

Group sues state on church college aid

by Gina Jeter

A suit now pending in federal court in Nashville challenges Tennessee's policy of tuition grants to students attending private church colleges, Norman Parks, a member of Americans United, the plaintiff organization, said.

"We're suing on the issue that the state is in violation of the 14th amendment that says a state cannot pass any law respecting the establishment of religion," Parks, MTSU political science professor, said.

The program in question, Tennessee Tuition Grant Program is in its second year of operation.

"The law (establishing TTGP) was jammed through the legislature under pressure of about 20

church colleges. To pass, state colleges had to be included," Parks said, "but the lion's share of money goes to church colleges."

Winston Wrenn, MTSU financial aid director, said the state spent \$1,250,000 for tuition grants last year and that \$2,155,000 has been appropriated to the program this year.

Of this year's appropriation, \$1,496,023 was awarded as tuition to private schools, and only \$553,804 went to public colleges, Wrenn said.

"This figure is still tentative," he said, "but basically, this is how the final tally will read when things stop fluctuating at the end of the month."

About 166 MTSU students were awarded an average of \$345 this year, Wrenn said. Average registration fee for two semesters totals \$358, he said.

Tuition grants are given on the basis of need, Wrenn said, but may not exceed the amount of registration or tuition at the school the student wishes to attend.

"If a student is attending a school with a \$900 tuition fee, the student is eligible for \$900," Wrenn said.

"The predominance of money will always go to private institutions because their tuition is higher than state school registration fees," Wrenn said.

The majority of private colleges

in Tennessee are church-supported schools.

"A church school usually promotes just one religion," Parks said. "It is the contention of Americans United that in supporting church colleges and helping finance compulsory religious courses and services that the state is establishing religion."

"We have no opposition to church colleges--only to the public being compelled to help finance them," Parks said.

"We fear that if the present grant if left unchallenged, it might lead someday to complete state financing of church and private colleges but with no control over them," Parks said.

Sidelines

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ASB student elections scheduled March 28-29

ASB student elections will be March 28-29, Bill Bennett, chairman of the election commission, said yesterday.

Bennett said the two-day election period was decided upon Wednesday night during a meeting of the 11-member commission.

"The two-day period will give students with classes on only Monday, Wednesday or Friday or Tuesday and Thursday an equal chance to vote," he said.

"The commission felt like a two-day election would encourage greater participation," he said.

Eleven polling places will operate during the March elections, Bennett said. Polls for all off-campus students will be operated in the UC and in the main lobby of Old Main. Voting places for dormitory residents will be maintained at each High Rise, the lobby of Wood and Felder Halls, one for the Monohan, Reynolds, Schardt complex; one for the Miss Mary, McHenry, Lyon complex; Smith Hall, one box for Gore and Clement Halls; one for Gracy, Judd and Beasley Halls and one for H,I,J,K, and married student housing.

"The commission felt that the larger number of voting places would also encourage a greater voter turnout," Bennett said. "At least one election commissioner will supervise each poll during the time that votes are being taken."

The commission chairman said the UC and Old Main polls will be

open from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. both election days. Dormitory polls will be open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. each day of the election.

"In the event of a run-off, a final election will be held March 31," Bennett said. "The one-day gap between the primary elections and any run-off will encourage more campaigning and give the students more time to decide on how they will vote," he said.

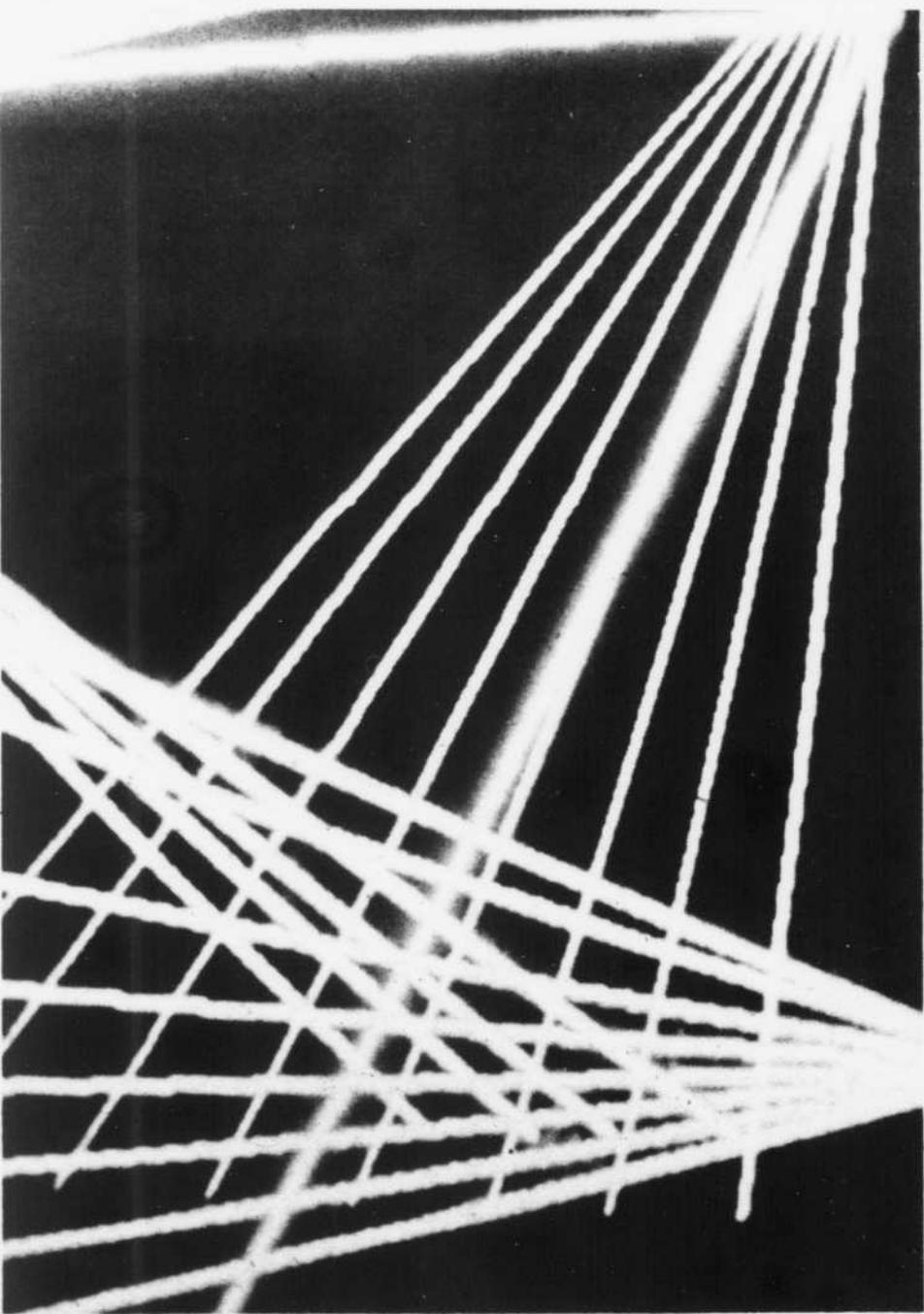
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the event of a run-off, he said.

