

TEA LOBBYISTS PUSH FOR EDUCATION

by Robin Dial
TCPA Legislative Correspondent

NASHVILLE—Ear-bending and arm-twisting are nothing new on Tennessee's Capitol Hill. The how's and why's and what-for's may differ, but for a certain group of persons, their goal is the same—better education in Tennessee.

Composing this group are approximately 15 of the state's 145 registered lobbyists who will spend the next three months during the first session of the 90th General Assembly convincing legislators that education should be their number one priority.

State and private colleges are among the interests represented, but the largest lobbyist delegation is the seven-member team from the Tennessee Education Association. Other registered interests include the Knoxville Education Association, the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers, Tennessee Council of Private Colleges and the University of Tennessee.

For higher education, good things are in the planning. Legislative lobby efforts this year will be tuned toward increased funding, particularly for salaries, better faculty benefits and student financial aid.

Dr. Cavit C. Cheshier, executive secretary of the Tennessee Education Association (TEA), and

spokesman for the group's lobbyist effort, indicated that salaries and faculty benefits will rank high in their priorities this year.

said, "This would also apply to retirement and sick leave provisions."

Regarding efforts to upgrade

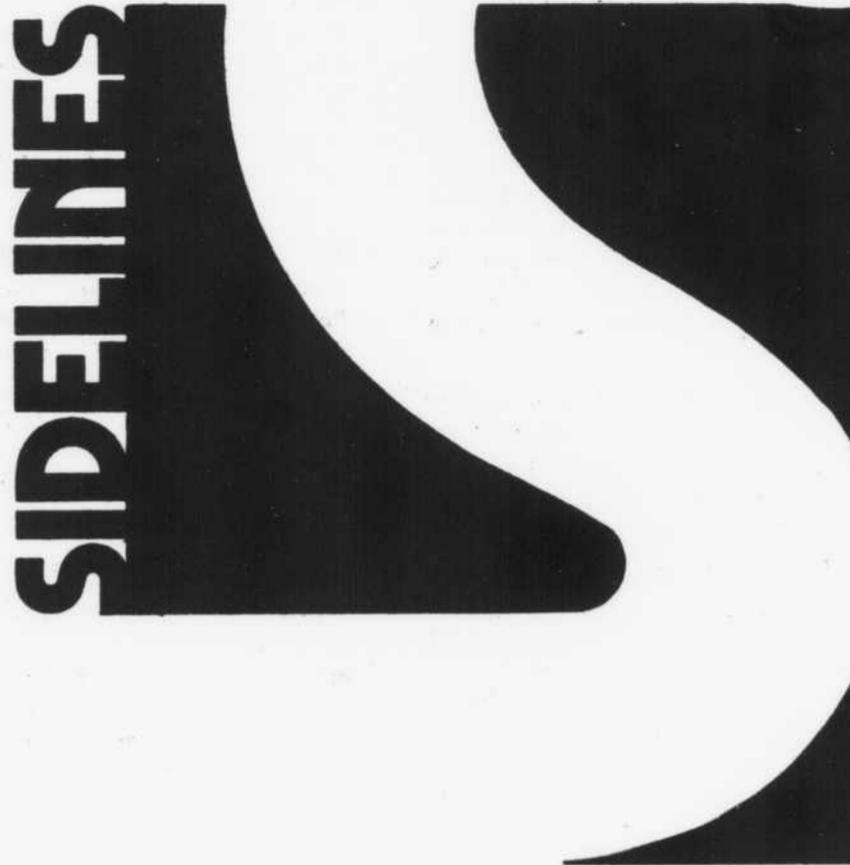
educational programs and curriculums, Dr. Cheshier said, "We have not prepared any legislation dealing with institutional programs or curriculums at this time. It will go slower now since this is the beginning of the two-year term."

"We will be directing our budget efforts mainly to insure allocation of funds to specific areas for K-12, otherwise we cannot get funds for these areas," he said, "The legislature channels funds through the appropriate boards for the state's higher education institutions."

Student financial aid is the top priority for private colleges this legislative session, according to Dr. Nyles C. Ayres, president of the Tennessee Council of Private Colleges. As a one-man lobbyist team for the state's 39 private colleges, he is planning to "do battle" to help increase funding for student financial aid.

"We need \$2.5 million to adequately fund student financial aid now," Dr. Ayres said, pointing out that only \$750,000 has been appropriated. "This won't bridge the tuition gap. We now have 7,000 students who have calculated

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"We are working for a comparable percentage in salaries for higher education and state special schools as we are requesting for grades K-12," he

ASB halts smoking ban

by Laura Lewis

A resolution which would place a ban on smoking in three cafeterias failed a second time at the ASB Senate meeting Tuesday.

Cheryl Saggese, sponsor, said she presented at Tuesday's meeting evidence which showed that "a majority of students who signed petitions are in favor of a no-smoking policy."

Following first failure of Saggese's bill in January, petitions "for" and "against" the proposed rule were placed at entrances to the SUB, High Rise West and Woodmore cafeterias for a two-week period. She said that 356 persons signed in favor of the policy as compared to 280 who were against it.

When the resolution was reintroduced Tuesday, along with results taken from the petitions, it failed by an 8-4 vote with one abstaining.

"The Senators who voted against the resolution think that people

would feel the ASB would be taking away their rights (to smoke in the cafeterias)," Saggese said.

The no-smoking resolution will go before the ASB House of Representatives at its meeting this Tuesday, Saggese added.

In other action, the Senate passed a resolution which will require both the Blue Raider Bookstore and the University Bookstore to require a drop-slip or other "positive written reason for the student to be selling the book" as a means of decreasing book theft at MTSU. The resolution was sponsored by Senator Kent Syler.

The senators also passed:

—A resolution which will provide students with more adequate pencil-sharpening facilities on campus.

—A resolution requiring that all campus clocks "be working and precise within 30 days of the passage of this resolution.

Both resolutions were sponsored by Saggese.



E.W. "Wink" Midgett, former Blue Raider football coach and founder of MTSU's business dept., was "roasted" last night in honor of his retirement. Midgett has been at MTSU since 1939.

