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Instruction quality Crowe's concern

by Cathy Wood

Ten years ago, in the era of campus violence, Robert Crowe's most familiar administrative problem was coping with protesting students until the police came.

But in discussions with MTSU students and faculty yesterday, the presidential applicant talked about coping with community pressure and improving the quality of instruction.

"The university must be sensitive to the environment where it exists," Crowe said. "A president should keep attuned to the community's goals and opinions and then transmit an understanding of the university to the community."

Crowe, who went from the University of Tulsa to Memphis State three years ago (as dean of the business administration college of both schools), related philosophy to the issue of alcohol on campus.

"First, I'd find out how the community felt about the issue. Assuming it was neutral, I personally feel that alcohol should be allowed on campus, subject to control just like anything else," he said. "But I'm not a crusader. I wouldn't lead the fight to change the system."

"Students should be treated like adults. I don't see why a student can drink a beer on one side of the street and not another," Crowe added. "I'm favorably inclined to alcohol on campus, but I won't make any firebrand speeches."

"Business sense" earned in his experience in business administration (his B.S. is in business administration, his M.A. in economics and his Ph.D. in economics, all from New England schools) has given him an orientation toward problem-solving, he said. He already has a list of goals if he were



Robert Crowe emphasizes a point to Bobby Francescon at yesterday's presidential interviews. Listening to Crowe's left are Charles Pigg, campus planner and presidential selection member, and Fred Kittrell, associate professor economics and finance. [Robin Rudd photo].

chosen.

Crowe's main concern would be with raising the level of instruction. "Not that it's poor quality now, but I'm sure there is possible improvement," he said. "It looks as if MTSU is going to concentrate on undergraduate and masters programs, and I'm particularly interested in the quality of undergraduate instruction."

He would review university programs to find out if MTSU is ignoring some fundamental programs it should have or continuing

others that fulfill no purpose. "I'm not advocating vocational education," he said later. "There is a place for liberal arts courses, even if the students aren't enrolling."

Public service classes, or continuing education, would also be reviewed. "We have a responsibility to the outside community. I'm not sure what MTSU is currently doing in that area, but there is probably a need to do more," Crowe said.

Finally, he would support more [continued on page 7]

WMOT proposed format includes late night rock

by Ben Eubanks

Rock music has been reintroduced at WMOT as part of a new format which will begin in full on June 1.

The rock segment, broadcast from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., began last

night in order to "provide a little change for final week," Harold Baker, WMOT station manager, said.

Under the proposed format, rock music will follow progressive jazz, according to Edward Kimbrell, mass communications department chairman.

Traditional jazz will begin at 8 p.m. and progress toward popular jazz songs until 10 p.m. when rock begins, Kimbrell said. The rock will become more progressive until 1 a.m. when the station signs off, acid rock will be playing, Kimbrell said.

In the daytime hours, the format will be adult contemporary or easy listening, he said "a soft SM-95."

Stan Myatt, operations coordinator, said the daytime format could include artists such as Carly Simon, Bread and other middle-of-the-road artists. It would differ from WSM-FM by having more instrumentals, he said.

When originally proposed, the format had jazz beginning at 5 a.m., when the station begins broadcasting, until 10 a.m., but Kimbrell said it would be "hard to take jazz early in the morning."

Classical music has been reduced to [continued on page 7]



Harold Baker

Today's issue of Sidelines is the final edition for the spring semester, 1978. Sidelines will return at the start of the summer semester under the editorship of Jane Hamlin.



John Denver concert was one of the many highlights of this year. For a look back at what happened during this year turn to page 8.



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Nurse on call until midnight

Medical service beginning in summer

by Ben Eubanks

Beginning in the summer, emergency medical service will be available to students after the infirmary closes, according to Mike McDonald, ASB president.

An LPN nurse will be on call between 5 p.m.-midnight on the nights the infirmary is open. Nurse Brenda Spain, an MTSU student, will be provided a jump kit containing basic medical supplies and a two-way radio. McDonald said Spain will be paid through the work-scholarship program.

Other programs announced by McDonald to begin in the fall include a bookstore-by-pass, a professor's course requirements booklet and a student telephone counseling service.

The bypass program, which will be headed by Don Loftis, will probably begin at the end of the fall semester, McDonald said.