ASB senators from the sophomore, junior, senior and graduate student classes will be chosen in the elections. An ASB president and speakers of the house and senate will also be selected.

Bennett said the commission has ruled unanimously not to accept any write-in candidates.

"Anyone voting in this election will have to sign a poll book," Bennett said. "All off-campus students must vote in either the UC or Old Main. Dormitory students must vote at the polling place assigned to their dormitory."

Ann Voorhies has been chosen vice-chairman of the election commission. Other members of the commission include Ron Tuttle, Ken Whittaker, Patti Schneider, Joni Knight, Kathy Dove, Sarah Colston, Curt Hammond, Jeff Combos, Freda Blankenship and Sally Stammer.



The graphic slide shown above is a portion of the multi-media show produced by MTSU faculty member Thomas Hutcheson which will be displayed Wednesday and Thursday during the Fine Arts Festival on campus.

Faculty to select new senate members

Election of 13 members of the faculty senate will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday in the University Center basement.

The faculty senate election committee, chaired by Phil Harper, last week certified 20 faculty members as properly nominated.

All full-time faculty members are qualified to vote for the senators, who will serve three-year terms.

Faculty members from each of the university's schools will be elected.

Two senators will be elected

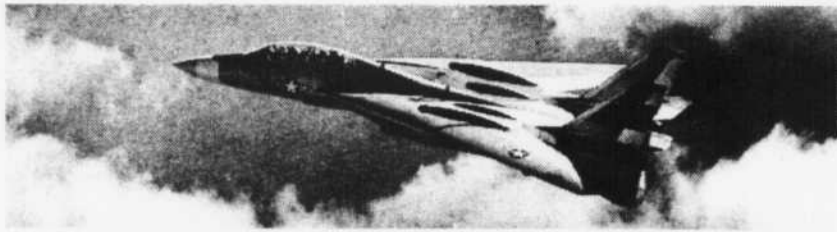
from the school of basic and applied sciences. Nominees are Jean Jack (aerospace), Aaron Todd (chemistry and physics) and James Hutchinson (chemistry and physics).

Barbara Haskew (economics and finance) is the only nominee for the one senatorial position to be filled by the school of business and economics.

Liberal arts will be represented by three senators. Nominees are Kendall Blanchard (sociology), David Walker (speech and drama),

David Wellwood (philosophy) and Dan McMurry (sociology).

The school of education will have 7 senators. Nominated were David Singer (education), Robert Bullen (education), Amiel Solomon (HPER), Andrea Loughry (home economics), Lon Nuell (art), Tom Naylor (music), Everette Sams (education), Robert McCrummen (education), Michael Salzman (music), Keith Carlson (psychology), Jeanette Heritage (psychology) and H.E. Barrineau (criminal justice administration).



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Vol State seeks co-op plan

by John Rawlston

A cooperative program designed to coincide with upper division courses for the MTSU mass communications department may be offered by Volunteer State Community College, Edward Kimbrell, mass communications department head said recently.

The program is being planned by Volunteer State with the cooperation and support of the MTSU mass communications department and will offer basic courses in all six major sequences of the

department, Kimbrell said.

"Their program will offer courses in film, photography, newswriting, mass media and society, graphic communications, speech, cinematography and recording," he said.

"They will have to get the approval of various state agencies first, but they hope to start this fall," Kimbrell said. "They will have a solid offering of courses and professionals working as instructors."

Kimbrell said other local two-year institutions might become involved in the same type of cooperative program with the mass communications department in the future.

Debaters to compete in Gator tourney

MTSU's debate team will compete in the Gator Invitational Debate Tournament at the University of Florida this weekend.

Fifty teams representing schools from all over the country will compete in the tournament.

Two teams will represent MTSU. The A team will be Ron Howell and Harold Balcom, and the B team will be Mike Hall and Gary Buchanan.

Each team will compete in eight preliminary rounds.

The Gator invitational is the last major tournament before the districts March 23-25.

Bud Drinkers, can you figure this out?

Ralph bought a 6-pak of Budweiser and invited four friends over to share it. Since he bought, he expected to have two cans to himself, but unfortunately when he returned to the refrigerator for his second, he found it missing. So he asked who took it. Al said, "Joe drank it." Joe said, "Dan drank it." Dan said, "Joe, that's a lie!" And Bill said, "I didn't drink it." If only one of these statements is true, who really drank it?



ANSWER: If you assume Al is the guilty one, Dan's and Bill's statements are true. If you think it's Joe, then Al's and Dan's statements are true. Obviously if you think Dan did it, then Joe's and Bill's statements are true. Bill is the Bud snatcher, since then only Dan's statement would be true. Moral: If Ralph had bought five 6-paks, they could have spent more time drinking and less time arguing.

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Asks for help

Midlander editor named

Nancy Nipper, Murfreesboro junior, has been named editor of the 1974-75 Midlander by the MTSU Council on Student Publications.

A mass communications major, Nipper has served as feature editor of Collage, the campus literary magazine this year. She has also worked for Sidelines as reporter and photographer and Midlander as photographer and lay-out assistant.

"I hope to make our yearbook relevant to the students at MTSU," Nipper said yesterday. "Midlander is very much alive on this campus," she said.

The new editor said she is considering following a magazine format for the yearbook next year, with the publication of "perhaps three or four issues during the year."

"If we follow the magazine format we hope to include more news

Newspaper group asked for grant

by Schuyler Traughber

A request to the Gannett Newspaper Foundation for a grant of \$843,614 to be used for the construction of a journalism building is expected to be sent by mid-March, according to Boyd Evans, director of development for the MTSU Foundation.

The request, which has been in preparation for eight months, was drawn up by Edward Kimbrell, chairman of the mass communications department. The cost of the building was estimated by Charlie Pigg of the university planning office.