Staff photo by Thom Coombes

Student jailed in pot bust

An MTSU student and a Murfreesboro resident were arrested Sunday night and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Bob Keller, 23, of Fayetteville, and Stanley Jack, Murfreesboro, were arrested in Keller's Smith Hall dorm room after David Bragg,

assistant dean of students, was informed that an unusual odor was coming from the room.

Bragg, acting on the tip, went to the room, informed the men of their rights and they surrendered an ounce of marijuana.

The two men will appear in General Sessions Court on Feb. 24.

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Gas industry needs 'sweeping changes'--Gore

by Jenny Tenpenny

Calling the natural gas industry "non-competitive", fourth district congressman Albert Gore Jr. said Tuesday that "sweeping changes" were needed in government regulation of the gas industry.

Gore was in Murfreesboro to announce the opening of a field office here in an effort to "bring the federal government closer to the people."

Gore said he could not support the deregulation of natural gas because it "would leave the consumer open to price gouging by the industry."

"We have received evidence that five trillion cubic feet of natural gas has been withheld and that there has been a production slowdown," he said.

The hoarding of gas supplies will be investigated in congressional hearings by a Commerce Committee subcommittee of which Gore is a member.

The congressman also said the government must adopt an energy policy which would encourage conservation and change from natural gas to other energy sources, namely solar energy.

Natural gas supplies will eventually run out but "we have to decide how we are going to use the remainder," Gore said, adding that he favored converting businesses to other energy sources and letting the homeowners use natural gas at a fair price.

On other issues Gore said he disagreed with a recent court decision halting the construction of the Tellico Dam project because of environmental impact.

The congressman favors "active consideration of a standby draft" through Congress' renewal of its authority to draft, which expired in 1973. He proposed consideration of a compulsory one-year natural service program in which persons would have to serve in the military, department of interior or some hospital post.

Gore criticized the house leadership for refusing to allow the house to vote on whether the 29 per cent congressional pay raise should be allowed, saying, "I think the

American people will be justifiably outraged by the way this is being done."

Gore's field office in Murfreesboro will be funded through congressional office allocations and

will include a special telephone line connecting it to all federal agencies. The line will also be used to provide direct contact with the congressman. The office is expected to open early next month.

Campus Calendar

Today

SACS Committee Chairman Workshop: Elementary Commission, Tennessee Room, SUB, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Luncheon, Dining Room B, 11:30 a.m.

Sam Davis Pershing Rifles & White Berets Drill Teams: Leave for New Orleans to participate in Mardi-Gras 1977, (Feb. 18-23)

Murfreesboro Little Theatre: "Barefoot in the Park." Tickets, \$3, 8 p.m. Call 893-9825 for reservations.

Arena Production: "A Flea in Her Ear," DA Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Student Publications Committee: NCB 304, 3 p.m.

Tomorrow

National Teachers Examination: UC 314, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Oakland High School Track Meet: Murphy Center Track, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Riverdale Barbeque: Riverdale High School cafeteria. 5-8 p.m.

Tickets, \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for students.

ATO Founder's Day: Banquet, 7 p.m. Holiday Inn. Featured speaker, Bob Murfree. Call 893-5373 for reservations.

Arena Production: Final night, "A Flea in Her Ear," DA 8 p.m.

Sunday

University/Community Orchestra, D.A. 3:30 p.m.

Monday

CLEP Examination: UC 314, 8 a.m.-12 noon.

Women's Basketball: MTSU/Murray, Murphy Center, 5:15 p.m.

Mr. MTSU Rehearsal: UC Theatre, 6-10 p.m.

Basketball: MTSU/Murray, Murphy Center, 7:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Festival: Louisville Ballet Repertory Company, D.A. Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Omega Pearls: Dance, Tennessee Room, SUB, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Alpha Kappa Psi: Business Chapel, OM 222, 4 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Robert H. Hackman, MD.

"Should the Christian businessman/woman expect ulcers?"

Chess Club: UC 314, 7 p.m.

The Kiosk

Fifteen interior design students from the Home Economics Department attended the Fifth Annual I.B.D. Student Design Rally in High Point, N.C., Feb. 1-5.

Sponsored by the Institute of Business Designers (I.B.D.) the rally consisted of seminars on issues in the professional field of interior design, in addition to factory tours, and show room visits of leading contract furniture manufacturers. Students also had the opportunity to see exhibits of the latest interior/architectural products and a student design competition.

Monday, Feb. 21, the Ideas and Issues Committee will sponsor several films concerning strip mining, flooding and ecological checks and balances. These films will be held hourly beginning at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in rooms 302, 305 and 300 of Old Main.

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Jordan excavation to be discussed

"The Archaeology and Geography of Jordan", an illustrated lecture by Dr. James Sauer, will be presented Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the UC theatre.

Sauer, who is director of the American Center for Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan, was born in Winona, Minnesota and holds his U.S. citizenship while spending a great deal of his time in Jordan.

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Wilderness group seeks chapter

The Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP), in an effort to establish a local chapter in Murfreesboro, presented a series of conservation films in the UC Wednesday and Thursday.

The films, which dealt with strip mining, endangered species, and ecology, were shown to inform students of the need for a conservation group in the area.

Kevin Molloy, a member of the group, said the main purpose of the TCWP is to write letters and lobby in the state legislature for laws that will protect our natural environment.

The TCWP which was involved in the strengthening of strip mining laws in Tennessee, has also been instrumental in the passage of the

Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act and the Tennessee Trails System Act.

Most recently the TCWP joined with other environmental groups in the state to halt construction of the

Tellico Dam on the Little Tennessee River.

Anyone interested in joining the group should write to Molloy at MTSU Box 8782.

Forms available for Regent's seat

Applications for students desiring to serve on the Tennessee Board of Regents are available in the ASB office.

One student from the Board of Regents' 16-college jurisdiction will be chosen by Governor Ray Blanton after nominees have been screened by the President's Council, composed of student body presidents from the various schools. The appointee will serve a one-year term.

MTSU applicants will be considered by ASB President Richard Langford, who will then select one applicant and submit their name to the student legislature for approval.

