview of what could be a reality some day. When? --- your guess is as good as mine.

Until next week when I take another journey to the outer limits of MTSU tomorrow or maybe today, think about the mini-market concept while washing your 'undies' in the sink (scrub-a-dub-dub).

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Oh! What fun

Harvey has it

Well, Mr. and Mrs. America, summer is finally officially here. At MTSU most summer sessions start off slow and end even slower, but this summer seems to be an exception.

For an example, consider the fact that a large segment of the university has just successfully waged a battle to save the job of "our president." I don't see how the summer could have started more hectically. Hopefully, things will calm down for a while now.

Hold on -- let me check my handy-dandy bookstore calendar and see what events are coming up soon-----

wow, Paul Harvey is scheduled to speak here!

Everyone knows who Paul Harvey is. (No he is not the man who owns the department store in Nashville.) Paul Harvey is the man who comments on the news.

I'm sure you've seen him on television. He's the man with the deep resonant voice that jerks like a pick-up truck with a bad transmission.

He says things like, Hello -----I'm Paul Harvey. (two second pause) Today-----the world came to an end.

Ah, now you remember.

Wayout West

By Mike West

It's too bad that Harvey is just going to deliver a standard-type speech. There are so many interesting things he could do if some other people were booked with him.

Wouldn't it be exciting to see Harvey and Murfreesboro's journalistic whiz, George Parrish of Daily News Journal fame, discuss the evils of marijuabago. (It makes you go blind, etc.)

Or maybe Harvey and Lester Maddox could debate the virtues of ax handles.

Perhaps a no-holds-barred, no disqualification, verbal wrestling match between Harvey, George ("First it's whiskey, now it's dope") Dehoff and Avon Williams would be interesting.

My favorite matchup would be between Paul Harvey and Muhammad Ali -- bare knuckle style.

Well, as I said before, it looks like we're off to an exciting summer.

Letters to the editor...

To the Editor:

Your issue of June 20, 1973 (Vol. 46 No. 61) was, in my judgment, a demonstration of several journalistic errors. Page one, lead sentence, said, "WMOT-FM, MTSU's campus radio station, has become involved in the controversy between President M. G. Scarlett and the State Board of Regents, who are rumored to be considering his dismissal."

In the first place, WMOT was not involved in the controversy. On the contrary, we had refused to become involved and that's what gave rise to your lead article. You admitted in the first sentence that the possible dismissal was only a matter of rumors. WMOT does not deal in rumors.

Secondly, the article would chide the radio station for ban-

ning the broadcast of dismissal rumors and then airing an interview between the station manager and President Scarlett. The difference between the rumors and the interview is the difference between hearsay and first-hand information. Doesn't the SIDELINES make any distinctions such as these?

The third single-sentence paragraph read, "Harold Baker, director of MTSU's radio and television department and WMOT station manager, would not comment on who ordered the memorandum banning wire stories."

I actually said, "I don't know who posted the ban. I didn't even know that one had been posted."

Then I proceeded to explain why we were not running the wire reports. When your reporter handles the information

given to him in his phone interviews in such an irresponsible manner as that, what can you expect from your readers by way of judgment? Your credibility deserves to be questioned.

As your article continued on page two, one paragraph read, "Gene Sloan ... said Baker submitted questions to Scarlett's office prior to the interview and met with the president at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the interview."

Did your reporter verify these assertions before he printed them? No. He was so engrossed in the wire ban that he neglected to check the remainder of the story. For your information, I did not give any questions to the president's office, nor did I meet with the president at 7:30 a.m.

I could go on, but my point is already crystal clear; the SIDELINES does not do responsible reporting. Consequently, in the future WMOT's official response to all inquiries from the paper will be "no comment." This will hold true for all interviews. Now you can write a whole new article about WMOT's ban on interviews with the SIDELINES.

Harold S. Baker
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Editor's note: Since Harold Baker's charges are serious they are being fully investigated. However, his comments can neither mitigate the impact of our original editorial---nor obscure its accuracy. We stand by it.

RSVP offers program for local aged

You are old. You feel no one wants you, and the fear of that awful feeling of loneliness begins to creep into your existence again. Those old four walls have been scanned for every crack and crevice imaginable.

Know anyone with those problems? Unfortunately, there are many aged Americans who are in that same situation. They do not want to join the senior citizens' organizations because they feel they are not yet senior citizens.

Well, ACTION (the agency which combines Foster Grandparents Program, Peace Corps, VISTA, SCORE, and ACE, among others) has a new Retired

Senior Citizens Volunteer Program (RSVP).

RSVP differs from other ACTION programs, as it is a local program. It is locally planned, operated, controlled and supported.

RSVP stresses local planning

RSVP is now in operation in Murfreesboro, and one of the areas it serves is the housing office on campus.

Volunteers are generally asked to work four or eight hours a week, and many of those working in the housing office are enjoying it so much they have volunteered for more.

By Nancy Nipper

Mrs. John Shadow, one of the RSVP volunteers, said she was new in town and did not know anyone. "It gives me a chance to get out of the house," she said, speaking about the program.