"One of our most serious problems at the moment is accreditation," Kimbrell said. "Being housed under one roof would help the department greatly."

The Gannett Newspaper organization, headquartered in Rochester, N.Y., is the largest newspaper chain in the United States.

"They have constantly helped with the improvement of journalism schools," Kimbrell said.

Indications of this help are past contributions of \$1 million to the University of Florida and Northwestern University. Recently a donation of \$300,000 was made to the Oklahoma State journalism department, Kimbrell said.

If built, the building would contain newswriting laboratories, news editing, advertising and photo labs, a film library and a production lab among classrooms and offices, according to Evans.

The MTSU mass communications department is the newest in the country and believed to be the first with a recording industry management major offering.

and feature copy, while upgrading the quality of photography," she said. "If our budget allows, we also hope to offer free space to clubs and organizations."

A budget of \$40,000 has been proposed for Midlander during 1974-75, an increase of about \$7,000 over the current budget, Nipper said.

"Anyone interested in working for the yearbook next year should contact me at campus box 3625," Nipper said.

Janet Basse, Murfreesboro sophomore, has been named managing editor of next year's publication, Nipper said.

ASB council to hear gripes

Plans for an Ombudsman Council which will hear complaints from students about individual problems are being formulated, according to Tim Watson, ASB president.

to the "grievance council," Watson said.

"The Ombudsman Council will be concerned with the students, and not with policy-making and the administrative functions of ASB," Watson said.

If anyone has ideas about the Council, contact Jean Byassee at Box 8540.

The council will eliminate some cabinet offices if proposed, but the budget will be allotted instead

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City appeal wins fine reduction

Murfreesboro officials won partial reduction Tuesday of an assessment for damages in a September fish kill and may carry their appeal further, City Atty. Thomas Reed said yesterday.

"I'm leaning toward advising the city to appeal to the Chancery Court of Davidson County," Reed said, "but that decision has not yet been made."

Tuesday's appeal to the Tennessee Water Quality Control Board reduced the city's investigation for a September fish kill from \$8,199.87 to \$4,591, Reed said.

Joe Lovell, director of Murfreesboro's Water and Sewer Department, said the board retained the full cost of the kill's investigation made by the State Game and Fish Commission, but charged only 50 per cent of the cost of the dead fish after eliminating a \$66 mathematical error.

Lovell said the board considered the following factors in reducing the fine:

--No operator was at fault in the incident.

--Dams upstream from the old plant cut have reduced the river's flow. (Most kills occur when the water is down).

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Scheduled for exam week

Festival to feature fine arts

by Michael Gigandet

The annual Fine Arts Festival will feature a week of concerts, singing groups, a multi-media presentation and contemporary ballet beginning Sunday.

The MTSU Band of Blue will kick off the week with a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Dramatic Arts auditorium. The concert will include classical arrangements, marches, Mexican music and a presentation of selections by Jerome Kern.

The six-member Contemporary Ballet Dance Theatre will perform at 8 p.m. Monday in the DA auditorium. The professional dance company is directed by Raymond Clay.

MTSU students will have the opportunity to display or sell their own creative crafts or fine arts Monday through Thursday in the UC lobby. Exhibits will include creative weaving, macrame, leath-

erwork, decoupage, metalwork, ceramics, sculpture, painting and other crafts and artwork.

Each student will be allowed two exhibits, which must be registered for the show by 3 p.m. tomorrow at the UC.

The University of Texas Percussion Ensemble will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday in the DA auditorium.

The eight-member ensemble, conducted by George Frock, will present a program applying jazz-oriented techniques to modern-day physical drama.

Thomas Hutcheson of the MTSU music department will present his multi-media display from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the UC Theatre.

"Synvironment" is the title of the composition, which is based on the theory that evolution of life on earth is brief compared to the evolution of intelligent life in the universe.

The program features music from a moog synthesizer and a four-channel sound track, along with a film for visual effect.

The musical "RSVP--The Cole Porters" will be performed at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the DA auditorium. Cole Porter, one of America's most prominent composer-lyricists, wrote more than 670 songs, including "We Shall Never Be Younger," "Kiss Me Kate" and "Born to Dance." The 30 songs in the show will emphasize the "Lost Generation" era of the 1920's.

The Nashville Togetherness Singers will close the festival with a performance at 8 p.m. Thursday in the DA auditorium. The professional group of young entertainers will sing various styles of music from gospel to Gershwin.

Admission to each event is free and open to the general public.

MTSU to sponsor honors meeting

MTSU will co-sponsor the second Southern Regional Honors Council meeting March 7-9 at Vanderbilt University, June Martin, honors program director, said last week.

Honors students, faculty members and program directors from 75 colleges and universities throughout the South will attend the meeting, Martin said.

The purpose of the meeting is to "get together and discuss respective programs with honors students and faculty from other schools," she said.

"Honors Students: Who, What, When, Why, How" is the theme for the event, Martin said. Workshops revolving around this topic will be the primary centers of activity.

History Professor James Huhta, a member of the honors council and Martin will be co-ordinators for the four workshops.

"In the informal workshops everyone exchanges ideas for the enrichment and betterment of all the programs involved," Martin said.

"We can profit from the mistakes others have made."

Panel discussions in which students may take an active part will be included in the program, she said.

Other universities co-sponsoring the meeting are Tennessee State, Fisk, and Western Kentucky.

Powers favors one board to govern state universities

Jimmy Powers, Waverly mayor and Democratic candidate for governor in the August primary, said this week that he favors consolidation of higher education governing bodies in Tennessee.

"There are too many governing layers in this state's system of higher education," he said during a campus tour Tuesday. "One board, combining both the State Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, would be more economical," he said.

The Regents govern all state regional universities and community colleges. The UT board has jurisdiction over all UT institutions.

"At present both governing bodies must compete with each other for funds," he said. "One board could spend its time working to upgrade each state institution."

Powers also spoke out against the drug problem in Tennessee. "Many Tennesseans don't realize that this state is faced with a growing drug abuse problem," Powers said.

We've got to work to apprehend the drug pusher and get him off the street. Persons who just use forms of drugs should be helped back into society as taxpayers.

Powers, president of the Tennessee Municipal League, an organization of mayors and city officials, said he opposed capital punishment as it once existed in Tennessee.

"Capital punishment used to just

punish the poor," Powers said. "It was only a rare occasion when a rich man capable of hiring a good lawyer was sent to the electric chair."