When implemented, the program would allow students to sell books directly to other students for a higher price than the bookstore would give on resale, McDonald said.

The professor's course requirement book, directed by Riley Clark, will be the individual professor's requirements for the specific courses. McDonald said Riley has already begun receiving returns from their questionnaires.

"One professor suggested we look in the bulletin for the course requirements, but it's not there," McDonald said.

McDonald said he hoped the booklet would be ready by the fall.

A program whereby students could call for counseling will be student-directed by Cheryl Donaldson along with Keith Carlson, an associate psychology professor. Based on a similar system at the

University of Texas, a student calls the counseling service, states the problem and the counselor plays back to the caller a tape dealing with the student's problem.

If more counseling is needed, McDonald said it would be available after the tape is played.

The ASB will also have a 15-minute segment on WMOT-FM. McDonald said it would give the ASB a chance to tell students about the ASB and what it is doing. McDonald said the program would be taped and would probably be a talk show format.

Thomas Keith will be in charge of the Student Protection Agency which will include 10 ombudsmen to handle student complaints about local merchants.

McDonald also said plans are under way to have two homecomings: one during football and one during basketball.



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Floors open for exams

Because more people have volunteered to work the extra hours, all floors of the library may stay open for the remainder of the exam period, according to Don Craig, director of library services.

Until last week there were not enough people willing to work to keep all the floors open. The whole building will stay open next week if enough people show up to work, Craig said.

"As it is scheduled now we should have enough, but it is possible some may be out sick or something and we won't be able to have the whole building open," Craig said.

The whole library remained open until Tuesday and Thursday of last week.

On Tuesday night, 84 people were in the library at 11 p.m. At midnight there were 34.

On Wednesday night, when only the main floor of the library was open, 113 people were there at 11



Don Craig

p.m. and 78 at midnight.

Thursday night all floors were open at 11 p.m. 115 people were there. At midnight 54 people were in the library.

It is too early to tell if the number of people that showed up warranted extended hours in the whole library, Craig said.

Retiring Tucker to be honored

Dr. Clay Tucker, retiring dean of the school of liberal arts at MTSU will be honored at a dinner by university officials, faculty and students on Wednesday, May 3.

The dinner is slated to begin at 6:15 p.m. in dining room B of the JUB followed by guest lecturer Dr. Samuel Stumpf of Vanderbilt at 8 p.m. in the Tennessee Room, JUB.

Stumpf will speak on the role of liberal arts in modern society.

The lecture is free and open to the public, but the dinner is already sold out.

A reception will be held in dining room C immediately after the lecture to allow Tucker to meet

with friends and former students.

Tucker received his B.S. degree from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and was awarded the master of arts degree from Vanderbilt.

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Finalists interviews were set at awkward times--faculty

by Faye Hale

Selection of a new president for MTSU could have come at a better time, according to several faculty members.

"For those of use who have prior commitments and can't make it to all the meetings feel that it's unfortunate that more time isn't taken with each finalist," Jeanette Heritage of the psychology department said.

Heritage also said that it might be "wiser" to spend a couple of days with the candidate since the last week is so rushed for both students and faculty.

However, Dr. David Grubbs of the political science department

feels that one day is sufficient time to spend on each finalist. "Since the appointed committee looks over their credentials before they come to MTSU, no more than one day is needed." "It's just a matter of meeting them face to face and giving them exposure to the campus, a sort of checking-out process," Grubbs said.

"What most people seem to be worried about is that we're giving the candidates of dean of liberal arts two-and-one-half days and giving the office of president only one day," Frank Essex of the political science department said. "But an extended period probably wouldn't improve the president selection any."

Ten seniors named 'Outstanding'

by Kenny Kleespies

Ten students have received Outstanding Senior Awards, according to ASB President-elect Mike McDonald.

The 10 winners are: Claude "Sleepy" Taylor of Yancyville, N.C.; Shirley Jean Walker of Lewisburg; Daniel Raulston of South Pittsburg; Margaret Joy Heath of Nashville; Carlos Jesus Clemente of Smyrna, Del.; Daniel Eugene Dunkleberger of Tulla-

homa; Ardena Juanita Garth of Ootawah, Tenn.; Michael A. Moore of Chattanooga; Rick Freeman of Portland; and Jerry Lumpkins of Gallatin.