"I thoroughly enjoy it," Mrs. Shadow said, beaming a smile. "The girls in the office are so good to me."

"Doing work here, I run across names of students whose parents I know, and I feel good," she said.

Since these ladies are volunteers, the university does not pay them, Dean Sam McLean, director of housing said. The program has saved the university quite a bit of money by not having to hire secretaries, he said.

The only obligation the university has is to furnish the ladies their lunch, if they prefer it, McLean said.

The volunteers have done a "tremendous job," he said, "in some things they

are a little bit faster than students."

"I approve of the program wholeheartedly, and I would like to see some males as well as a couple of more ladies help out in married housing," he said.

Volunteers assist in area program

"I could use someone every day," McLean said. John Shacklett, director of the program in Murfreesboro said, "McLean scared me to death when he said he needed 30 volunteers when I first approached him with the wholeheartedly, and I McLean, when told of the reaction, smiled and said, "we still could use them."

Shacklett said the program came to MTSU as a result of the school's

commitment to take on some of the volunteers. Before the program could be set up and funded it was necessary to locate places in which these people could work.

"President Scarlett said the university would help, and when the program was set, he sent me down to the housing office," Shacklett said.

Presently, the housing office is the only department on campus in which RSVP is in action. Shacklett said there are plans to place some volunteers as receptionists in the campus security office, in the industrial arts department and in married housing.

The only requirement to be an RSVP staffer is that that the person be 60 or older and able to serve on a regular basis. Transportation to and from the job is provided by RSVP.

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Obituaries

George Troxler

George Troxler, an MTSU senior, died last Wednesday as a result of injuries received in a one-car accident. He was 29 years old.

A Vietnam veteran, Troxler was a native of Wartrace, Tenn. He was vice-president of Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Services were held last Tuesday at Gilmore Funeral Home in Manchester.

Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetary, Bell Buckle, Tenn.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. George C. Troxler, Wartrace; and one brother, James William, 1969 MTSU alumnus, Tupelo, Miss.

Troxler was killed when his small foreign car overturned on Interstate 24, five miles north of Murfreesboro.

Doug Adams

Doug Adams, an MTSU senior, died Sunday night of gunshot wounds he received in his apartment on Greenland Drive. He was 22 years old.

A Vietnam veteran, Adams was a member of Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity and Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.

Services were scheduled for Tuesday at the Phil-

lips-Robinson Funeral Home in Nashville. Burial was to be in National Cemetary, Nashville.

Members of his fraternities were honorary pall bearers.

Adams is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Adams, Nashville and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Arnold, McKewen, Tenn.

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Summer flashes

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Photos by Nancy Nipper

Computer-like machine to aid blind

First university in Southeast to install unit

In an effort to equalize educational opportunities for blind students, MTSU will become the first university in the Southeast and third in the nation to install the MIT Brailleboss.

The Brailleboss is a computer-like machine that will broaden college subject material for the blind.

Machine promises opportunities for handicapped

The MIT Brailleboss is expected to be installed within the next two weeks in the Learning Resources Center, according to Martha Chambers, coordinator of the project.

The Tennessee State Department of Public Welfare is providing the funds for the new machine, she said.

The machine is unique in that teachers can have their tests transcribed in braille, she said. "Then the student can answer in braille, feed the answers back into Brailleboss, and the teacher can receive

the answers back in print."

Thus, communication between faculty and the blind will benefit both inside and outside the classroom, she said.

Because the machine will be used on a time-sharing computer system, mathematics, science and related subjects will be opened to the blind as they never have been before, she said.

Primarily, the machine will help in outside readings and there are plans for a braille library at MTSU, she said.

Blind students usually score lowest on their ACT tests in mathematics. Therefore, a remedial math program may now be offered, Chambers said.

As there are so few Brailleboss machines available, MTSU may become an educational opportunity center for the blind, she said.

Interest in the Brailleboss originally started with former sociology professor, Merrill Needham, last fall when a blind student enrolled in one of his classes. Through this student, he saw the need for help for handicapped students at MTSU, she said.

A committee was formed for the purpose of pursuing this project to help the handicapped consisting of Martha Chambers (chairman), Merrill A. Needham, Marshall Gungelman, Paul Hutchinson, Marion Wells and William Windham.

In addition to the Brailleboss project, there are two other programs on campus for 11th and 12th grade blind students who are college bound, Chambers said.

High school blind receive first taste of college life

"They get a taste of college by acquainting themselves with the classes and the campus," she said.

Serving with Chambers as co-coordinator of the programs for the visually limited is Jack Morand. Blind himself, Morand is with Services for the Blind in Nashville.

"Hopefully the Brailleboss will arrive in time for the second term this summer so the blind stu-



A machine operator demonstrates use of the Brailleboss, one of which will be installed at MTSU soon to aid the blind.

Computer?

dents can work with this machine," Chambers said. She said new equipment to aid in educational opportunities for the blind will be arriving "all the time."

"We're planning to have special dignitaries from the state here to have a ribbon cutting when the Brailleboss arrives," she said.