Powers said some crimes should draw the death sentence, but care should be taken to see that all cases are tried equally.

"We need to upgrade the public defender's system in Tennessee," he said, "that would help the poor with their problems of gaining an adequate defense."

The Democratic hopeful attacked inflation because its affect on city and county government.

"Inflation has hurt the city and county government just as it hurts families," he said. "The spiraling cost of materials for roads, buildings and other necessary governmental supplies are leaping way ahead of revenues."

The mayor said the state government should take a more active part in providing revenues for city and county operations. "Last year the state had a large surplus which could have been funneled to local governments to help ease their problems," he said.

Language department offers grad credit

Credit for graduate level students will be offered by the foreign language department for the first time in the summer semester, according to department chairman Coy Porter.

German Drama 522 and French Drama 511 will be offered, he said.

File 13

The speed-reading course for this semester is full and cannot accept any more students or registration fees. The course will be offered again in the summer and fall sessions.

Prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teacher Examination should submit registration to the Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, N.J. 08540 no later than March 14. Persons needing additional information should contact James Martin, guidance and counseling director.

Persons wishing to vote in the April 16 municipal elections should register at the Rutherford County Election Commission office on the first floor of the courthouse by March 18. A mayor and three city councilmen will be chosen in the election.

The Pre-Law Society will sponsor a mock law school admission test (LSAT) March 30. Registration is \$4 for society members and should be paid at the political science department no later than Tuesday.

Students interested in the Mexico inter-session trip will meet at 11 a.m. Monday in room 303 of the Dramatic Arts Building.

Job Interviews:

Monday: McFarland Hospital, Lebanon Boy Scouts of America, South Florida Council, Camp Lone Oak, Inverness, Fla.

Tuesday: The Kroger Co.

Wednesday: Tennessee Eastman Co., Kingsport; Computer Sciences Corp., Huntsville, Ala.

Persons needing additional information should contact the placement office.

Watson approval expected

ASB passes grading proposal

by Randy Carter

Changes designed to incorporate a "plus and minus" system into the current method of grading have been proposed by senior ASB Sen. Ron Tuttle.

The plan as first proposed two years ago would have provided for an 11-level system with a maximum grade of 4.8. The motion was amended to allow a maximum of 4.3, but the idea remained dormant until revived by Tuttle.

"I introduced the proposal into the senate and house, and then we (ASB secretary Emily Mann and Tuttle) tried to create new interest in it," Tuttle said. "It was passed as a resolution and is now on Tim Watson's desk."

Tuttle said Watson probably will approve the proposal and send it to the faculty senate.

No opposition to the proposal from faculty or administration is expected with the possible exception of President M.G. Scarlett, Tuttle said.

From what I understand, Scarlett is not totally satisfied with the

present system," he said. "He probably would endorse any improvement, and we feel that this is an improvement."

The new system will give more accurate representation of students' grades, Tuttle said. For example, if a student makes consistent Cs, he will be able to tell if they are high or low Cs and if he is in danger of falling to a lower grade level.

Under the current grading scale, a student can gain no insight into his grades, Tuttle said. He knows only that they fall in the range of one of the five letter grades.

The proposed grading method

may increase student motivation and "lessen the sting of precise cut-off points," Tuttle said.

He pointed out that the system also could have drawbacks.

Transfer students from schools where a standard scale is utilized may encounter problems as they undergo the transition from one school to another, he said.

Representatives of several area junior colleges were contacted by ASB members and questioned about the proposed grading change. None could foresee problems the system could raise for transfer students, Tuttle said.

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Editorials

Same story this year?

Democratic and Republican candidates for state and federal offices are becoming more and more vocal as the primary elections creep up on a harried and distrustful American electorate.

The issues of taxes, trust in government and fuel allocation are bound to surface in order that politicians may bandy them about through the media.

We here at MTSU will be blessed with yet another set of elections, scheduled for the end of March, that will determine our student government leaders for the next year.

Unfortunately, issues in this campus campaign will probably never develop; the candidates will be oddly silent on platforms, and the student masses will sleep through it all.

The ASB campaigns probably will center around Greek sweatshirts, beer kegs, sorority chapter rooms and soft drinks.

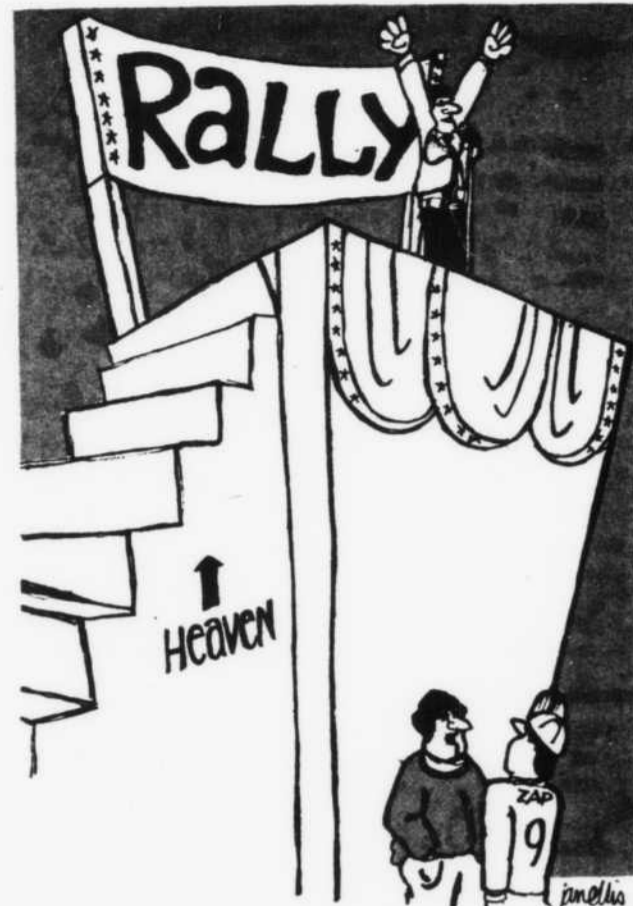
Anyone who might venture out to a "candidate's debate" had best come equipped with hip boots in order to negotiate around the excess verbiage aimed at convincing the student that "it's time for a change" or "I will work for you."

As the election draws nearer, Sally coed and Sam stud will harass their friends, enemies and slight acquaintances so that one social club or another will gain eternal fame because of "their" senator, president or speaker.

