

# Three qualify to run for ASB president

## Holiday:

*Generating interest can solve problems*

Lewis Holiday, a senior political science major from Lexington, Tenn., said he hopes to generate more input from students if elected ASB president.

"If you get the foundation of plenty of input started, you can solve other problems," he said.

Chief Justice of MTSU General Sessions Court, Holiday has served as an associate judge here for two years.

One of the problems on campus, Holiday contends, is the parking situation here.

"Sixty-eight thousand dollars a year is generated from parking violations," he said. "That money does not go to the Police Department or to improving the parking situation. Instead it goes to the general fund."

Holiday says he plans to initiate a parking management program and to look at the alternative of having a special parking section for compact cars in order to get more cars parked in a designated space.

Holiday said he would also like to see a legal services program for students. Presently a resident assistant at K apartments, Holiday says he is also concerned with housing problems. He said he feels his experience as an RA has made him more aware of these problems.

Weekend activities are very important, according to Holiday, who said he will work with the Chamber of Commerce on ways to provide recreation

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## James:

*Improving campus communication is goal*

One of the goals of Randy James, current vice president of the ASB and speaker of the house, is to open communication on campus if he is elected.

A 21-year-old sociology major from Cleveland, Tenn., James was also a sophomore senator under former ASB President Mike McDonald.

"Many organizations have not had dealings with the ASB in the past," James said, adding that it was not really organization's fault.

"It's time for the ASB to open the doors and get as many organizations as possible involved," he said.

James contends that attendance at house meetings has doubled this year. Although he said he did not want to take full credit for the heightened at-

tendance, he said he is proud of the accomplishments the house has made this year.

"We took it from something that was just a title and now, well, most of the debate on things is in the house," James said.

If elected, James said he is willing to go with how the student body votes concerning organizational row. James said he feels the proposed row is in the hands of the administration and fraternities. The student body will be able to vote on the proposed organizational row in a special election after spring break.

Concerning weekend activity, James said he feels it is the responsibility of the ASB to

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## Mercer:

*Plans to stop tuition increase*

Bill Mercer, a senior biology major, said if he is elected president, he plans to work on stopping the tuition increase MTSU is now being faced with.

"They are trying to get our rate up to that of UT's," Mercer said. "We are not UT and we do not have the same facilities UT has."

Having run for ASB President last year, Mercer says he feels he now has a better insight on the things students want done here.

"Running last year gave me an insight," he said. "I think a lot of the things the students wanted last year, they still want now."

"I really want to help the students," he added.

Mercer said he would really like to see the recreational facility get going. "I would be more than willing to pay the extra \$15 or \$20 for the facility. I would rather pay that than the tuition increase," he said.

Mercer contends that he is for the proposed organizational row, but does not really see it as an issue in this campaign. "I'm for organizational row; I think it has a lot of potential, but I am against fraternity row," he pointed out.

Mercer is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and the Sigma Club, the men's honor society. His minors are secondary education, aerospace and coaching.

# Sidelines

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## Couple bound over to Grand Jury in trial

Clarence Warren and Patricia Cooper, arrested last week in connection with the death of MTSU Associate Professor Grover Grubbs, were bound over to the June term of the Grand Jury in a hearing yesterday.

During the Rutherford County General Sessions hearing, Warren's bail bond was set at \$15,000 and Cooper's was reduced from \$15,000 to \$2,500, Attorney James A. Wiseman said yesterday.

Warren, 23, of Chicago, Ill., and Cooper, 20, originally from Jamestown, Tenn., were arrested on charges of murder after the car Warren was driving allegedly hit Grubbs' Honda Civic in the rear on I-24, close to the Franklin exit.

Grubbs' car apparently burst into flames on impact, Sheriff Detective David Grisham said. It then skidded about 75 yards and tumbled several times before stopping.

"The car was thrown into a heavily wooded area where it was hidden from sight," he explained.

Cooper and Warren allegedly

spent the night of Feb. 27 in the car and then allegedly abandoned the vehicle early the next morning. They fled to Murfreesboro and attempted to catch a bus to Tullahoma, their original destination.

"Their attempt to make the bus failed," Sgt. Virgil Gammon of the Murfreesboro Police stated.

Cooper went to the Murfreesboro police station and told the police that her boyfriend, Richard Scott, had wrecked his car on I-24 outside the Franklin exit. After questioning her, the authorities arrested Cooper. Warren's arrest came shortly after, Gammon explained.

"We (the Murfreesboro police) thought that something was very fishy when she came in with the story about her boyfriend's accident," he recollected.

A police report states that the auto was traveling at a high rate of speed, and Gammon said police reports show that the couple had consumed a bottle of Jack Daniel's whiskey shortly before the accident.



photo by John McBryde

The Nashville Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Michael Charry, performed at the D.A. Auditorium last night.

## West cafeteria changes

The chances of books being accidentally picked up in the High Rise Cafeteria will be much slimmer now that a wall has been knocked out to install new bookshelves.

"The new bookshelves will be an advantage, because prior to the beginning of tearing down the wall, books easily got picked up from time to time," J. C. Hazelwood, manager of High Rise Cafeteria explained. "Now the chances of accidental pick up will be reduced."

"There were several reasons that this is being done," explained Hazelwood, referring to building the shelves. "One was that there was congestion at the cashier's stand and in the seconds line. Also, books were all over the floor."

The cost will be slightly high, but considering paying for labor it will be worth it, Hazelwood added.

"By the time they get through with it, of course it will be expensive," continued Hazelwood, "but the cost of labor for taking the walls out and boxing the area in, of

carpenters putting casing around the opening and of men putting tile back on the floor have to be taken into consideration."

Additionally, electricians have to relocate wiring and the phone company will replace cables. But the exact cost of the changes is not known.

Hazelwood said people will be better able to move around, and won't have to fight their way through crowds while going in and out, he added.

"The change was the students' idea," Hazelwood chuckled. "Now, they complain about not being able to sneak into the cafeteria."

"We hope to come up with other changes that will help the kids when we get through with

the shelves," he asserted. "People like change; they seem to get tired of the same old thing."

Hazelwood noted that he would like to get eliminate the rotating salad bar that sits in the middle of the entrance floor. However, if he can't get rid of it, he said he'd like to see it put into storage or use it as a storage rack.

One of the other changes that has not yet come into existence is that of the new Mexican mini-shop.

"The mini-shop will serve strictly Mexican entrees," Hazelwood explained. "The various foods include tacos, burritos, enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, guacamole and chili."

## Forum to present candidates Monday

An Open Forum for ASB presidential candidates to voice their opinions on various issues will be held Monday at noon in the grill annex.

Candidates for ASB speaker of the house and senate will also

be asked to give a short speech and answer questions from a media panel and the audience.

The panel will be made up of representatives from *Sidelines*: WMOT; Sigma Delta Chi, the

society for professional journalists, and possibly representatives from the local media.

The forum is sponsored by *Sidelines* and Sigma Delta Chi. Admission is free.

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photo by Mark Holland

Trainee David Smith, left, and Forrest Raider Robert John battle it out during a mock fight.



## Sidelights

### Students encouraged to apply for aid

Winston Wrenn, director of Financial Aid, encourages all students to stop by the Financial Aid office and pick up forms for next fall. The deadline for applying for the Tennessee Student Assistance Award is May 15.

The Financial Aid offices are located in Room 217 of the Cope Administration Building.

### Jazz concert to be performed Monday

A free jazz concert will be performed Monday at 8 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

MTSU's jazz band, Blues Crusade, and the Tullahoma High School Jazz Ensemble will be playing.

"Tullahoma is one of the finest high school jazz ensemble in the South," Mark Douthit, president of Blues Crusade, said.

### RIM class taking survey from students

Beginning March 10, students will receive a questionnaire distributed by the Merchandising of Recordings class.

The survey, which has a number of questions dealing with students' music preferences, will be used to help local radio stations, record store owners and others, best serve the music needs of MTSU students.