Forms outlining the qualifications for a potential nominee may also be obtained from the ASB office.

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Committee members disagree with chairman

by Tom Wood

Two freshman senators have repudiated testimony concerning the recent abolishment of the ASB infirmary committee, Sidelines learned yesterday.

Mark Floyd, chairman of a bill designed to investigate infirmary complaints requested that the committee be officially dissolved at a Feb. 8 meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives, citing a "lack of co-operation in several areas." Floyd also stated that the committee had met twice, and he had delegated responsibilities to members before reaching an "unworkable" situation.

The two freshman senators, Tom Patronis and Kent Syler, said yesterday that Floyd's statements were "somewhat faulty."

"Neither of us were ever contacted," Patronis said. "Both Syler and myself went to him (Floyd) and asked when the committee would meet. The chairman would give no answer, saying he did not know when we would meet. He just turned his nose up to us."

"How could someone say before the House and Senate that a committee met not once but twice when in fact no committee met?" Patronis wondered.

When Floyd asked for the abolishment of the committee, he told the joint ASB meeting: "I had promised this committee would either be a working committee or it would be abolished, and we weren't accomplishing what we set out to do."

According to Patronis, there was

never any "we" involved. The committee was proposed, formed and solely run by Floyd, he added.

"I feel as though people elected ASB senators and representatives should put forth enough effort to achieve a progressive worthwhile

objective for the student body," Patronis said.

Patronis added that while he has "no quarrel" with anyone, he felt the student body should demand more effort from elected ASB officials.

Campus flu symptoms fading

Phyllis Skipper

Flu-like symptoms have brought a large number of students to the campus infirmary this month. "Between Jan. 31 and Feb. 11 we saw over 1,700 students; however, all 1,700 did not have the flu", Chief Nurse Barbara Martin said.

The case load seems to be lighter this week. "A lot of people are taking aspirin and getting rest on their own," Martin said.

Flu symptoms—nasal congestion, sore throat, aches and pains,

elevated temperatures—are usually treated symptomatically with aspirin or Tylenol, increased fluids and bed rest, she said. Patients with persistent symptoms may require further treatment.

"Since we do not have laboratory facilities, we have no way of isolating the particular virus without expense to the student. We simply diagnose and treat them as flu syndrome. Vanderbilt did run blood work on some of their cases and diagnosed them as Hong Kong Type B," Martin said.

In order to receive a class excuse from the infirmary for any illness "we must see the student while he or she is sick in order to verify the illness," Martin said.

"We have seen several students who have presented symptoms of a communicable viral rash, she said. "Several students have said they have rubella (German measles). At this time a diagnosis of rubella has not been confirmed. It takes two weeks, involving two blood samples, to confirm rubella. A representative from the State Health Department is in the process of making such a confirmation. But it will be next week before our results are ready," Martin said. "Rubella is caused by a virus; therefore, it falls into the same category as several other rashes which are termed communicable viral rashes," she explained.

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parental contributions of zero."

"I can't see that when over \$200 million of taxpayers' money goes to support students at state institutions who can afford to attend college," Dr. Ayres said.

He cited statistics showing that for a family of four, an estimated parental income of \$20,000 is needed to afford college attendance without financial assistance, a far cry from the state's median income of \$8,500.

Dr. Ayers chastised the state for "building empires." He said, "The state should not be obliged to educate students beyond the 12th grade. They should make sure higher education opportunities are available, but if they are available in private institutions, it is senseless to build more."

"We have pursued student financial aid in the legislature for several years," says Dr. Ayers, who has represented the organization since 1970. Tennessee's first attempt at state financial aid for college students, the Tennessee Tuition Grant Program, was declared unconstitutional in 1974. A new version, the Student Assistance Award program, is in court now. The case will be heard in

Federal Court in Nashville during the week of Feb. 28-March 3.

The TEA has opposed the tuition grant program. Dr. Cheshier said, "We continue to oppose it. We have favored loan programs, but don't agree with using taxpayers' money for grants."

Dr. Ayers favors a free and open market for higher education. This theory would put all private and public institutions on the same fee level, channelling taxpayer funds elsewhere. "Then," he says, "with adequate student financial assistance, students can choose where they attend school."

On the other side, Dr. Cheshier disagreed, saying, "I don't feel it is the state's business to fund such a program. I chose to go to a private school, but I don't feel the state should have to pay for a student's choice."

Dr. Cheshier is confident about the upcoming legislative session. "Of course," he said, "we haven't accomplished all of what we wanted, but generally, we've had good support from them in the past."

The TEA lobbyist effort, almost a half-century old, is based primarily on personal contact. Dr. Cheshier pointed out, "We work on a one-to-one basis to provide printed

material and information. There is at least one TEA lobbyist member on the hill when the legislature is meeting."

Legislators receive the group's weekly legislative newsletter, as does the association's state-wide membership.

The group's effort reaches out to the state's 95 counties, according to Catherine Turner, TEA legislative assistant. "We're on the road a lot," she says, "We go to the legislator's hometowns and talk

with them about our educational priorities."

"We also hold meetings with school faculties and students, trying to stress to them the importance of personally contacting their representative or senator on issues they are concerned about," she said.

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Writer feels no-smoking bill defeat significant of ASB 'worthlessness'

To the editor:

Is the ASB Senate trying to prove its own worthlessness? I distinctly get that impression.

Recently, there have been attempts made to establish a No Smoking Policy in the three cafeterias on campus. The first attempt came in the form of a bill before the ASB Senate, recommending the adoption of such a policy by ARA. This policy had previously been approved by Doug McCauley, campus ARA Food Director, and each of the cafeteria managers, pending approval of the ASB. The Senate defeated the No Smoking bill, citing reasons such as the need to protect the rights of "smokers". (I guess non-smokers don't have any rights).

In an effort to determine the feelings of the people that would be affected, petitions were placed in these three cafeterias. The results of these petitions indicated majority support of a No Smoking Policy. So, with the statistical breakdown of these petitions showing support,

the bill was re-introduced into the Senate. Even with these facts known, the Senate AGAIN defeated the bill. This type of action on the part of our elected officials is nothing short of a slap in the face and should NOT be tolerated.