The regular student will lose again, no matter who is chosen to fill the ASB offices, which always seem to be under construction.

Of course, things could be different. Students could elect persons genuinely interested in representing them. Issues could develop, platforms could be stated.

But why ruin a good thing? A few people actually enjoy the campaigns. Vote the rascals in.



"IS THAT GOD?"

Readers' views

'Blood or boycott?'

To the editor:

In reading the Friday issue of Sidelines, I found the article entitled "State Republicans Prepare for Primary" most "interesting." I have two questions:

1) What does the phrase, "and other real operators" in the Nat Winston portion mean? Yes, I understand the implications! Can't you present anything objectively? People already have opinions of other politicians.

2) In the portion expounding on Dorch Oldham, why is his name spelled Oldman throughout? Is this also to imply something or is this really his name?

I was just curious.

Also, I would like to address a few questions to Mr. Greg Magill, Saga Food Services director.

Being fully aware of rising costs in every realm, this is not meant to serve as an attack--as yet.

Coffee recently rose in price a total of 6 cents (5 cents plus 1 cent tax) a cup. Surely a 6 ounce "cup" of coffee cannot be so expensive! When bought and prepared in quantity, coffee should not cost this much a "cup."

I am aware of the new, larger mugs, but as I usually buy mine to go, I am unaffected. Why hasn't this cost increase been applied across the board (penny additions) to the most costly foods? Why should the coffee drinkers pay for "other" expenses?

I am aware of the "to go" added costs, but I don't think they've increased 5 cents in the past few weeks for 1 cup and 1 lid.

You're already making at least 5 cents on every round doughnut you sell . . . what do you want, blood or boycott?

Judie Hussey
Box 8368

Dam column attacked

To the editor:

In answer to Mr. Notgrass' condemnation of the environmentalist response to TVA's proposed dam on the Duck River, and in answer to his apparent lack of overall knowledge of the subject, I submit the following questions from Duck River Protection Association (DRPA).

Does it make sense to build an impoundment for "recreation" which will shrink each year from

12,600 acres to 4,300 acres leaving 8,300 acres of mud?

Does it make sense to permanently flood 16,000 acres to protect 10,000 acres of good farm land from possible occasional flooding?

Does it make sense to destroy 28,000 acres of wildlife habitat and 70 miles of a smallmouth bass stream (two items we're running short on) to create more flat water fishing in a region which already has 40 large impoundments?

Does it make sense for municipal water system customers to pay \$15 million for a water supply they already have?

Does it make sense to spend \$80 million for Duck River dams when TVA's own report points out that adequate water storage for the next 100 years can be provided for \$16 million? In fact, over 58 per cent of the project's benefits can be obtained at 27 per cent of the project cost by building small impoundments on Fountain Creek and Rutherford Creek rather than by damming the main river.

And what about those folks who own and live on that 40,000 acres TVA claims it needs for the project? They are involved in a "grassroots movement". They will be stripped out, roots and all, their

homes, their farm buildings and even their cemeteries. They will be paid something for their land, but will it be enough? When they all get out looking for new farms the law of supply and demand will swing into action, and land prices will go up. Most of them are going to have a rough time. Does it make sense to subject these people to this suffering and heartache?

There is a moral in all this, but I won't bother with it because conservationists have known it all along and people like Mr. Notgrass wouldn't pay any attention to it anyway.

I might also add that from now on Mr. Notgrass should keep his opinions to himself unless he knows enough about the subject to have an opinion in the first place.

Landon E. McKinney
Box 5384

Earle says thanks

To the MTSU Student Body:

On behalf of coaching staff and the Blue Raider basketball team, I would like to thank the student body for their tremendous support all season.

(continued on page 7.)

'On the other hand'

Bureaucratic 'monster' can be beaten

by Ray Notgrass

It is good to see the furor of late about the hopelessness of fighting the bureaucracy here at MTSU. Actually, I have heard the same complaints since I came here four years ago. You freshmen who are reading this--both of you--can look forward to much of the same.

I suppose every student has compiled a book of stories about fighting the monster called bureaucracy. I share with you some of mine.

About a year ago, I became concerned about something (I should have gone to class and slept it off, but I didn't). The parking lot between the DA and the baseball field had no lines in it, and the parking there was atrocious. There were huge spaces between cars, but of course not enough room to park in them. I went to the security department, and they told me it should be taken up with the maintenance department or the student affairs office. I bopped out to maintenance (avoiding Fortress

Cope except for every third odd-numbered Tuesday), and, you guessed it, they referred me to security or student affairs.

I decided to visit this omnipotent Student Affairs Office, and there I

Crusade for lines proves fruitless

met Dr. Harry Wagner, and told him my complaint. Now Dr. Wagner is one of the finest people on this campus, and I will countenance not one ill word about him. He promised to see after the situation, which he had been aware of, by summer at the latest. Well, fall came and there were no lines. And to this day, there are no lines.

Then there is the story of my brother's friend who failed to pay his diploma fee on time, and was not allowed to graduate when he planned. True, he should have played by the rules if he was going to play the game, and all fees should be paid prior to, say, re-

gistration; but this guy was leaving after having met the requirements for his degree. Just didn't seem right.

Then there is Ivan Shewmake. Ivan is a great guy, a prime mover on this campus, and somebody actively concerned with the students. But the poor man's title: Assistant Associate Dean of Students. Now really. Tell somebody to take his problem to the Assistant Associate Dean of Students, and he may well go bananas. Give Ivan the title of Student Coordinator or Ivan the Terrible or something, but now it's like the assistant to the scorekeeper's pencil sharpener.

However, there are some points which cry out to be made, and I shall do so quickly, lest Hudgens butcher this opus.

There has to be a hierarchy, a chain of command in an operation the size of this school. If secretaries and student helpers could do all things, it could well be that anyone from Dr. Scarlett down to a work-scholarship student could

seize somebody's ID for malfeasance. And ignoramuses and higher education have never been mutually exclusive: go to Tech, the place is full of 'em.

Bureaucracy is not good; it is necessary. And it interests me that many of the loudest howlers also urge welfarist government schemes, which would necessitate more bureaucracy.

I guess when the word 'triplicate' and the phrase 'It has come to my attention' were added to our

Chain of command not good, but needed

vocabulary, we all headed for an earlier passing. But it can be beaten: I got a grade changed once after a semester was over, with all communication by letter! My advice is to keep fighting. The buck will never stop, but we can sometimes take a swipe at it as it goes by.