If students receive this survey, they are encouraged by the class to answer the questions, fold and return it to the RIM department, Box 21 via campus mail. The flyer is already addressed for this purpose. Surveys will also be conducted through personal interviews and telephone interviews.

# Three try for speaker of senate

By JANE MIER  
Sidelines Managing Editor

Three students have qualified to run for speaker of the ASB senate.

Ma'tha Hammond, a pre-med sophomore from Athens, has been in the senate two years.

"If elected I want to get more student input into the senate," she said. "Maybe we'll break up into committees and actually go out and ask students what they want. I want to get the student body together and offer help with their problems."

Hammond explained she plans to work on obtaining more weekend activities and would like to continue the book board service and committee to study on campus housing problems.

"I just want to try to make MTSU the best university possible," she said.

Junior senator Ken Jobe, from Nashville, also hopes to get more students working with the senate.

"We need more students working in conjunction with the senate," the broadcast journalism major said. "The house has different representatives from all kinds of groups but the

senate doesn't and it needs input."

Jobe works for WMOT and is a member of the drama club. "Students know me for my participation and know I will work," he said.

Gary Pomeroy, from Nashville, has been involved in ASB

work for three years. He served in the house one year and is currently in his second year in the senate.

Pomeroy, a junior pre-med, was unavailable for comment, but according to his campaign brochures he is concerned with the quality of education, expanding residence hall assistance

to maintain the quality of student housing and the ASB voter registration drive.

He is also in favor of the organizational row proposal. "Initiation of an organizational row is an essential step in the growth and development of our university," the brochure reads.

# Two compete for house speaker

By ANGIE GALLOWAY  
Sidelines Copy Editor

Bob Gary and Byron West are the two candidates who have qualified and are seeking to be elected speaker of the house.

Gary, a sophomore from Chattanooga, said he feels qualified for the position of speaker because he has worked closely with Randy James, present ASB speaker of the house, this semester.

A mass communications major, Gary is minoring in political science and speech and theatre.

"I live in Smith Hall and I have become very aware of the things that need to be done that are not done for one reason or the other," he said. "If elected, I would head an organization where all organizations are represented," he said.

He said he wanted the people in the dorms to go to their ASB representative so they can petition and bring up issues in the house. "I would not be partial to the dorms, because I would be the speaker for all students. This position comes

closest to representing all MTSU students," he analyzed.

Gary has been a member of the house for two years and feels "all of the students owe Randy (James) a lot because he left the next speaker something to work with and he got the people to come out and be active."

He said he has learned the ins and outs of the house and feels familiar with how it works. "I know the people in the house and have worked with them not only in the house. I feel I can do a competent job."

The other candidate, Byron West, is a junior from Cleveland. He is majoring in pre-law and hopes to go to law school after he graduates.

He has been active in the ASB since he was a sophomore. West has served on the ASB cabinet for one-and-a-half years under both Mike McDonald and Kent Syler.

He is now the representative for Kappa Alpha fraternity in the house.

"Because I have experience in both the legislative and the executive branches, I have seen how the house is run. The speaker's job is a leadership role and the job is to listen to competing interests," he said.

West was also active in high school politics with the student counsel.

Expansion of more student involvement on the activity fee is one of his plans. "I feel my experience gives me the quality of leadership the speaker needs. It takes time or it is like a body with no head," he added.

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## Dept. tries for hangar Quiz bowl deadline set today at 4:30

The aerospace department is currently negotiating with the city to lease a 6,000 square foot hangar at the Murfreesboro airport. Randall Wood, department chairman said.

The use of the hangar will allow two aviation maintenance classes to be held at the airport rather than at the MTSU drawing building, where they are presently held.

Meanwhile, construction is scheduled to begin soon on a new 10,000 square foot hangar which will cost approximately \$230,000 and will house International Flight Center, a private company which teaches

the flight training classes for the university.

The aerospace department will hold the classes in the hangar now occupied by the flight center.

"What the students would do is learn how to tear down an engine and work it over," Wood said. "We're leasing the hangar so that we can have our shop work out there rather than just classroom instruction. They'll actually have hands on training."

Wood hopes to be moved into the old hangar in July after the new one for International Flight Center is completed in June.

## James' banner cut down

A canvas campaign banner on loan from Bob Clement was destroyed sometime Monday night when it was cut with a knife, Bill Ray, campaign director for ASB Presidential hopeful Randy James, said.

James had rented two 10 x 4 feet banners from the Clement campaign. One is being rotated all over campus, but the one that was cut was to remain stationary in front of Gracy Hall.

"It wouldn't bother me if it was just a little paper sign that someone had pulled down, but since its worth so much, I'm upset that someone destroyed personal property," Ray said.

ASB President Kent Syler told the senate during its meeting Tuesday the destruction of campaign signs will not be tolerated.

"If I or anyone else catches someone tearing things up, I will personally see to it that they are prosecuted to the full extent of the ASB electoral policies," he asserted. "We need to have a good, clean race."

Syler added that more candidates are entered in this year's race than ever before. "Just get out, hit the issues, meet as many people as you can and don't worry about your opponents' signs," he said.

Senator Don Wilson echoed Syler's words, but added "the people who tear down signs are usually not the opposition, but just some derelict wandering around, so keep an eye out for yourself and others."

## Quiz bowl deadline set today at 4:30

The deadline for entering the Quiz Bowl is today at 4:30 p.m., according to Greg Denton, director of men's residence hall programming.

"All organizations and groups are encouraged to participate. There are usually four people on a team, with one designated as captain. It's a good idea to have a couple of alternates," Denton said, adding there is no limit on the number of teams an organization can enter.

Academics, general information and trivia questions will be asked, with the emphasis on academics.

The bowl, which starts Tuesday, will be held in the University Center, and the room number will be announced later.

"Competition will probably be divided into two 10 minute periods and we'll have two teams going against each other," Denton explained.

The winning team, Denton said, traditionally gets to participate in the regional Quiz Bowl which will be held "sometime in April."

## House approves compact lot

The ASB House of Representatives voted yesterday to recommend that the campus traffic committee study the feasibility of having a compact car parking lot here to create more parking spaces.

Randy James, bill sponsor, said a section in each parking lot on campus could have lines redrawn several inches closer together. Those spaces would be reserved for compact cars.

"I think the idea needs a lot of study," he said. "It isn't something that will happen overnight. It should be worked on now so during the summer when they ordinarily repaint the lots, the plan can be implemented."

Compact car lots have created 600 extra spaces at University of California at Los Angeles, but MTSU cannot expect to create that many new spaces since the campus is

smaller than UCLA's, James said.

A study would include contacting universities which already have compact car parking lots and deciding size requirements for cars that would be allowed to use the smaller spaces.

## James

(continued from page 1) provide activities for students on weekends. He has written a list of proposals that he says could help the ASB bring into focus the problems faced by dormitory residents.

These proposals include establishing an ASB cabinet position titled "Director of Weekend Activities" and petitioning to the Activity Fee Committee for \$1,500 for weekend activities.

James also said in a memorandum the ASB could and should be more attentive to

## Holiday

(continued from page 1) for college students on weekends.

He said he also plans to work closely with students from married housing, foreign students and the handicapped.

Holiday was formally a senator at Jackson State Community College and president of the Young Democrats. He is now a member of the pre-law society here.

the needs and deficiencies in many campus residence halls. "The ASB should act as a spokesman for on-campus residents in connection with dorm problems and dorm maintenance.

"We feel that housing improvement monies should be appropriated to those dormitories with outstanding problems and in most cases these are the oldest residence halls on campus, Rutledge Hall, Smith Hall, etc.," he said in a memorandum.