Eleven posts filled

Fischer names new staff

Final staff selections were made yesterday for this summer's **SIDELINES**, according to Paul Fischer, editor-in-chief.

Filling the student paper's top subordinate positions will be Mike West, Murfreesboro graduate student, and Wayne Hudgens, Manchester sophomore. West will act as the senior managing ed-

itor. Hudgens will act as West's assistant, said Fischer.

Barry Thomas, Chattanooga junior, will serve as **SIDELINES'** news coordinator. Thomas will be assisted by Freda Blackwell, Shelbyville junior, and Bill Smith, Columbia junior.

This summer's feature editor is Becky Freeman,

Nashville senior.

Wayne Kindness, Murfreesboro junior, is the sports editor. Copy editor is Gina Jeter, Lawrenceburg sophomore.

Filling the position of chief photographer is Nancy Nipper, Murfreesboro sophomore. Ron Vanatta, Shelbyville senior, will serve as business manager.

The Ombudsman concept, first started at **SIDELINES** by Mike West and Becky Freeman (former editors), has been expanded to a full council representing all facets of the paper.

George Bateman, Nashville junior, will head the group. West will represent the editorial segment of the paper; Vanatta, advertising; Dwight Lane, production; and John Jackson, student body at large.

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Sports

A Kind Word

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A few odds and ends for your information . . .

New tennis signee Neal Barnard, from Melbourne, Australia is already making a name for himself in the Murfreesboro area.

Besides being noticed for his exceptional play on the Blue Raider courts, Barnard was the Tournament Director for this past weekend's Recreation Program Singles Tournament.

Blue Raider tennis coach Larry Castle is the Program Director.

Reports filtering in say that Barnard is as good or better a tennis player than has been seen at MTSU in some time.

Look for "official" announcement next week of a new baseball coach and a new football assistant.

Because of the proverbial "red tape", the appointments can not be made

Nesbitt competes in golf tourney for NCAA title

Blue Raider golfer Harry Nesbitt competed in this past weekend's NCAA golf championships held at Stillwater, Okla.

Nesbitt failed to card a low enough score to make the cut for the final round.

Texas' Ben Crenshaw won the individual championship. It was the third straight year that he has captured the title.

Crenshaw finished the 72-hole tournament with a two-over-par total of 282, three strokes ahead of Gary Koch of Florida.

Florida won the team championship with a four-round total of 1,149, 29 strokes over-par.

until the State Board gives its "yea" or "nay."

The new football assistant is not really "new", having been around for a while as a graduate assistant, his size precludes anyone from overlooking him.

The new baseball coach will be a new addition to the Athletic staff, but has been a coach with an area junior college.

These announcements will not really be news since the names have been known "unofficially" for some time now . . . shades of the appointment of assistant football coach Otis Wagner.

Madison Brooks, basketball coach at East Tenn-

essee has been named as Athletic Director at that school. He succeeds John Bell who was both AD and head football coach.

Past rumors have had the basketball coaching job open, with Brooks moving up the job will probably be up for auction.

Bell's place as football coach will probably be taken by one of Vandy's assistant coaches.

Coach Jimmy Earle reports that frosh sensation Tim Sisneros is out on the Playgrounds of Kokomo, Ind. playing basketball almost every day.

Tell the rest of the OVC to look out for Tim next fall!

Raiders nab New York City cager

Blue Raider basketball recruiters have again dipped into the fertile roundball land of New York City for their latest signee

Kim Malcolm, a 5-11, 160 pounder, has signed a grant-in-aid to play with the Raiders.

Malcolm played for John Wyles at DeWitt Clinton High School and was the captain of his team his senior year.

"He is as quick as any player we saw all season," Blue Raider assistant Stan Simpson said, "and he is an excellent defensive player, and very sound fundamentally."

"Malcolm played the point guard on a set-up offense and played the role of a feeder instead of a shooter," Head Coach Jimmy Earle said. He still managed to average 11 points



There's much more to summer sports than meets the eye. Perhaps one of these days America's favorite summer sport, baseball, just might be replaced

Sporty?

per game.

"Malcom was named to play in several prestigious post-season All-Star games, including the School Boy Classic, the War Memorial All-Star game, the Westchester All star game and the Kut-

sher's Country Club All-Star game.

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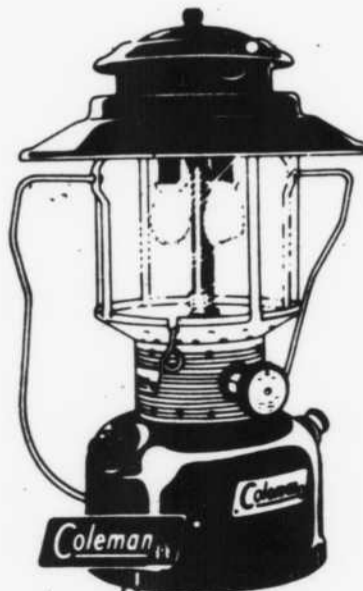
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