Readers' views

(continued from page 6.)

Our student body stayed with us whether the team was ahead or behind. The enthusiasm and support certainly gave the team the strength and momentum it needed to win the close ones in the fading minutes.

The team and the coaching staff have dedicated ourselves to bringing an Ohio Valley Conference championship to our great student body. We will not stop working toward that goal for one minute.

Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Earle
Head Coach, MTSU basketball

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Wagner 'concerned' with students

by Bennie Barrett

Many words have been written and said about officials of this university. I, myself, have found it necessary to verbally attack policies of the officials of the university. There are few, if any, administrators on this campus that have not, at one time or

Whipping post

another, been discussed in a derogatory fashion, but seldom are any of these officials recognized for the fashion in which they conduct themselves when assisting students.

There is, in my opinion, one official that will listen and assist any student on this campus, regardless of the magnitude of the problem: Harry Wagner, vice-president of student affairs.

There have been times when I, personally, stormed through the doors of his office to express my dissatisfaction with a policy instituted by the university. Wagner has always listened intently to my complaints and other student grievances. He has solved problems of everyone I have recommended to him. In fact, he has bent over backwards several times in solving problems of students.

The mere suggestion of seeking help from an administrative offi-

cial may seem ridiculous to most, but to the many students that have called on Wagner for help, respect quickly replaces the ridiculous.

One student went so far as to wager that Wagner would not assist with a problem. I won the bet.

Wagner is different from many university officials, in that he finds time to listen and help students while performing his everyday

tasks as vice-president for student affairs. Some could learn from this man, students as well as administration officials.

Harry Wagner is not only concerned with MTSU but the people that make up the university as a whole. He is concerned. The old cliché of "my door is always open," is indeed true in the case of Harry Wagner. He is one official who sincerely cares about you.

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Professor constructs 'model' airplane

by Jennifer McGhee

If you like to do challenging and expensive things, why not build your own airplane? Paul Ducker, assistant professor of physical science, has been working on his plane for over a year.

Ducker has been flying small

planes for 11 years but not a home-built model.

His interest was aroused about four or five years ago, and in the spring of 1971 he purchased aircraft plans for \$135.

"After I received the plans I did some alterations on them to suit my purposes," Ducker said.

"When these changes were made I built a large flat table in my basement and drew the scale design for the tubing. Next I laid out the tubing and wedged it into place so I could weld the basic structure," Ducker said.

The \$200 steel tubing fuselage is now complete. The only problem so far has been the retractable nose gear, he said.

"Because I am using a fuel-injection engine I could not have a nose gear the way I wanted it, so I have had to re-design the fuel injector and move it to solve my problem," Ducker said.

Ducker's finished product will be a two-seater, high-performance low-wing airplane capable of going between 180 and 200 miles per hour.

The streamlined model will have aluminum wings with a span of 26-28 feet and a fiberglass body 20 feet in length.

With no baggage, fuel or passengers, the plane will weigh about 900 pounds and at full capacity will increase to 2,000 pounds.

"Before I purchased the plans I went looking at all different models and decided what I wanted my plane to look like and do," reflected Ducker.

No completion date has been set since time is no major concern, but he hopes to have the plane flying by the spring of 1975.

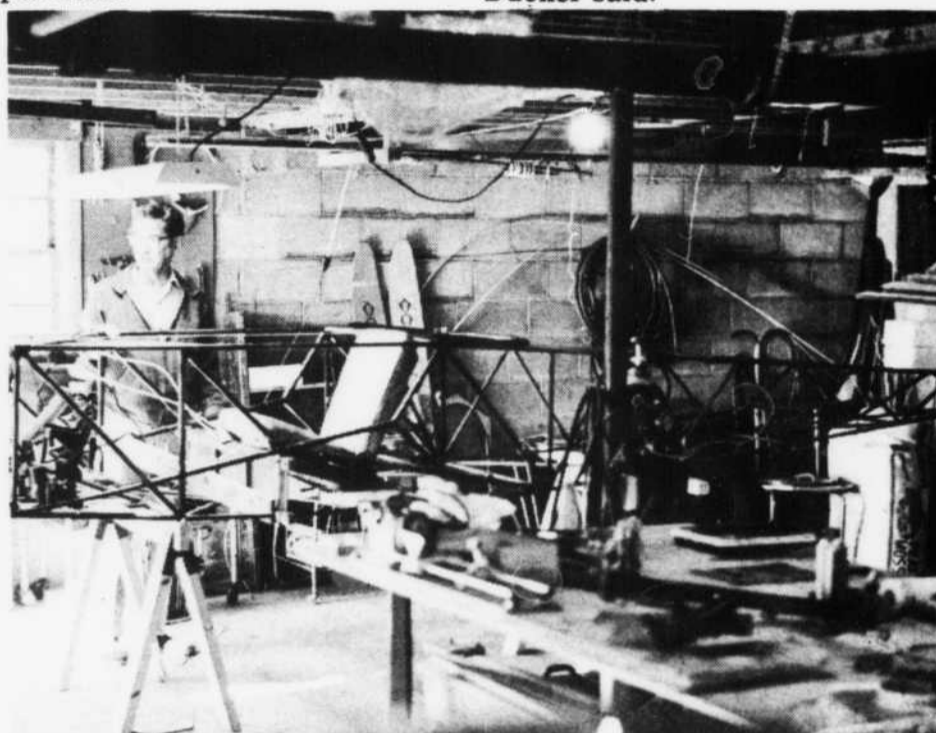
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SAE wins third All-Sing competition

by Mike Rucker

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Kappa Delta sorority and the Church of Christ group took first-place trophies Tuesday night in the seventh annual All-Sing competition before a crowd of nearly 1,300 Wednesday night.

The program was divided into three categories: female chorus, male chorus and mixed chorus.

Kappa Delta took first place in the female chorus competition singing "Lullabye of Broadway," a Cabaret musical. Chi Omega was runner-up in the contest.

The Church of Christ group won the first place trophy in the mixed division with a hymn entitled "The Lord Sustaineth All Who Fall." The non-denominational religious organization, "The Group," placed second.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's win gave the fraternity permanent possession of the male chorus first place trophy. After a group has won three years in succession, they become the owners of that trophy.

SAE sang two barber shop quartet songs from the 1890's. Runner-up in the contest was the Kappa Alpha Order.

Judges for the event included Jack Crawford, program director of WKDA-FM in Nashville, WNGE-TV news reporter Jackie Maddux, Tennessean correspondent Pat Welch and Ted Taylor, a pianist from the Peabody School of Music.