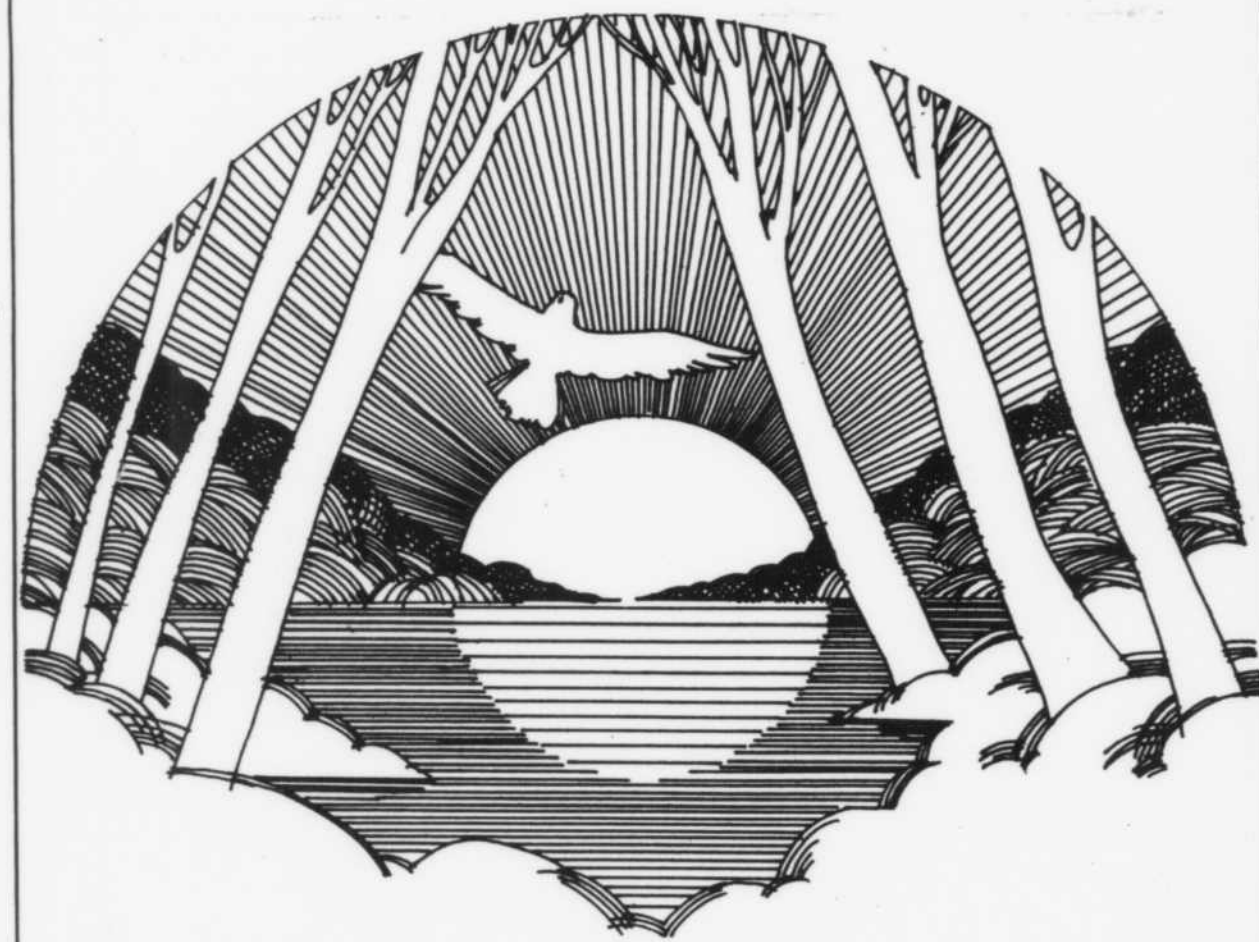
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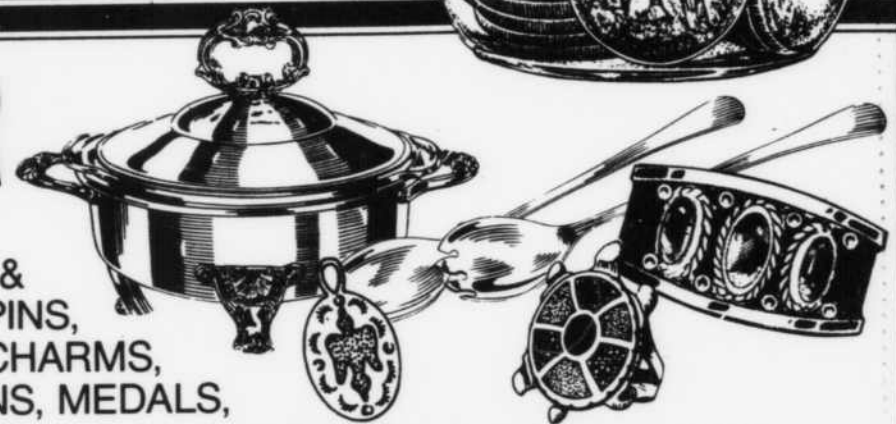
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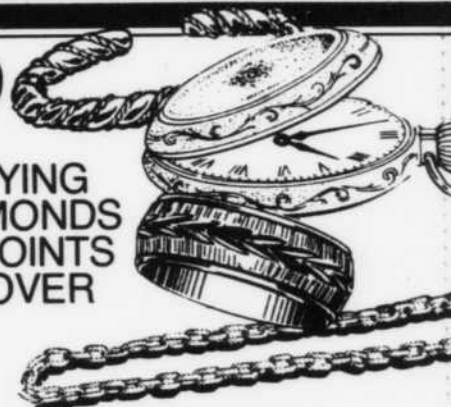
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# from the editor

## Apathy: *Students care more about campus issues*

Usually at the time of the Associated Student Body elections, *Sidelines* feels the need to urge students to overcome their apathy and get out and vote, but this year that is not the case.

Oh yes, we still want you to vote, but this year we feel students are concerned with the ASB elections and will vote, not because we ask them to, but because they want to.

In other words, it is our opinion that our readers aren't so apathetic anymore.

Letters to the editor, attendance at ASB President Kent Syler's dorm meetings and doubled attendance at house meetings, among other things, are evidence that many MTSU students are involved in campus issues, and therefore in the elections.

Students have voiced strong opinions both for and against the ASB and *Sidelines*. Over 200 students signed a petition saying they wanted to vote on fraternity row (although the correct name should have been organizational row). Nobody had to ask you to vote on that issue; you asked for the chance to be able to vote.

Doesn't this show that students are concerned and aware?

To give students better perspective of the campaign issues and the candidates' prospectives, *Sidelines* and the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, are sponsoring an open forum Monday at noon in the grill annex.

Pat yourself on the back, non-apathetic students of MTSU; we're glad you're concerned.

## Free press:

### Violated last week at Baylor University

Freedom of the press was, in our opinion, violated at Baylor University in Waco, Tex., last week, when three editors of the student newspaper there were removed from office due to a conflict with university administrators.

The conflict began when Playboy magazine announced plans for a pictorial feature, "The Girls of the Southwest Conference." University President Abner McCall threatened to expel any Baylor coed who posed for the feature, and the editors opposed him in print.

Side by side editorials were printed, one advocating personal choice in the matter, the other advising students not to pose.

Publications Director Ralph Strother told the editors Friday to "quit or be fired," the Associated Press reported yesterday.

Baylor's Board of Publications voted Monday in an emergency meeting to remove Editor in Chief Jeff Barton, Cyndy Slovak and Barry Kolar from the Lariat newspaper staff. The board also suspended publication of the campus newspaper for the rest of the week.

Associate Journalism Professor Don Williams, who supported the editors, was told "to pack your bags and get out" when he arrived for classes Monday.

Williams submitted his resignation last week, to be effective at the end of the semester, in support of the editors. He said the students had been "insulted" and treated "very insensitively."

Eighteen of the 32 member staff have quit, leaving only advertising and production staffers.