My experience has shown that a very significant number of students are in favor of a No Smoking Policy, however, most of these are too apathetic to make their voice known. If you have an opinion one way or another, make it known to these officials: This issue is not settled, nor should it be, as long as a majority of the students want a change. A handful of concerned students can't do it by themselves. YOU elected these ASB officials—it is up to YOU to see that they carry out your wishes. If they don't see it that way...well...ASB elections are coming up soon! Then, the next time the Senate tells us to "go to hell" maybe they'll be prepared to face the consequences.

Danny Dunkleberger
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Writer lists ideas for future ASB candidates

To the editor:

An open letter to President Carter may be rather nice, perhaps even helpful, but there are so many and he already is surrounded with advice. Besides, Washington is so far away. Instead, I would like to direct an open letter to a smaller, more local power—the ASB.

Electioneers and new politicians will be born soon and few have any causes or drums to beat. (It's almost embarrassing to promote yourself. For anyone in need of causes or a platform, I would suggest the following:

(1) A late-summer concert, outdoors, provided in conjunction with all of the university student governments in the Nashville area. (No doubt a large enough crowd.)

(2) Abolish all of the benefits and monetary rewards of the top three ASB officials and pour the funds back to the student body as meaningful programs. (Eliminate mercenaries).

(3) Investigate and expose the critical proportions of the parking problem with a possibility of legal actions. Each year the administration issues more blue (commuter) parking stickers but reduces the number of blue parking areas...resulting in many \$2 fines, which are even higher than tickets in Nashville.

(4) Help direct consumer spending in Murfreesboro away from businesses which don't accept checks from MTSU students or allow local credit.

(5) Lobby, in coordination with

other universities, in the legislature and with the Tennessee Congressional delegation. Support local candidates, friendly to students and the university, by endorsement, fund raising and organization.

(6) Establish a legal Union, which MTSU students can join for a couple of dollars per month, to retain an attorney, make bail, and provide advocacy, for students who are arrested regardless of bust.

(7) Make efforts to ease the housing crunch in the Murfreesboro area, by identifying available housing, providing a list of unscrupulous slumlords, and educating students to the public health regulations, zoning, and rent and strike provisions of the law.

(8) Unify the cliques on campus

and eliminate nepotism in the ASB by the promise to appoint the opponents of the ASB elected offices to the appointed positions instead of the winner's campaign manager and friends. The spoils system is diversive and fails to wash away the hard feelings accumulated during bitter campaigning.

(9) Make arrangements at the MTSU Day Care Center, or elsewhere, for suitable day care for MTSU students' children. (The fact the MTSU Day Care Center is funded by a federal grant does not prevent it from accepting the children of MTSU students. I was a grants writer for Public Health for 17 months. Far from a grant restricting services, it seeks to

expand them.)

(10) Approach various business and employers for special arrangements for students; such as splitting an eight-hour shift into two nights for those who would like to work while going to school. Also, obtain special student discounts at retail stores and restaurants.

(11) Produce direct involvement in the community through a community foundation or community development corporation. This University has a host of talent in economics, social work, urban planning, historical preservation, and other disciplines, which should be applied to the daily problems of the city.

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Wreck victim rants

To the editor:

This letter is addressed to the person who backed into a blue 1976 Pontiac Firebird during the week of Feb. 7. You are the lowest scum I can think of. You backed into a beautiful, relatively new car and did not have the guts or the decency to leave me a note and admit your error.

What is even worse, the car is not mine. I had borrowed it from my brother. If I ever find out who you are, you can be sure that you will be prosecuted by the law. Your total lack of driving skill cost my family \$200.

Denise Veazey
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Group to find alternatives for Tellico funds

by Nancy McCrary

An organization called the Little Tennessee River Alliance has been formed to work for laws which would provide alternative uses for the money that was appropriated for the Tennessee Valley Authority Tellico Dam Project. This project construction was halted by the sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The alliance seeks legislation to require a joint-agency study of other uses for land acquired and investments made by the TVA for the project. It seeks to provide the public with information on such uses and to implement uses which do not include a dam and a lake.

Such uses might include:

(1) Agricultural use of the project site. The approximately 16,500 acres of prime river bottom land that would be permanently flooded by the dam.

(2) Use of the project site to provide a broad spectrum of recreational activities.

(3) Preservation of historical areas within the project site which includes areas of archaeological value. This includes the Cherokee Village from which Tennessee received its name, Tenasi and the Cherokee capital, Chota. It includes historical sites including Fort Loudon, the Charles McClung Mansion and Cootie Springs. The

alliance favors preservation and perhaps the reconstruction of these and other sites and continued archaeological exploration.

(4) Scientific use of the project site. The alliance contends such studies might include research in the areas of agriculture, wildlife management, recreation and energy conservation. A suggest study would be the production and utilization of bio-mass for energy whereby biological materials are converted into methanol, which can be used to fuel automobiles. The quantity of energy which could be produced by such method would almost equal the potential electric power from the Tellico Project, the group contends.

The six organizations forming the Little Tennessee River Alliance are: the Tennessee Conservation League, Tennessee Chapter of the Sierra Club, Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, Tennessee Council of Audobon Chapters and Trout Unlimited.

A spokesman for the alliance provided the following additional information on their proposal:

"TVA now has an opportunity to demonstrate its often stated concern for the environment and the people of the Tennessee Valley by taking a fresh look at the Tellico

Dam Project and alternatives to the project. We believe there are several viable alternatives which would exceed the benefits to the area of a lake and dam. The

alternative which we feel has the most potential is a combination of various productive uses of the project site in a Coordinated Multi-Purpose Development Area.

Cookbook shows students how to avoid cafeteria food

[CPS]—Students holding their stomachs and moaning and groaning about the alleged food served in their dorms will be heartened by Terry Fisher's new cookbook.