Each group of contestants was judged for tone, balance, expression and stage presence.

The Buchanan Players, drama students, entertained during intermission.

"A lot of time certainly was put into this program, and we worked awfully hard to make it a success," co-directors Betty Denton and Martha Dugger said after the program.

"We almost had a tie in the girls division," Denton said. "Everything went better than expected. The groups seemed to be a little more polished up and ready to go



Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity climax their presentation of barber shop quartet songs of the 1890s in the seventh annual campus All-Sing competition Wednesday night. SAE won the male

chorus category for the third time in as many years and gained permanent possession of the first place trophy. Photo by Tim Hamilton

this year," Denton added.

"A special thanks certainly goes to the Buchanan Players. They put on a fantastic show while the judges were making their decisions," Dugger said.

John Hood, administrative assistant of President Scarlett, served as master of ceremonies for the show.

"Tau Omicron works up a fine show each year," Hood said. "Many of the groups really put in quite a bit of work," he said.

"The show was probably judged better this year than in years past," Ed Brown of SAE said.

"I might add that we put about four weeks of practice into this thing, and the competitive spirit makes it all happen," said SAE President Richard Campbell.

"Both sorority groups were good," Kathy Huffaker of Chi Omega said. "It was a toss-up and the best group won."

"We also put a lot of time and effort into this thing, but everything just went great," Peggy Scott, Kappa Delta member said.

Aerospace workshop gains \$35,000 grant from state

A campus aerospace workshop to be conducted this summer will be funded by a \$35,000 grant from the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission.

This is the 16th year for the workshop, which is designed to "orient teachers to the present implications of aerospace. This workshop helps teachers keep up with the kids," according to Bealer Smotherman, professor of education.

The workshop will run from June 10 to July 5. Officials from

NASA, the Federal Aviation Administration and various airlines will brief the participating teachers, he said.

Also included in the program are field trips, films, and an orientation flight to a point of interest in the U.S.

The workshop is a requirement for a masters degree in aerospace.

In the second summer term an international elective seminar is planned. Teachers will tour the South Pacific from July 15 to Aug. 11.

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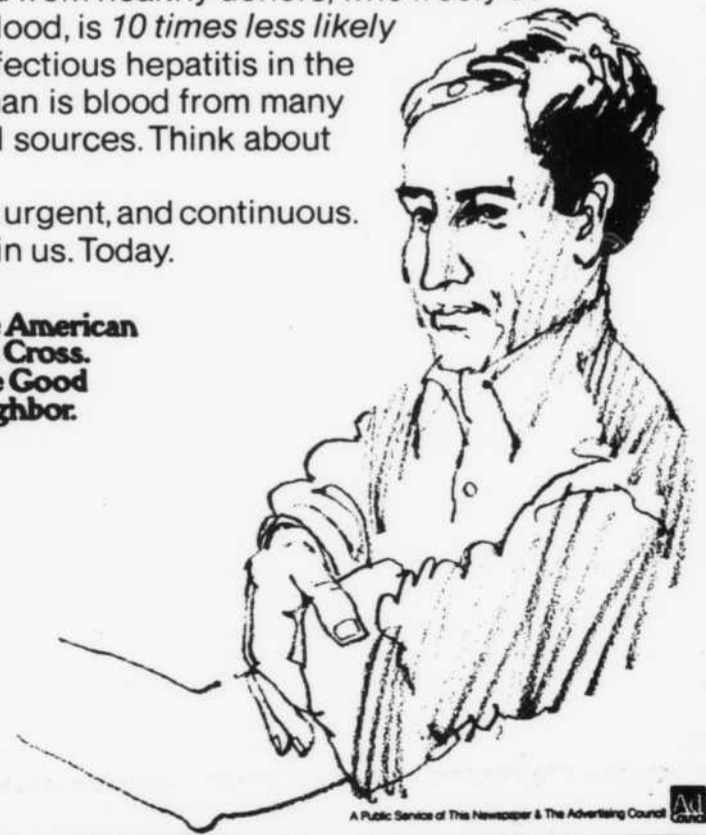
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Sypult takes MTSU football coaching job

James Sypult, a former coach at Fairmont State College, has accepted a defensive backfield coaching post on the MTSU football team.

Sypult, 28, was a graduate assistant at the University of West Virginia, his alma mater, before

coaching at Fairmont State. He has also coached on the high school level.

Captain of the 1966 West Virginia squad, Sypult played as a defensive back and split end. He played in the Liberty Bowl game in 1964 against Utah.

Tennis team to open with 'tester'

Chicago State, Marshall and Tennessee Tech universities will provide the Blue Raider tennis team with a "real tester" in its opening matches of the season this weekend, MTSU coach Larry Castle said yesterday.

Chicago State is the first foe the Raiders will meet today at 10 a.m. with Tech and Marshall to follow on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

"Clyde Smithwick and Bob Butterfield are out with injuries. I hope our depth will carry us through."

Castle said he favored his squad to win the quadrangular match, but added, "Tech will give us a good test, and I wouldn't take any of the teams lightly."

In doubles competition, Norwich will team with Gilchrist to form the Raiders' top twosome.

Durchman and Pihko will play number two doubles, and Miedaner and Kikongo will play number three.

The Raiders have never played Chicago State, but Castel did not rate their conference with the OVC.

"Playing Tech will give us a little bit of an outlook into the OVC," Castle said, "and winning the conference title is our number one objective."

"Our boys are ready for this one. I've never worked with a better group of athletes. They have tremendous desire and mature attitudes."

Castle said the Raiders have been running eight to 10 miles per day in preparation for their opener.

"We're in as good of condition as possible," he said. "The injuries are the only drawbacks."

There will be few linesmen used for the match, Castle said.

"The boys make their own calls. I've been around sports for a long time, and I've seen very few dishonest tennis players."

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Senior Eustace Kikongo will be in the number one singles position for the Big Blue with sophomore Geoff Gilchrist playing number two.

Wally Norwich, a Cocoa Beach, Fla., senior, will follow in the third position. Lasse Durchman, Doug Miedaner and Peetri Pihko are scheduled to play numbers four, five and six, respectively.

"We're not in real good shape for this match," Castle said.

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Gymnasts take 3rd in N.C. meet

by Tom Wood

Tom Fortier and Jay Patterson led a strong effort for the MTSU Men's Gymnastic team last weekend, but had to settle for a third place finish behind powerful Georgia Tech and Western Carolina.