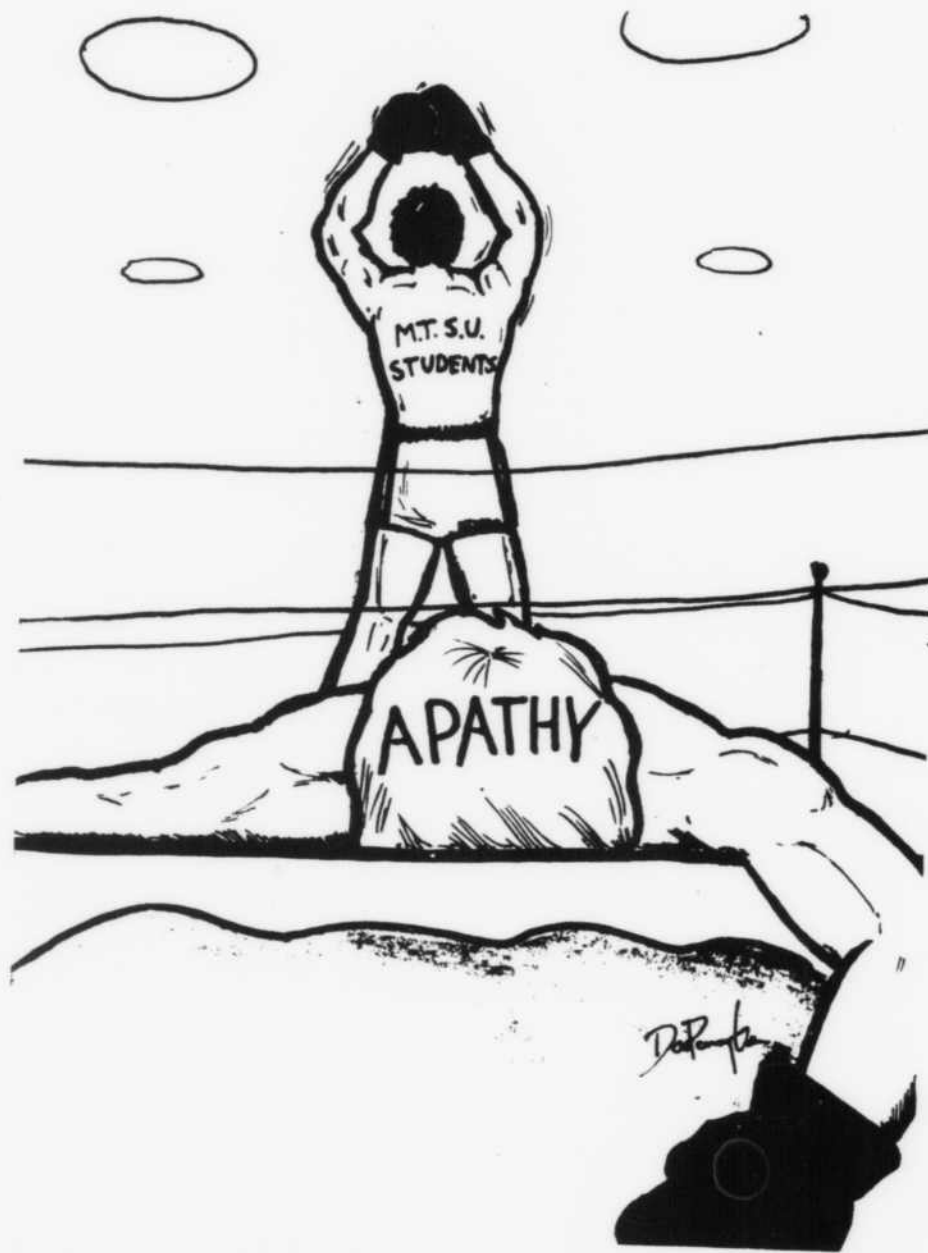
"I thought the battle could be fought on moral grounds," Barton said, "I'm very disappointed in the university, and today, I'm embarrassed to say I'm a fifth-generation Baylorite," the Associated Press reported. Board members refused to comment on the decisions.

The student newspaper had every right to express their views on the issue. Since they were fired, their first amendment rights have been violated.

Freedom of the press should be guarded as a right of all people in our society. Journalists have the right to speak opinions, whether the topic is a popular one or not.

Friday, March 7, 1980

# Viewpoints



## the land of mythia

by David Walker

### Land of Mythia getting short-changed?

*Ed. note: This is the second of a three-part series originally published in the Journal of the Tennessee Speech Communication Association. Author David Walker is an MTSU speech and theatre professor.*

In last Monday's paper, the land of Mythia was described as a place where students received a quality education and enjoyed a close relationship with faculty and administration.

But one day the land of Mythia decided it was not getting its money's worth out of the university so they created boards to control the university and boards to control the control boards. They also invented forms and records.

The land of Mythia could continue to spend enormous amounts of money on non-essential items, but it decreed that teachers were getting too much. Someone, somewhere (or so it is rumored — the records are not clear) discovered a textbook which he had used 30 years before when he was attending school and on the basis

of his revelation he was able to devise 4,762 productivity charts designed to weed out the "waste" in education.

From henceforth, classes must be larger and each faculty member must teach more classes while some faculty must be terminated. Instructors holding the Magical Degree (which was no longer magical) must be replaced when possible with instructors who possessed no magic.

So the faculty had less time for the students; the students were no longer encouraged to really learn, but to digest facts, assertions and other bland statements to "parrot" them back and be awarded a diploma. Administrators no longer were in close touch with the faculty, but spent their time trying to hold the line against the "economic crunch." The committee on determining the authority of an advisory committee was disbanded after many long hours of work, because they could not determine what their authority was.

Leadership no longer became a criterion for holding an administrative position over a department; the more important standard was to maintain the official party line. Faculty members who questioned the qualifications of such people were either replaced or ignored. To enhance the insecurity of faculty members not holding tenure, a super-structure was invented composed of 64 roadblocks, any one of which could prevent a person's achieving tenure. To pass one of these roadblocks was not an accomplishment; to fail to pass one was disaster.

Since revenue was based upon students enrolled in a university, administrators threatened departments that unless they increased enrollment to meet The Formula (which was changed periodically so no one would ever really understand it), they would lose faculty members and even major programs. The amazing development was that these economic conditions had little or no effect upon the number of

administrators — this number continued to grow.

Since the departments had these ultimatums, "grade inflation" became an everyday event. Amazingly, students who had earned "Cs" in the past became "B" students. (Perhaps this is an overstatement; perhaps actually the instructors became better teachers, as it was discovered that instructors who started giving higher grades also began to be evaluated considerably higher by the students on the students' evaluations of instructors.)

And so the land of Mythia produced students with higher academic averages than ever, but who amazingly did not perform as well on the job. The managers failed to manage, the managed failed to produce and someone began to complain that for some reason the quality of education had declined and that it was all the fault of those over-indulged teachers.

And then one day Mythia died.

*Next issue: Academic leaders must change.*



## on the wall

by Jackie Gearhart

### Life's dream is to be NBC Big Event

Sometimes I think my life is a situation comedy and the writers have run out of ideas. What can you say about someone who's still waiting in Green Hills for the commuter bus to come?

I have a friend who says his life is like a Broadway production, but I can't even get tickets. Another friend insists her life is like a soap opera, but I can't get cable TV installed to watch.

My biggest dream is for my life to be an NBC Big Event, but when you're 20 years old and haven't gone through adolescence yet, there's not much chance for a crisis big enough to build a plot around. Maybe I should move to Dallas.

Yep, I guess I'm doomed to be a situation comedy that never got past being a pilot. I've been put away with the "Mary Tyler Moore Hour" and "Flying High," but not even NBC would take me.

Can I help it if I live in a town that doesn't even have liquor by the drink and whose biggest disco is a filling station with a mirror ball? Can I help it if I live on a campus where the favorite hang-out and even the favorite class is the grill?

I think that if they can put something on the air like "Alice" I ought to at least have a slim chance. Wouldn't you classify me as an "Alice"? I have plenty

of Flos, Veras and Mels for friends. They wouldn't even have to build the plot around me. They could just give me a Chicago accent, a crooked nose and a set sort of like High Rise Cafeteria, and it would be a hit.