Fisher, 21, a student at the University of Virginia, has written a cookbook aimed at dorm dwellers. Its title is "The International Student's Guide to Cooking Without Getting Caught." In it, she outlines handy methods for preparing dorm room cuisine with only a thermos, an iron, and a hot pot for boiling water.

Fisher says it is possible to grill a cheese sandwich with the iron, cook macaroni in the thermos, and to

make fruit crunches, bread and casseroles in the hot pot.

To make grilled cheese sandwiches, Fisher advises students wrap the sandwich in foil, set the iron on "cotton," and place the iron on top of the sandwich as if it was a handkerchief, being careful not to squeeze the sandwich. For macaroni, put boiling water and pasta in the thermos and let it sit for an hour. As for casseroles, desserts, and breads, Fisher says cook them by placing the ingredients in a tin can, covering it with foil, and putting it in the hot pot with boiling water and steaming it for an hour or more. Voila! A repast unmatched in any two-bit college cafeteria.



Nashville sophomore Kirby Jenkins rides the rollers to keep in shape during the cold weather. During warmer weather he races bikes.

Staff photo by Thom Coombes

Students win six awards in 'Super Oak' craft exhibit

MTSU students took awards in six of eight categories at the "Super Oak '77" Craft Exhibit currently showing at Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan in Nashville.

Taking cash awards for art, sculpture and jewelry crafts items were these MTSU students: Mary Ingram, Tennessee Artists Craftsmen's Association (TACA) Purchase Award; Cathy Branch, Judge's Award; Sydney Reichman, honorable mention, Best of Media; Susan Parks, Metal; James Richards, honorable mention, Metal; Jack Jolley, Wood; Chris Caragianis, honorable mention, Wood; Merrily Austin Teasley, Fiber; Elaine Stewart, honorable mention, Fiber; Maryann Fariello, honorable mention, Mixed Media and Other Media.

The "Best of Show" award went to Mark Russell of Peabody.

"Super Oak '77" is a unique exhibition of contemporary crafts by Middle Tennessee area college

students and is produced by ACORN, the student members of TACA. MTSU students Mary Ingram, Cathy Branch and P.J. Peer are members of the board of ACORN, with Ingram in charge of the craft show.

"Super Oak '77" will run through Feb. 25, at Fidelity Federal, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and will be closed Feb. 21 due to bank holiday.

Colleges participating in "Super Oak '77" are MTSU, Peabody, APSU, Cumberland Jr. College, Volunteer State, TSU and Vanderbilt.

Veterans and servicemen studying at a post-secondary level under the GI Bill may qualify for tutorial assistance, the VA reports.

The Veterans Administration will pay up to \$65 monthly for tutorial assistance to GI Bill students.

Debaters ninth in tourney

Mike Dagley, Murfreesboro junior, and Linda Hoffman, Pensacola, Fla. senior, debated to a ninth-place finish in the Northwestern National Invitational Debate Tournament held at Northwestern University.

The finish in the tournament, which is one of the top three debate contests in the country, places the MTSU team in the top 10 of debate

teams in the country. Other schools in the top 10 include Harvard, Georgetown, and USC.

The debate team will travel to Florida State during the first weekend in March and then to Kansas University the second weekend to debate before it competes in the National Debate Tournament in April.

Mitford criticizes U. S. penal system

by Nancy McCrary

"I believe that capital punishment is a tremendous step backward," Jessica Mitford, critic of the American correction system, said Tuesday night.

Her book, *Kind and Usual Punishment*, deals completely with prisons in the United States. She proposes that all prisons should be abolished and lists three alternatives:

1. The decriminalization of alcohol, prostitution and drugs. She bases this recommendation on the fact that these crimes do not harm anyone except the people directly involved.

2. A vast reduction of prison sentences. Mitford said six months could very well be ample time for a punishment rather than six years. And she holds further that the man held in prison for six years will probably be more harmful to the population after release than the man who stayed for only six months. She added that, according to her research, the United States has the longest sentences anywhere in the world.

3. The holding of moratoriums on any new prison building. Based on her studies, Mitford said people who are now prisoners do not want to see the building of new prisons

because they feel that the new and the old buildings will then be full, such as is happening today in California.

Mitford pointed out that it costs as much to keep one man in Attica as to send one man to Harvard. She said she would like to see an "exchange scholarship between these two institutions" go into effect. She added that many prisoners never receive benefits from money that stops at the bureaucracy.

Mitford began her research into prisons in order to answer a request made to her from the American Civil Liberties Union concerning prisoner's rights. A criminologist from the University of California told Mitford to submit a blank sheet of paper because prisoners do not have any rights.

Later in Miami, at a convention of the American Correctional Association, the statement was made that nothing had changed in the 101 years the association had existed, Mitford said. She described the theme of that convention concerning correction as "finding it and proving it." The "it" she referred to was what correction, if any, had been made in our prison system.

She said the exhibits at this

convention were "rather striking." One booth consisted of educational materials; one, sponsored by the American Bible Institution had Bibles to rehabilitate prisoners; one had chains describing seven different ways to tie up prisoners; some were tear gas displays; and one displayed different ways to kill and incapacitate prisoners. These booths were to benefit prison wardens and guards attending the convention.

Mitford explained that who goes to prison and why is a method used by society to "keep threat of prison ever before the bottom rung of people." She said that blacks, poor whites and young people are the ones who go to prison.

She noted that no white, middle-age, respectable persons are found in prisons even though that group commits most of the serious crimes in the country. She said one-half of one percent of all people that commit crimes are imprisoned.

Commenting on the decriminalization of drugs, Mitford pointed out that at the turn of the century, white, middle-aged women were the number one heroin users. In 1914, the use of morphine and heroin was considered a crime and the crime had made the drug racker. Comparing the illegality of drugs to prohibition, Mitford said if drugs were not illegal, there would be no profit from smuggling.

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Facing Austin Peay, Murray

Tournament bound Raiders seek revenge

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

With a berth in the March 4-5 OVC post-season basketball tournament assured, the Blue Raiders can settle down to some unfinished business:

Revenge.