A committee of two senators; two representatives, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell, two members of Gamma Beta Phi and Speaker of the Senate Mike McDonald, who is also committee chairman, chose the winners.



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Editorial

Rumors finally confirmed

After more than four months when the story first broke in the Nashville Banner of M.G. Scarlett, president of MTSU being forced to resign the rumors have been confirmed by no one other than Scarlett's son, David.

David stated at Sam Ingram's interview last week that he has seen the resignation letter Chancellor Roy S. Nicks of the State Board of Regents sent him last summer. David said Nicks had done everything except signing Scarlett's name. All Scarlett had to do was sign the letter, mail it back to Nicks and he would no longer be president.

Ingram said he did not know of the existence of the letter but David insisted that it did exist. David later even mentioned parts of the letter including the regents professorship given to Scarlett on March 3.

When Scarlett was contacted about the letter, his first response was "I just don't see what the letter has to do with Ingram." After being told that it was his son who had said the letter existed, he changed his answer to "no comment." He did not say the letter did not exist or that he had not received the letter, he just said "no comment."

Nicks also avoided being specific. His first response was "I didn't hear that statement in the interview." He failed to mention that he left before all the interviews were conducted and that beside David's statement, he missed other persons' statements.

Nicks changed his response to "show me the letter," after being told that Scarlett's son had made the statement.

Neither man denied the letter's existence. Neither man has ever said the rumors are false. Nicks always said Scarlett would have to make the announcement and Scarlett has just kept saying "no comment."

When Scarlett did announce his resignation he did not even say why

ACTUALLY, IN THIS RESIGNATION STORY WE HAVE THREE LETTERS.

ONE IS AN "M"
ANOTHER IS A... "G"

AND THE THIRD WAS OFFERED TO THE FIRST TWO BY ROYNICKS.



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he was resigning. His speech dealt with how far the university could go after he leaves.

For four months both men kept the issue alive by not denying that Scarlett was being forced to resign. Now a person who should know and who says he has seen the evidence says Scarlett was forced to resign and yet the non-denials continue.

David's reasoning for bringing up the letter incident after so long (six months) is simple. "I want the people know that Nicks lied all this time. Nicks did not even give my dad the courtesy to write his own resignation letter."

Open Forum

Mediocrity should not be tolerated at any college

by John Pitts

Mass Communications Major

Well, here it is, the moment I've been waiting for.

It seems that the opportunity to pen some final farewell to Middle Tennessee State University would never come. Now that it's here, and now that I face the prospects of graduation, I'm not sure what to say.

More importantly, I'm not sure if what I say will matter.

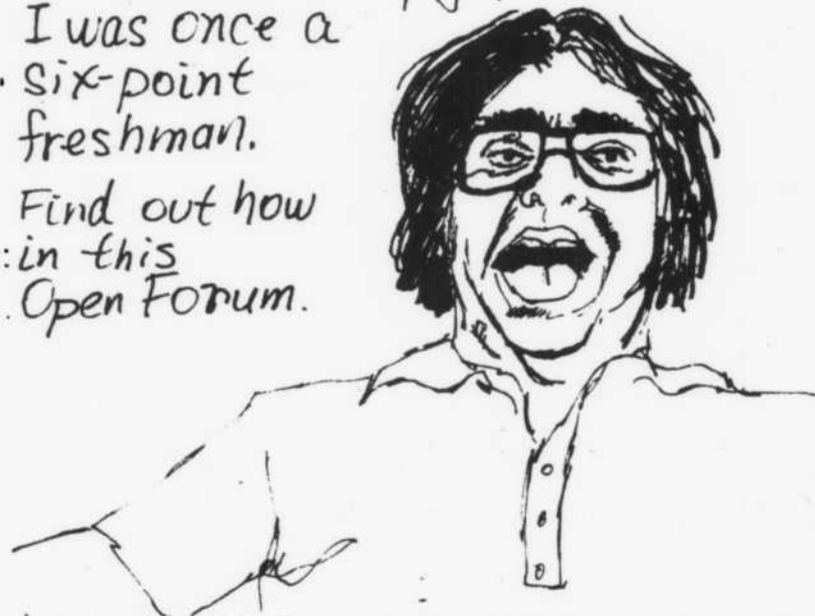
Nevertheless, some kind of end-piece is in order, after four years of exposure to the experience sometimes laughingly referred to as higher education.