Oh well, maybe I could just be a paperback book. It couldn't be a Harlequin Romance, for sure; not even a comic book. Wait a minute; I've got it! I'll call Avon Book Publishers right away . . .

"Pardon me, sir, did you say you've stopped printing 'Nothing Books?' Not enough writers?"

Oh, well, at least I'm not the only one.

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# Perspective

Friday, March 7, 1980

from our readers

## Gamma Beta Phi system has good points

To the editor:

I would like to address Miss Spence's letter concerning the introduction of the point system in to the requirements for membership in Gamma Beta Phi. GBP is a service organization as well as an honor organization. When a student becomes a member for this society, he is asked to acknowledge and uphold the constitution which states this fact.

The point system insures that the service part of the constitution will be upheld. The only way to reduce apathy in the club is to set goals for its members. If a point system is necessary to achieve those goals, then that point system should be used.

It has been said that we are being treated like children. I disagree. We are being given the opportunity to assume responsibility in GBP by being

told what that responsibility is. By requiring four points, the amendment allows members to find alternatives for missing meetings because of schedule conflicts. This is a more lenient policy regarding attendance than the one we are presently under.

It also spreads out the duties of the club and encourages more participation from non-office holding members. Also, Miss Spence, we were not forced to

vote for this amendment. The hands that were raised during the voting were controlled by the members — not the advisors and officers.

Finally, the passing of the point system amendment has proven that GBP members are willing to accept the responsibility of being a member of GBP. The point system amendment has raised, not lowered, the club's standards.

Linda Elliott  
Box 2684

## ASB concerns students and all should be involved

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to another letter which appeared in the March 4 edition of *Sidelines*. In that letter Bruce Baranowski expressed his opinion that "... we need to re-evaluate and reform our political programs to serve the good of the whole student body and college rather than just the few and influential."

I agree wholeheartedly with this statement and I applaud Bruce for his insight. However, the opinions expressed in the next (and last) two paragraphs of the letter were very alarming to me.

In those two paragraphs it was stated that the above goal was unrealistic and that the students should sit back, enjoy the mudslinging and possibly even elect an unknown candidate as our next president of the ASB.

These things are by no means the solutions to the problems in student government. In fact, they are the very roots of the problem.

Most of the students on this campus don't realize it, but the very definition of the MTSU Associated Student Body is this:

### No headline

is needed here

To the editor:

While your reminder to the readers to always consider the source of information and opinions is certainly important, your protestations that your point of view never gets out of its box ("from the editor") is bologna.

Your priorities and points of view drip off of every page in the decisions you make: in what you decide to print, as well as how you decide to print it (where in the newspaper, where on the page, with or without the emphasis given by the author and finally in the headline you chose or lack thereof).

For example, your headline "Jansen wrong in accusations" is the banner for a letter which rather said I was absurd. Or "Quality education costs if students want it" as the headline of my recent epistle; if you had printed the underlining given in the original, the readers would certainly have noticed that the article sought to make a very different point. I wasn't writing about what students want; I have no right to speak for them!

You evidently feel you have the right to speak for students and for everyone else and you do it all the time, if not wittingly then unwittingly and often wittily.

Charles Jansen  
Ass't Prof. of Art History  
P.S. How will you end this one?

every student that attends MTSU in any capacity.

That's right, the ASB is not just a few people who are elected to various positions each spring. The ASB is us, the students, and only through the efforts of us students and some worthy representatives can the ASB be reformed. The real solution to the problems of the ASB is in-

## Gamma Beta Phi system defended; 'honor' people should want to work

To the editor:

After reading the letter that Kim Spence wrote concerning Gamma Beta Phi's establishing the point system, I decided to defend the point system.

First of all, I considered her statement concerning members being treated like children and never being able to volunteer for Gamma Beta Phi projects. If some GBP members choose to act like children they need to be treated like children.

If the GBP executive committee continues to wait around for people to volunteer, nothing much will be accomplished. Gamma Beta Phi is an organization which is supposed to have functions other

than holding meetings three times a semester.

Why do the members pay fees to an organization to which they don't get involved? I don't see any sense in paying money and not getting anything in return. I have served on several GBP committees and sold programs at basketball games and it was a fun experience.

There is some controversy concerning being unable to go to every meeting because of a night class or a job. The point system doesn't require members to attend every meeting. Members can serve on projects to earn four quality points if they can't attend the meetings.

The attitude that Gamma Beta Phi members have to study

constantly to maintain membership is questionable. I doubt that these members have to study every minute of the day to keep a 3.0 average in order to stay in the organization.

An hour or two in one day is all that would be needed to earn a quality point. Members could send out invitations to prospective members or make posters for ballgames.

I don't understand why more GBP members don't work on projects. It seems to me that an "honor" society, composed of conscientious students, would consist of people who are willing to become involved in the organization WITH or WITHOUT the point system.

Name withheld by request

will represent you and MTSU best.

I agree, Bruce, the idea of reforming the ASB to serve all students is very idealistic. However, with student interest and the election of the best representatives possible it is by no means unrealistic!  
Tony Yates  
Box 1575

## Police make cars disadvantageous

To the editor:

Most people think having a car at college is an advantage, but not at MTSU. Matter of fact, parking here is like a game. The object which is to find a parking space which is legal before you get a ticket. It is not fair to lay all the blame on all the ticket officers, but the position of being ticket officer has gone to some of their heads.

Traffic court is a joke. If you are a girl and you are pretty you have nothing to worry about; your ticket will be voided. Traffic court ought to be renamed Kangaroo Court — it

## Student support greatly needed during Lady Raider games as well as men's

To the editor:

Thursday, Feb. 28, and Friday, Feb. 29, the Lady Raiders competed in the state AIAW tournament in Cookeville (the home of Tennessee Tech). These tournament games were attended by no more than 20 MTSU supporters. It is a disgrace that such a fine and outstanding basketball team should receive so little support during this tournament.

One should not be surprised, however, considering the amount of enthusiasm that was shown throughout the entire season. Attendance was always

would be a more appropriate name.

Many college students have very little extra money to spend with all of their college expenses. But when getting a ticket it puts a squeeze on their budget. Many students park illegally and get tickets because many get in late at night and are scared to walk back to their dorm. Also, the only places available to park are in high risk areas and who wants their car or tape deck stolen?

And now our lovely police department. Without using names, one certain officer who

works the front desk is the rudest, most sarcastic person I have ever seen. This balding officer pops off with very rude comments on tickets and the time I applied for a temporary parking decal he acted as though he was king of the campus with his smart, bigoted remarks about why I had to have a permit.

It is a shame that a prestigious college as this can not provide adequate parking for its students and more courteous officers.

Susan Gentry  
Box 2510

This loss may have been averted if more fans had been on hand to shout encouragement. Anyone who says Lady Raider Basketball is not exciting has not been to one of their ball games.

Playing mostly freshmen, the women achieved a ranking of second in the state before the tournament. Fortunately, most of the team will be returning next year. It is my sincere hope that some of that strong MTSU support will return with them.

David Green  
Junior Varsity Cheerleader  
Box 5729

## next to last word

by Henry Fennell

### Spring break plans may be told to keep others guessing

"What are you doing spring break?" The question has begun to pop up already. The question may be delivered with genuine interest. Then again, there is often a smugness attached to it.

A person planning to trailer a Hobeys Cat to the gulf for some sailing is not going to be wowed by "I guess I'll just go home."

The time has come for a little planning. Spring break lies straight ahead.

The plain truth is most of us are going home. That doesn't mean we can't deal with the question. Be creative and always leave yourself an out. Instead of firing off the usual, give some thought to the following ideas.

If questioned on the way to class, simply face Old Main, shift your weight to the heels of your feet and reply: "I'm leaning towards Florida right now."

Keep the latest Dirt Band tape turned up in your car. A simple "Jamacia sure sounds nice" will go a long way to silence even the most inquisitive passengers.