MTSU faces Austin Peay tomorrow night, in a game that seems destined to be the Governors' first sellout in their two-year-old, 9000-seat Winfield Dunn Center. APSU handed Middle its second conference defeat of the season back on Jan. 24, when 10,000 fans crowded Murphy Center to watch a 63-62 heartbreaker.

Austin Peay, picked to win the conference in a pre-season poll of OVC coaches, leads the league with a 10-1 record, 20-3 overall.

Murray (9-2 in OVC) and Middle (8-3 in OVC) have qualified along with Peay for three of the four spots in the tournament that will decide the OVC's representative to the NCAA playoffs.

Morehead State, with a 7-4 OVC record, will probably capture the fourth spot, but East Tennessee still has a mathematical possibility of tying Morehead.

For head coach Jimmy Earle,

facing the Govs again is like being in a horror movie. "This is the finest Austin Peay team I have seen...they have had some great individual talent, but now they are a complete team.

"They don't have any weaknesses...it's going to be like playing King Kong," the Raider coach added.

Although probably none of the Peay starters will try to scale the side of the gym during the game, it will still take some pretty big guns to slow them down. Lake Kelly's Govs lead the league in scoring (79.9 per game) and field-goal percentage (.494). They lead opponents by more than five rebounds per game.

"Like a leaky hosepipe" is the way Earle describes Peay's offense. "Plug them up in one place and they'll come at you from some place else."

The difference in this and other Peay teams is obvious in the scoring averages of the players. There is no Fly Williams or Sam Drummer with more than 20 points a game. But there are freshman Calvin Garrett (17.1 points per game), 6-7 forward Otis Howard (16.5 ppg) and 6-9 center Ralph

OVC

Team:	Record:
Austin Peay	10-1
Murray	9-2
Middle Tennessee	8-3
Morehead	7-4
East Tennessee	4-7
Western Kentucky	4-7
Eastern Kentucky	1-10
Tennessee Tech	1-10

Garner (12.9 ppg).

The Raiders hope to counter with defense, the conference's best [67.7 ppg], despite the six losses. "We will do different things to them defensively this time," Earle said, but he added "we hope to get more from the offense this time, too."

The Raiders return home Monday night to try to avenge a 71-70 loss to Murray that still keeps Earle awake at night.

"I had never said this to a team before, but after the Murray game I told them that I thought we won it," Earle said of the game in which

the Raiders lost a six-point lead in the last 30 seconds. That was in Murray gym on Jan. 22, two nights before the Peay loss.

"Monday night I think we will be emotionally higher than for any other game this year," Earle said. "We're going to have to rely on the intangibles again...heart, fight and guts."

Keeping Bob Martin out of foul trouble is one of Earle's goals for success in the two games. "Martin had just begun to dominate in the Morehead game Monday night when he was called for his fifth foul.

Another Earle goal will be to rest Lewis Mack, last week's "OVC Player of the Week." Sam Burrell will be counted on to relieve the senior ball-handler during both contests.

Martin (17.2 ppg) is the leading scorer for the Raiders, as well as the leading rebounder (9.4 per game). Sophomore forward Greg Joyner is second with a 14.7 average, Julius Brown is third with 13.4 and the returned Sleepy Taylor is maintaining a 12.5 average. All four are listed in the top 20 scorers of the OVC, and Mack is close behind with a 11.9.

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Broken 'runner' won't stop title drive

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

Hopefully, MTSU track coach Dean Hayes doesn't believe in omens.

As he and the team began preparation yesterday for this weekend's OVC indoor track championships at Morehead, Ken., they found out that an important member of the Raider squad would be unable to run—the team bus.

Nevertheless, Hayes and a "convoy" of trackmen reached Morehead last night to ready themselves for a meet they feel they can win. The speedy return of several Raiders to good health would improve their chances in the two-day meet.

Western Kentucky, runaway winners of last year's indoor crown, will provide tough opposition for the Raiders, as will 1976 outdoor champion Austin Peay. Hayes, in listing the top teams in the league, included host Morehead State.

Morehead may have a strange advantage for it will be most accustomed to the contest's facilities—the school's horse barn,

modified for track use. Hayes, who noted the "goofy" arrangement of the track, still feels that MTSU "will be in there this year" with perhaps his most complete track team ever.

Raider hopes for an indoor championship may hinge on the performance of the school's jumpers, traditionally strong on Hayes' teams.

In the OVC track statistics released yesterday, three Raiders have had the conference's best performances in their events: transfer Gary Perry in the 880 dash (1:54.5) and 1,000 run (2:09.4), triple jumper John DoDoo (52-1 1/2) and long jumper Shiekh Faye (25-7 1/2). DoDoo is second best in the long jump with a 25-0 1/4.

Faye is presently a question mark for the meet, in which Hayes said he would be "a favorite." Injured slightly at the Indiana Relays three weeks ago, Faye's knee is still bothering him and Hayes is "going to take him and see what happens."

Another injured Raider whose recovery could aid the drive for a



Dean Hayes

crown is triple jumper Rayfield Dupree, playing out his indoor eligibility. Dupree jumped 55-9 3/4 in the Olympic trials, but has not yet jumped this season as a Raider due to a back problem.

OVC champion shotputter Ted Hausauer is not entered in the meet—still out of action with an undetermined ailment. Scottie Akins will appear in Hausauer's place, having the fourth best try recorded in the conference this season (51-3 1/2).

Healthy Raiders include two impressive distance runners. Perry will be entered in the 1000, while Dennis Votava will be in the 880. Votava has the second best 1000 time in the conference, a 2:11.8 that puts him two seconds behind Perry.

This afternoon, Faye and DoDoo will compete in the finals of the long jump, while Sammy Crump will compete in the high jump. In the distance medley both Votava (three-quarter mile) and Perry

(mile) will join Lew McBee (880 yards) and Ed Stegall (440 yards) in a test of speed and endurance. Perry has run the third best mile in the conference this year (4:09.4) while Perry is close behind at a personal best of 4:11.4, good for fifth in the OVC so far. Stegall has run a blazing 48.1 quarter this year in competition.