Tech made a strong showing in the meet at Cullowhee, N.C., taking first place with an overall 124.80 point total, as some gymnasts scored over 9.0 in events.

This was the Raiders' second loss of the year to Western Carolina.

Fortier scored a 6.35 in the vaulting event, while Patterson drew a third place finish in the floor exercise with a 5.95 showing. Gene Foster scored his best high bar

routine with a 4.35.

The last meet of the year will begin tomorrow morning at 10 in the Alumni Gym against U.T. Knoxville and U.T. Martin. The women will also be competing.

Girls in state tourney

MTSU's Raiderettes will open first round action in the women's state intercollegiate basketball tournament this weekend at Tennessee Tech University.

MTSU will be without center Jackie Carter, who has been hospitalized, but will have Debby Boykin, Vicki Chandley, Lou Ann Wells, Lynn Burklow and Katie Harris to take up the slack, according to Coach Karen Ledford.



"The greatest double in the history of MTSU track" was made by All-American candidate Tommy Haynes last weekend in the National AAU meet in New York. Haynes set a new school indoor record in the long jump and a personal best in the triple jump.

Track team to host OVC meet; Haynes heads for Moscow clash

by Scott Elliott

Defending champion MTSU will put its Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Invitational track title on the line at noon Saturday in Murphy Center.

The Raiders will complete their home indoor schedule against conference foes Tennessee Tech and Murray State. Morehead and East Tennessee will not be competing for undisclosed reasons.

Hurdler Keith Cromartie, and sprinter Dwaine Copeland will try to repeat as champions for MTSU, while Murray's Culthbert Jacobs is back to defend his 300 and 400 yard dash titles.

Copeland, last year's winner in the 50-yard dash, will give Jacobs a strong fight in the 300, and MTSU's Nate Porter will test teammate Cromartie in the high hurdles, according to Raider track Dean Hayes.

Murray's Steve Ford and Raider Greg Lintner are scheduled for a repeat duel in the shotput. Ford edged Lintner for the crown last year.

Craig Segerlin and Sam Torres are Murray's other defending champions in the pole vault and mile run, respectively. Segerlin has cleared 14 feet six inches this year, and Torres has recorded a 4:13.7 miles.

Middle's other top contenders are John Johnson in the 600-yard run, Jesse Agnew in the high jump and Ekide Macaulay in the triple jump, Hayes said.

"This is the final meet to qualify for the NCAA indoor championships," Hayes said, "and this track is an excellent one to qualify on."

Hayes said a "real dogfight" should take place for the team championship between his squad and Murray with Tech a "possible darkhorse."

One thing that could hurt the Raiders' championship possibilities will be the absence of All-American candidate Tommy Haynes, who will begin competition in the USA-USSR games tomorrow in Moscow.

"With Tommy gone," Hayes said "it's as good as having two sure first places (long and triple jumps) out the window."

"We've got some people who are capable of taking up the slack, and we'll be counting on them to come through."

Haynes produced the "greatest double in the history of MTSU track" last Saturday at the AAU National Indoor by leaping 25 feet four and 1/2 inches in the long jump and 53 feet four and 1/2 inches in the triple jump.

Haynes placed fourth in the long jump and third in the triple jump. His long jump set a new MTSU indoor record, and his triple jump was a personal best.

The Raiders competed in the Illinois Invitational last weekend and captured several places.

Johnson finished first in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:11.3, while Cromartie took fourth in the high hurdles.

Copeland ran a 6.3 in the 60-yard dash to finish third, and Porter was sixth in the high hurdles.

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Scott's spot

Like Rocky, the Raiders will be back

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

On Sept. 28, 1952, one year before I was conceived, a tough young boxer named Rocky Marciano challenged 38-year old "Jersey Joe" Walcott for the heavyweight championship of the world.

For 12 rounds Walcott, the aging but cagey veteran, used Marciano as a punching bag, flooring the Rock in the first round and continually tagging him with left hooks and combinations.

Bleeding from both eyes and the nose, Marciano looked like a certain loser going into the 13th stanza. All Walcott had to do was stay on his feet for the last three rounds to win, but, suddenly the Rock nearly took his head off with a short right. It was all over for "Jersey Joe."

Last Monday night, our Blue Raiders took a beating--a bad one at the hands of the Austin Peay basketball team. Yes, they took a boxing lesson, if you will.

Now the question looming on the minds of Ohio Valley Conference followers is, "How will MTSU react to the loss?"

Just like Marciano, Jimmy Earle's squad was down, and they face the task of coming back against Western Kentucky Saturday night at Bowling Green.

Earle has stressed the fact that "it's not over yet."

I, for one, believe him. And I'm not talking about the mathematics of the situation.

Earle and company have been down before. They were down by 10 with less than two minutes to go in the first meeting with APSU. Against Morehead, they were down the entire game, and one could look back to earlier games with Tennessee State and the first Murray game as other examples.

However, the Raiders came back in every one of those games with the flair of the "never say die" Marciano.

It won't be easy beating the Hilltoppers on their court. Western, coached by Jim Richards, is a running team that can hurt you with a fast break ignited by either guards Chuck Rawlings or Ed Gampfer.

The man the Raiders will have to stop, though, is cat-quick Johnny Britt. Britt, a six feet two inch



Sophomore Center Tim "The Kokomo Kruncher" Sisneros jumps high to fire a shot over the outstretched arm of an Austin Peay player. Sisneros led the Raiders with 13 points and nine rebounds.

sophomore, has been the man responsible for most of WKU's wins this year. He'll be a hard one to overlook for post-season honors.

It all comes down to this. The Raiders have got to beat Western, and Murray State has got to knock off APSU for MTSU to stay alive in the OVC race.

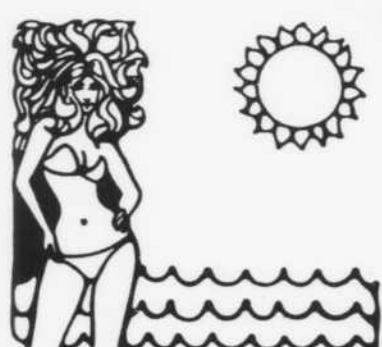
If Western and Peay make the same mistake the sleepy Walcott

did back in '52, a real logjam might come to pass in the OVC.

Anybody who counts the Raiders out is a little foolish. Stranger things have been known to happen than upsets at Murray.

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