Use any advantage you can muster. Even the weather will work for you. "Well, it looks like the rain has ruined California this year," or "I'm not going all the way out to Vail for man-made snow" are a couple of easy outs.

Check out a geography book and study the maps. "I've been looking at the northeast" is simple and effective. "There are just so many places to choose from" may also come from this approach.

Relatives, real or imagined, can work for you. "I've got some cousins out west I would like to see," or "Uncle Jessie said we could probably use his house boat during break" spice up a response.

Finally, for those among us faced with work during break, there is a dignified response. There is a real note of dedication in "I'm going to spend my break on career pursuits."

As for myself, I'm hedging my plans on the size of the Marlin run off Acapulco. If something doesn't break soon, I'll probably end up back home fishing for bream.

## observations

by Billy Edwards

### Read and study the Bible, learn more of His purposes

The book of Psalms has come to be a source of strength and comfort to many people. There is a collection of 150 Psalms contained in the book, most of which were written by David.

I love to write on the various Psalms whenever I feel led of the Lord to do so. In this column I am writing from Psalm 27. From this Psalm, the growing Christian can gain some very practical principles for our spiritual life. I trust that you take the time to read this Psalm to be a blessing to your life.

David proclaimed to all them you would listen to him, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." This is a great testimony for any Christian to have and one which all should have. This light can never be extinguished by man. The Lord is our salvation, our safeguard and our defense; and for these reasons, we have no cause to fear what life may bring.

The times when our enemies and those that spitefully use us march against us, they will stumble and fall. We who have confidence in the Lord can live without fear of those who hate us.

David said, "I am so confident of the Almighty's protection, that were I alone and encompassed by a host of those who hate me, I would not need to fear. I am in the hand of God; while I am in His hand, I am safe."

After we are placed in the body of Christ, our desire then should be to learn more of Him and our eternal destiny. This is the intent of Verse 4 as it should be our growing aspirations to be in the presence of God.

When trouble prevails in our life as it often does, we can be assured of God's preservation. We would make His temple our residence; we will dwell with God, and be in continual safety.

The ones who rest on the promises of God can be certain that He hears our prayers. When there is no one else who seems to be able to understand our problems, it is a comfort to know that the Lord is just a prayer away.

It should be our purpose and joy to seek the Lord's will for our life. It seems reasonable to allow Him to have the lordship of our life if we really have committed our lives to please Him.

God expects us to seek Him with every means He has made available to us. It should be desire for God's face will continually shine on us. Sin is the only thing that prevents God's shining face to turn from us.

We are never alone if we belong to the Lord. Romans 8:16 tells us that we have the testimony of the Holy Spirit dwelling within our hearts. Even if the circumstances of life get so that even our mother and father forsake us, the Lord will always be with us. Our parents were once our protectors, but the Lord will always protect us. There is no time in which will not fall under His merciful regards.

As Christians, it should be our will to learn more of God and His purpose for our lives. The only sure way this can be accomplished is through studying the Bible and our devotion to Him. If we consistently seek Him through our devotion to studying His Word and prayer, we are promised He will lead us in a plain path.

Though we fall in many ways, the Lord, through the richness of His mercy, forgives us. He will not let us fall captive to our enemies. We are in constant battles with those that are against us. Such constant strife over time brings discouragement. We feel like raising our hands in despair and say, what the use? As for the Christian, the hope he has found in Christ makes life's struggles all worthwhile.

The last point is the Christian should have good courage. He should be an example to others. We should wait patiently on the Lord and not become easily discouraged when things don't go our way, or we don't get things when we want them. I wait on the Lord, we are given the assurance that God will bless our life.



# Schneller goes to White House conference

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

Donald Schneller, associate professor of sociology, anthropology and social work, was recently chosen to represent Tennesseans at the White House Conference on Families.

He was one of 15 of the 200 delegates at the Tennessee Governor's Conference on Families elected last weekend to the White House conference, which will meet in early June.

"I have an idea we'll talk

about family problems and possibly try to decide on some type of government solutions to the problems," Schneller said, adding that he has not been told much about the conference yet.

President Carter has designated 1980 as the Year of the Family and has called the conference for the purpose of studying the needs of families, he explained.

"Today's family problems are astounding in number and size," Schneller stated. "Eleven

problems were discussed at the governor's conference as the most serious and threatening. They are inflation, child and teenage pregnancies, quality of education, enriching family life, family roles and structures (changing roles), sex education and birth control, child care, abuse of family members, services to the elderly, government spending and federal funding of social services.

"I feel that not only is it the role of the government to help families, but also the role of organized religion," he added. "There is a real need to

challenge various religious groups to become more active in a ministry to help families."

Schneller is a family sociologist who says he has a life-long interest and strong commitment to the improvement of family life. He is a former marriage counselor, a family life educator and is currently director of the Rutherford County Youth Diversion Project. The professor has also done research and writing on prisoners' families and is a member of the Diocese of Nashville Family Life Planning Team.

"In order to represent Tennesseans to the best of my ability, I am interested in meeting with groups who want to have input to the White House Conference on Families," he said.

Schneller can be contacted at 898-2517 or 273-2628.

# Die forming workshop to be led by metalsmith

By TERRY MEACHAM

Sidelines Staff Writer

John Satterfield, metalsmith from North Carolina, will be leading a free workshop on die forming Monday and Tuesday in the Art Barn Metal Studio.

Receiving a master's degree from the University of Kansas, Satterfield is associate professor of metals and design at East Carolina University at Greenville. Satterfield has a national reputation for making jewelry, and his works have been exhibited widely on the East Coast.

Satterfield will be demonstrating the advantages of die forming over other techniques, will make tools for surface decoration and show how to use these tools.

"Die forming is used primarily for making containers and sculptural pieces. Students in the workshop can make jewelry, hollow objects like trays for bowls, containers, or tools used to work with moving the metal," MTSU Associate Professor of Art Klaus Kallenburger said.

A slide lecture on Satterfield's work with metals and the die forming process will be

presented Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Room 322.

"I admire John's work a great deal, especially since he seems to never be intimidated by technical problems," Kallenburger said. "He likes challenging design problems involved with making metal objects and making tools for objects."

"His work is very diverse, and he delights in various fields of design. He can work with making such things as door handles as well as he can make traditional things such as jewelry," he added.

There will be a question and answer session following the slide lecture Monday. Satterfield will be willing to discuss any problems students may be having with metals.

The workshop will be 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. on Monday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday. All students are welcome to participate, but due to space, only 25 are allowed. Those wishing to pre-register should call the Art Department (898-2455).

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# Five senior slots open

Five people have qualified for the positions of senior senator.

Bruce Baranowski from Cookeville claims he is not a politician, but is running for office because there is too much apathy.

"Either you can sit around and whine about nothing getting done, or you can do something about it," he said.

Baranowski has served on the ASB general sessions court as bailiff. He lives on campus and wants to enact legislation that will affect seniors.

Mark Lawrence, a junior from Brentwood and accountant major, was a senator this year and feels that better appropriations can be made of the ASB activity fee money. "This first year was a good beginning, but it can be improved," he said.

He feels concerned because students not do not go their their house representative or senator or talk to them.

Jimmy Singleton is from Murfreesboro and majoring in marketing. He was appointed as a senior senator in January by ASB President Kent Syler when one of the senators did not return for spring semester.

One of the things he said he would like to see passed is organizational row. "It is causing a lot of conflict between the greeks and the non-greeks."

Lewisburg, is majoring in broadcast journalism and has no political experience.

She said, "I feel like people need to be informed on the issues that affect them. As a senior senator, this is one of my main goals."

Thomson plans to take a conservative stand on main issues.

"In this position, I feel I am a servant of the student body, and it is my duty to serve them," she added.

The fifth candidate is Renee Williams, a 22-year-old junior from Jackson who is majoring in manufacturing technology. She said she would like to see organizational row pass and a better system for evaluating teachers.