Tomorrow, DoDoo and Dupree will be competing in the triple jump, Akins will put the shot and OVC champion Jack Warner will compete with promising freshman David Cleveland in the pole vault. Warner's best this year indoors is two feet less than the OVC's best showing of 15 feet.

In the 60-yard high hurdles, freshmen Harry Majors and Ed Thomas will compete with Russell Holloway. Majors ran a 7.2 earlier this semester.

Stegall and Chester Ransom will enter the 440-yard dash, while Holloway will be joined by J.T. Musgrove and Larry Cotton in the 600-yard run.

The mile relay team of Musgrove, Holloway, Stegall and Cotton will have a chance to better its very close competition in the last event of the meet. Only Eastern Kentucky's team has run a faster mile this year (3:17.4), only two-tenths of a second faster than Middle's squad.

MTSU is without entries in the mile, two-mile and three-mile run and two-mile relay events in which Western Kentucky has delivered impressive performances this season.



Betsy Child, for four years a Raider cheerleader and a 1975 graduate of MTSU, is now the women's basketball coach at Austin Peay. Her team lost 82-52 to the Blue Raiders in Murphy Center earlier this year, and will face MTSU again tomorrow.

Raider Calendar

Today, February 18

Indoor Track: Ohio Valley Conference Championship, Morehead, Kentucky

Tomorrow, February 19

Indoor Track: Ohio Valley Conference Championship, Morehead, Kentucky

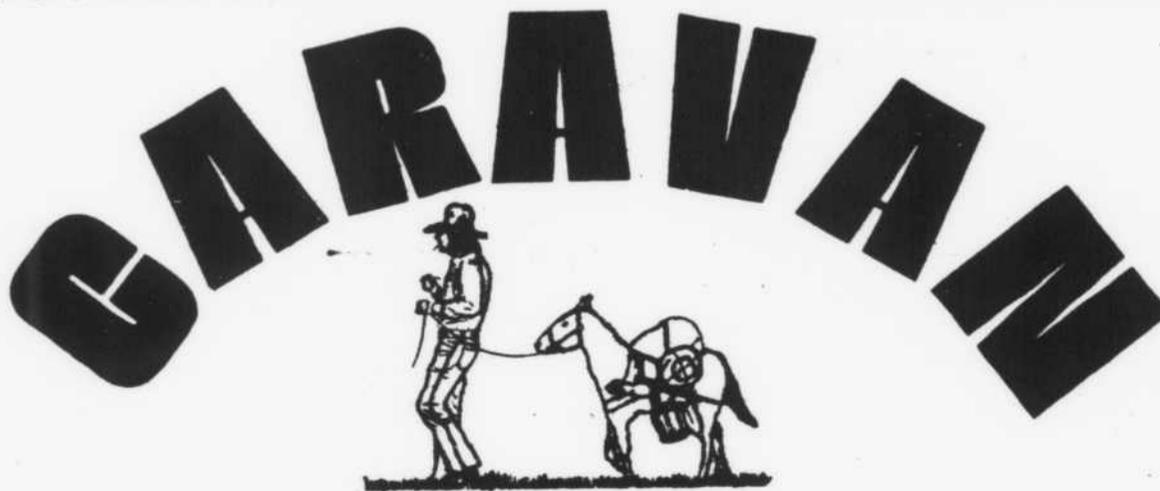
Women's Basketball: MTSU-Austin Peay, Clarksville 5:15 p.m.

Basketball: MTSU-Austin Peay, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 21

Women's Basketball: MTSU-Murray State, Murphy Center, 5:15 p.m.

Basketball: MTSU-Murray State, Murphy Center, 7:30 p.m.



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Satisfied Ben Hurt eyes first recruits

by **LOUIE GOSSAGE**

MTSU head football coach Ben Hurt said yesterday that he was satisfied with his staff's 1977 recruiting effort.

The Blue Raiders signed 15 of the 18 players they had hoped to sign this past Wednesday, the first day for signing any recruit to a national-letter-of-intent.

MTSU concentrated mostly on line positions because Hurt said the Raiders had several players returning in the skilled positions.

Nine linemen signed with MTSU Wednesday. Probably the best is All-Stater Bill Miller from Jackson High School, in Jackson, Tenn. Miller, who is 6-4 and 220 pounds, chose MTSU over Memphis State, Arkansas State, Western Kentucky, Tennessee Tech and Murray State.

Another blue-chip lineman was John Ricks, a member of the All-Memphis team. Ricks, who is a senior at Memphis Treadwell, stands 6-1, 235 pounds.

The largest player signed was Anderson Sanders, who is 6'7" and 250 pounds. Sanders, who will graduate from Ooltewah High School in Ooltewah, is able to run the 40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds.