"I would like to see some good use go to the activity fund," she added.



photo by Don Harris

"The Murfreesboro City Mockettes" performed in Dance is Timeless Wednesday night in the D.A. auditorium. Other shows included "Boogie Row," "Reveille Revue" and "Greased Lightnin." The show was directed and produced by Tanya Davis and Aurora Daniels.

## Seven sophomores campaign for five senate seats

Six students are vying for the position of junior senator in the upcoming ASB elections.

Doug Cole, a history and accounting major from Oak Ridge, is a veteran of the ASB. Cole is a former member of the Kent Syler cabinet.

"I am against organization row," Cole said. "I think students are doing it so I am."

Raleigh Green, a Lebanon sophomore, is very much interested in student government

and believes MTSU has a strong student government.

"I feel like I could make a contribution to our government," the political science major said. "I support organization row and I don't think students should have to pay a wheel tax if they register to vote."

Mark Anthony King, a marketing sophomore, has served as senator for two years.

"I want to put the ASB out

into the student body more," the Nashville native said. "We need to solicit student support and input."

Janice McTier, from Antioch, Tenn., is a second semester sophomore and currently a member of the ASB house of representatives.

McTier is for organizational row and she says she believes in individual rights on the campus.

Keenan Pendergrass, of

Dickson, Tenn., represented Phi Beta Sigma fraternity in the house before being appointed to the senate by President Kent Syler.

"I would try to get legislation to help dormitories and various things on campus, especially parking lots," he said.

Julia Littlefield, the other candidate, was unavailable for comment.

## Six students try for junior senator seats

Seven candidates have qualified for the five available sophomore senate seats.

Daniel Brown, a pre-law major from Nashville, and freshman senator, said he was a major force in getting the special election concerning organizational row and in leading the movement in the ASB to secure tenure for Ralph Hillman.

Steve Love, who has represented Gore Hall in the house for two semesters, was on

the Joint ASB Housing Committee and the election commission until submitting his petition to run for office.

Love maintains he is against organizational row and has helped to get signatures for the petition for the special election.

Mark Ross, a pre-law major from McMinnville, plans to encourage more student involvement at MTSU and said he feels the ASB can become a more meaningful and active body.

Randy Shuptrine, Chattanooga, served as freshman senator last year and plans to present a bill to the ASB to get more laundry facilities on campus.

Shuptrine said he also wants to further investigate the possibility of opening some type of canteen on campus during the weekends that is economically priced for students.

Ronota Thomas, a pre-med major from Strawberry Plains, served in the senate on the

Hillman tenure investigation this year.

She is currently president of the Young Democrats and is a pre-law major.

A pre-law major from Kingsport, Tony Yates said he wasnt to see unity between Greeks and independents. Yates also wants to see improved dorm conditions, improved lighting on campus and supports more campus activities on weekends.

Priscella Weir could not be reached for comment.

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## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

by Eddie Gossage

### MTSU greater with Rec Center?

Quite often, a closed mind can be a dead end for new ideas, new plans or new issues.

For a year now, my mind has been a dead end whenever the recreation center issue was brought up. That is, until one day last week.

I ran into a friend recently and we began to talk about issues on campus, not necessarily sports, but news issues. We discussed organizational row. Then we drifted over to the recreation center.

My friend's argument was sound. He said, whatever it takes to make this university a great school, do it. What better recruiting device than a facility that houses, among other things, basketball courts, racquetball courts, an Olympic size swimming pool, a sauna, tennis courts, etc.?

And then the big question arose — why should I pay for something that I will never get to use on a regular basis?



Joe Ruffner

Even if ground were broken today, few current MTSU students would get to use the facility. Therefore, the question is a valid one. The only way to get the right answer was to go to the person who fathered the recreation center idea, intramural director Joe Ruffner.

Ruffner said the plan would go as follows: the university would sell bonds to finance the construction and the students would not pay a single cent. When the facility is completed, only then would students be faced with an additional charge, probably \$20 a semester.

"It just wouldn't be reasonable to collect money on the front end," Ruffner agreed. "The plan we would use makes that question no longer valid."

And then he raised the same question my friend raised.

"Do you want this university to represent something in the future?" he asked. "I see it as a way to both recruit and retain students we lose each semester. It would certainly be worthwhile to have."

Under the plan, student's would have access to all facilities in the structure. So too would alumni, with a small fee for yearly use being required.

But yet another problem has arisen. Should current students have the right to decide what students a few years from now will have to pay for?

"Many people don't like the idea of the students now taking part in a survey that will affect students five years from now," Ruffner explained. "But who decided when they put air-conditioning in some dorm rooms? The decision has to be made somewhere."

"Once the decision is made to have the recreation center, it will be done in black and white that a student will pay when they come here and what the fees will include," he continued. "Now, people look and know what it is going to cost to stay in a room with air conditioning or what lab fees they are going to pay. The same would hold true for the recreation center."

Ruffner said another problem deals with a predicted decline in enrollment at Tennessee universities. Many have questioned the feasibility of the center if enrollment does indeed decline.

"In most instances, we have not been typical of other universities and what is there to say we will be typical this time?" he said. "We always meet or go above our expectations, so we need to decide what it is going to take to make MTSU continue to be unique. The recreation center will make the university unique."

Indications are that to begin the process of setting the wheels in motion for making the proposed center a reality, a student survey will have to be made. The ASB met with university officials last week and president Kent Syler said the first step in making the survey would include setting up a university committee composed of a cross section of university-related people. The committee members would come from on-campus residents, commuters, administration, faculty, staff, alumni, etc.

From there, a survey would be composed and somewhere between 60-70 percent of those questioned would have to return the questionnaire, Ruffner said. Of that 60-70 percent, an overwhelming percentage would have to be in favor of the recreation center before the administration would react favorably to the proposal.

"I am skeptical about whether it will ever be built because I, for one, am aware of the realities of motivating that many people necessary to urge the administration to consider the project," Ruffner said. "But sometimes I see it as one of the most imaginative things to happen to MTSU that will help the university in the future."

The facility has many advantages and Ruffner has offered many solutions. The question is whether or not the students and the administration will have an open mind to issue.

We should remember, if mankind had always been willing to be content with life as it was, we would all still be living in caves.

The university needs to realize that in order to be unique, it must do unique things. The recreation center is one of these unique things.

And as students, we must remember what my friend said, "Whatever it takes to make this university a great school, do it."

### IM roundup

#### Division champs named

The Kappa Sweethearts took the championship in the women's tourney on Wednesday with a 37-24 win over the Little Sigmas. Monica Saxton had 14 points for the winners while Cathy Curran threw in 13 for the Little Sigmas.

In the three men's match-ups yesterday, all six teams went into their games with unblemished records. In the first game of the afternoon, E-Downs downed K Apartments 78-50

using 12 points from both Elmo Wilson and Harvey Haynes in the win. Greg Armstrong and Cordell Haynie had 21 apiece for the losers.

In game two, Sigma Chi overcame a 13 point halftime deficit to come back and defeat Kappa Alpha Psi, 50-49. Phillip Wright led EX with 20 points and Herb Jensen added 12. Victor Caldwell and Cedric Caldwell were tops for K A Psi with ten each.

# Raiders win season opener, 14-2



The umpire looks over MTSU third baseman Greg Houts as he writhes in pain on the ground after being struck in the side with a wild pitch from Belmont's Tony Key. Houts recovered and helped the Raiders to a commanding 14-2 win over the visiting Rebels in both team's season opener yesterday.

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

It was just one of those days for coach John Stanford.

You know—one of those days when everything seems to go right for you.

First it was the weather. Middle Tennessee just didn't see fit to let Stanford and his Raider baseball team open the season. Three times She said no to Stanford when it came to opening the 1980 baseball campaign. Three times.

But yesterday She said yes. And so did the Raiders.

The Raiders were right, along with the weather. The results was a 14-2 season opening victory for MTSU over visiting Belmont College of Nashville.

"I'm definitely happy with the way the game went," Stanford smiled after the win. "Anytime you can score that many runs, you've got to be pleased."

Middle Tennessee didn't necessarily overpower the Rebels. Clearly, MTSU was the best team, but MTSU helped out by committing seven errors to compound the problems. In the game, MTSU rapped out eight hits.

The Blue Raiders relied on a solid defensive performance, committing only two errors in the game. In the second inning, Middle Tennessee rightfielder David Collier made a spectacular diving catch on a short pop fly by Belmont's Roger Smith.

MTSU relied on a big second inning to take control of the game. Blue Raider pitcher Steve Duncan got in something of a jam in the first inning when the Rebels put runners on the bases. Duncan worked his way out of the mess and MTSU came to bat.

Belmont committed two errors in the big second inning while the Blue Raiders pounded out four hits. Belmont pitcher Tony Key hit third baseman Greg Houts in the stomach with a wild pitch and then threw a pitch over the catcher's head to score another run while Belmont committed some fielding mistakes as MTSU picked up six runs.

Belmont scored one run in the second inning and again in the fourth.

MTSU designated hitter Jeff Malass pounded the longest ball of the day off the top of the fence directly on the 365 foot mark off of Rebel reliever John Rangel to spark Tennessee picked up two more runs in the fourth.

In the fifth inning, MTSU picked up three runs off of another reliever, David Beard. Three walks and one hit highlighted the rally.

MTSU scored on a wild pitch again in the sixth to wind up the scoring.

Duncan went five innings before giving way to southpaw Art Whittaker in relief. Whittaker fanned the first two Belmont batters he faced in the two innings he pitched. Freshman Jerry Moore came in to get some valuable experience in the seventh inning.

"We told Art to ease up in the second inning he pitched because we are going to use him against Alabama-Birmingham," Stanford said. "We were really pleased with the way he played. (Mike) Norment caught a good game for us and Collier made a super catch at a crucial time. We played good defense."

The Raiders face Alabama-Birmingham this afternoon in a double-header game. The next game is set to be at home Tuesday against Tennessee Wesleyan at 1 p.m.

## Defending conference champ Blue Raiders set to open season

By SCOTT ADAMS

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It's time to crank up the overhead smashes and cross-court volleys for the Blue Raider tennis team which is coming off its best season ever that included an OVC championship.

"I never like to predict the outcome of a season but there is no reason that we shouldn't be solid," head coach Dick LaLance said. "We've got a tough weekend ahead of us. I hope the guys are ready."

The big weekend will begin with a match against Kentucky followed by contests with Western Michigan and Eastern Kentucky, with all matches to be played in Richmond, Ky.

### Inman says

## Little change seen in girl's game

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

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About a year ago, the state's girl's high school coaches were embroiled in a bitter battle that almost broke the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) apart.

Coaches in west and east Tennessee supported the Tennessee movement towards the transition of the girl's game from six-on-six court to five-on-five full court like the boys'. The coaches in middle Tennessee bitterly opposed the change. A fierce struggle ensued.

Purported "experts" spoke out in favor and against. The most vocal of these was Pat Head, women's basketball coach at the University of Tennessee. Head went so far as to say she would not recruit any girl in the state of Tennessee, and she didn't.

The TSSAA Board of Control voted to change the game to five-on-five, much to the disgust of the middle-Tennessee area high school coaches.

So now, after almost a full year of play, how has it affected the game?

"I really can't tell if it has hurt the game," said MTSU women's basketball coach Larry Inman

while surveying the action in this week's girl's state basketball tournament in Murphy Center. "I honestly can't see a big difference. To me, everything is basically the same."

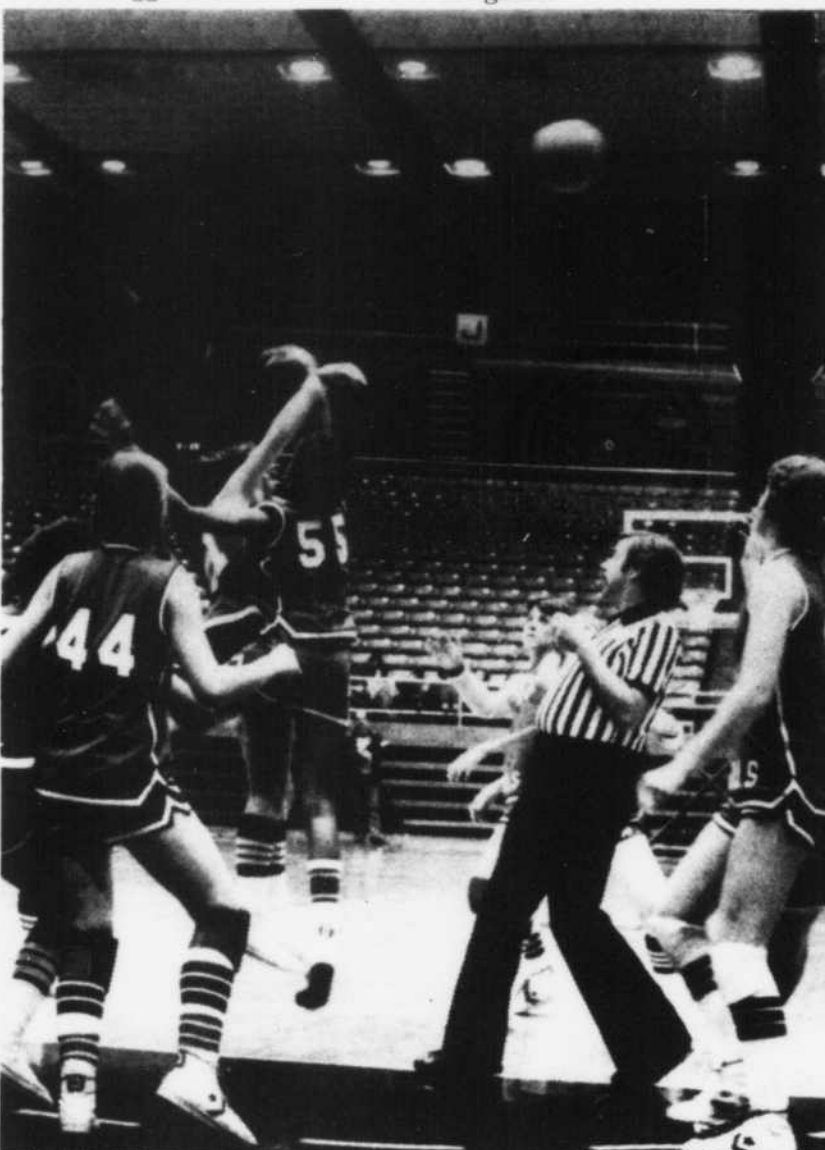
Inman, a master at recruiting, continually is in touch with high school coaches all across the state. In his conversations with the coaches, he has found that little has changed from a year ago.

"Oh, not much is different," he said. "The coaches in middle Tennessee still hate the game. The coaches in east and west Tennessee like it. As a general rule, though, I don't think as many people like it as you would think."

Last year, Inman, who coached Mt. Juliet to a state title in class AAA, came out in favor of adopting the new game. Although not as vocal as UT's Head, Inman explained his reasons for supporting the changeover were selfish. The five-on-five game would provide a "feeder-system" to the college game.

But whether it be five-on-five of six-on-six, Inman knows what he is looking for in a recruit.

"I want the best athlete, anyway, regardless of whether it be five-on-five or six-on-six," he explained. "The best athlete will stand out, no matter which game is being played."



The first year of the new five-on-five girl's basketball season is almost over as the TSSAA state basketball tournament closes out the season this week. Here, Sweetwater and Bradford fight it out on the court. The girl's tournament runs through Saturday in Murphy Center.

## Linksters open Saturday

MTSU golf coach E.K. Patty will unveil his 1980 golf team this weekend in the Orangeburg Invitational tournament in Orangeburg, N.C.

MTSU will be facing such teams as Wake Forest, the nation's number one team,

Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Middle Tennessee will not be as strong as recent teams because no returning golfers will be on this year's squad. The Raider linksters will depend heavily on John Powers to lead the squad.