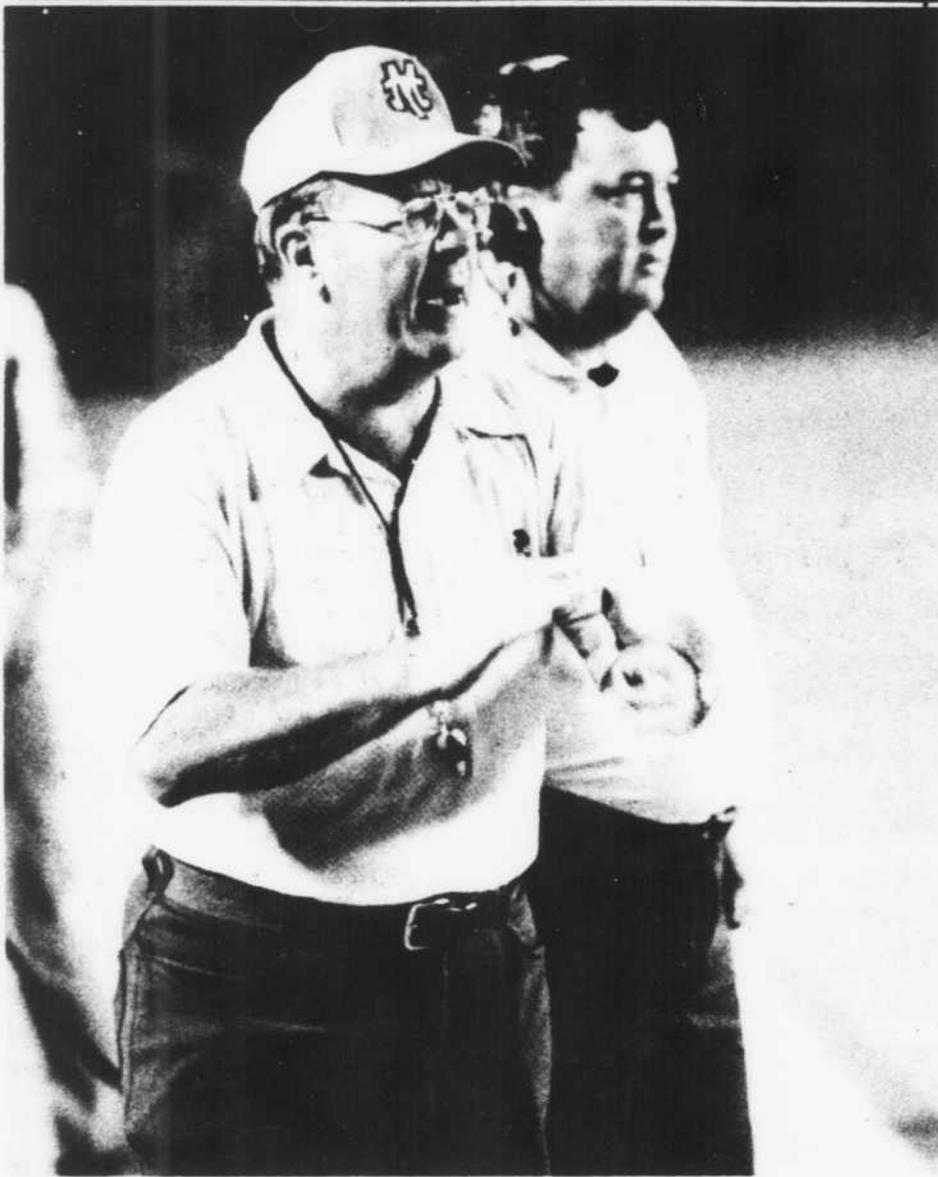
The Blue Raiders also signed two defensive end-linebacker prospects. Kim Thompson, from Chattanooga Valley High School in St. Elmo, is 6-1, 205 pounds. James McClelland also from Chattanooga, is the fastest player signed this year. McClelland runs the 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds.

The only defensive back signed this year is from Murfreesboro Riverdale High School. Gary Hammerstrom, a safety who runs the 40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds, moved to Murfreesboro last August.

Hammerstrom played in only four games last season, but apparently that was enough to impress the MTSU coaches. Hammerstrom said of MTSU, "Coach Hurt and his staff have impressed me since I first met them. All the players and coaches I have met have been really nice."

James Dunnaway, a running back from Smyrna High School, is 6-4 and weighs 230 pounds, but can run the 40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds.

Also signed were quarterbacks Duane West from Manchester High School and Jerry Bates, an All-NIL choice from Antioch High School.



Raider football coach Ben Hurt [left] hopes he will be watching several of his new recruits

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Back-up guard role brings smile to ex-janitor

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Sammy Burrell is happy again.

A janitor's mop doesn't lurk in the back of his mind like it did this time last year when he was in charge of mopping the grill floor nightly.

Also, he doesn't have to watch Middle Tennessee play basketball from the bleachers, squirming during the whole game and wonder why he wasn't a part of the action.

"Everytime I catch myself remembering what it was like last year I thank God I'm not working in the grill. I'm doing what I really want to do," Burrell said last night.

What he wants to do is play basketball. This year, that means brief action as a sub for probable all-OVC guard Lewis Mack. But Sammy, who was playing intramural basketball in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium this time last year, believes two minutes of playing is better than a season of watching.

"For anybody who loves basketball," Sammy explained, "sitting in the bleachers is punishment. I couldn't help but watch a game and think 'I can do that...I can help.'"

Burrell first tried to help Middle Tennessee in 1973 when he walked onto the court without scholarship help, but carrying a pocket-full-of-dreams.

The West Rome, Ga., high school senior had directed his prep squad to a 25-3 regular-season record and into the state tournament quarter-finals.

Most of the college coaches after the tournament contest headed for the locker of Larry Brewster, a 6-10 center who eventually signed with the University of Florida.

So why did Sammy pick MTSU?

"It was close enough to my home but not that far away," said Burrell, who lives 80 miles south of Chattanooga.

After his first season at MTSU in '73, Burrell was promoted to the varsity for a while, but the 1974 team had four point guards and won the OVC championship. So Burrell decided midway through the season to rejoin the junior varsity.

Burrell directed an easy win over Tennessee's jayvees in '74, but became disappointed when talk of an athletic scholarship usually ended in shaking heads.

In fact, Burrell who is now a



Sammy Burrell

senior but hopes to use his final year of eligibility next season, tried to transfer after the 1975 campaign, but transcript difficulties prevented him from transferring to Georgia State.

After suffering through a season last year as part-time janitor and full-time spectator, Burrell asked coach Jimmy Earle for one more try. Sammy spent much of the summer working with weights to get ready.

"I knew I wouldn't get to play that much," Burrell confessed with a laugh. "I accepted my role as playing defense in practice and maybe giving Louie (Mack) a break. He's the best guard in the league."

Burrell said he was lucky. That he just walked up at the right time. He mentioned "the people who have helped me."

"They have given me so many chances to do something," Burrell said before mentioning the Raider coaching staff. "The thing I want to do most of all is show them how much I appreciate it."

...Burrell teaches a Sunday school class for "some beautiful kids" at First Baptist Church....He played IM ball for Bennie and the Jets and "enjoyed it because I could play relaxed, but there is no substitute for the real game, especially once the fans get behind you."

...Like several of his teammates, Sammy doesn't think the Raiders have played their best game yet...or the best they are capable of playing....Burrell is typical of several players on this team that have worked tremendously hard, but get little ink for countless hours of labor.

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