It would be easiest to reel off some kind of endless list of "people I would like to thank for all the wonderful things..."

But that would border on needless tedium.

It would have been easier, in a earlier and more spirited day, to have produced a list of "people I could have lived without."

Hello... I'm John Pitts, a wild and crazy guy. I was once a six-point freshman. Find out how in this Open Forum.



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But that would border on needless cruelty.

So, this is neither travelogue nor eulogy; neither breast-beating nor self-pitying. It is, instead, a plea to reflect.

Consider if you will, the first day you ventured on the MTSU campus, your first college class, your first college date, your first...well, whatever.

Remember, if you will, the last time MTSU won a football game.

But that's not what I came here to talk to you about.

I want to discuss mediocrity. ME-DI-OC-RI-TY, n., (me-di-ok-ra-ti), 1. the quality or state of being mediocre; 2. mediocre ability or attainment; 3. a person of

mediocre abilities or attainments.

It is a shame that this institution of higher learning would allow this word (mediocrity) to be published in its student newspaper. It is anathema; it should be abolished.

For an institution of higher learning is not a place where mediocrity should be tolerated or allowed to be considered—excellence in effort is the only reasonable path.

There should be no outstanding teacher awards; every teacher should make every class a thing of beauty and a work of art; those incapable of doing so should be banished to a place where they will be appreciated (like Cookeville.)

There should be no honors

classes; only open forums for dissemination of information and free discussion of the above mentioned—all students should be intellectually pushed to the limits, in an effort to gird them for the psychological pratfalls which await them.

Finally, there should be no academic probation or "flunking out;" only students dedicated to seeking the maximum from their field of study, with the aim of someday adding to that field and expand man's knowledge even further.

I wage a constant struggle between the ideal and the real; what I have written is the ideal, in reality, most of us are lucky if we go to class occasionally.

So what conclusion can I draw after four years?

It might be good to refer back to a list of six observations I made as a freshman:

1. It rains too much.
2. There are no parking places.
3. All attractive girls are inaccessible.
4. All teachers are incomprehensible.
5. All protest is futile.
6. We will never have a winning football team again.

Four years have proven 1, 2, 5 and 6 to be true without fail. Number 4 I am willing to admit may not be entirely reasonable. I am willing to discuss Number 3 at any time, day or night. Just call me. Please.

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Mill goes into business under student guidance

by D'Nice Lawson

Since 1812, grain has been ground for flour and meal in Readyville, Tennessee near Murfreesboro. Today the process continues, but two MTSU students are now taking care of Readyville Mill.

Randle Branch, 30, is a graduating psychology major with minors in agriculture and industrial arts. His grandfather ran a mill in Crockett County, West Tennessee. "I used to hang around there a lot, do the floor-sweeping and feed the chickens."

He remembered sitting in front of the mill with a little red wagon selling eggs.

After deciding to come back to school last November, Branch heard from some friends with the invitation, "We're about to buy this old mill...would you like to run it for us?"

He accepted. Explaining its operating procedure, "the action takes place on the first floor," he said. "From there, the flour and grain is taken by cup elevator or blower system to the fourth floor. It is dropped down to the third floor for further processing and the finished product is directed into bags for sacking."

On Saturdays he grinds grain for local people at 10 cents a pound. In addition, products are sold to Sunshine Health Food Store in Nashville.

But only 10 percent of the funds to maintain the mill come from actually running it. A general store beside the mill is responsible for the other 90 percent.

"Plans for the next five years are

to reverse that," Branch said. "We'll have to if the mill is to be in full production."

The mill has been on the National Register of Historic Places since January 1974 and funds have been made available for its restoration.

After repairing equipment, replacing iron water gates below the mill and draining the mill pond in order to dig it deeper, Branch described a need for "a couple of benches on the porch of the mill to sit on, whittle and chew tobacco."

Readyville was one of the first rural communities to have electricity, he said. There used to be a sawmill run nearby as well as the ice house which still remains.

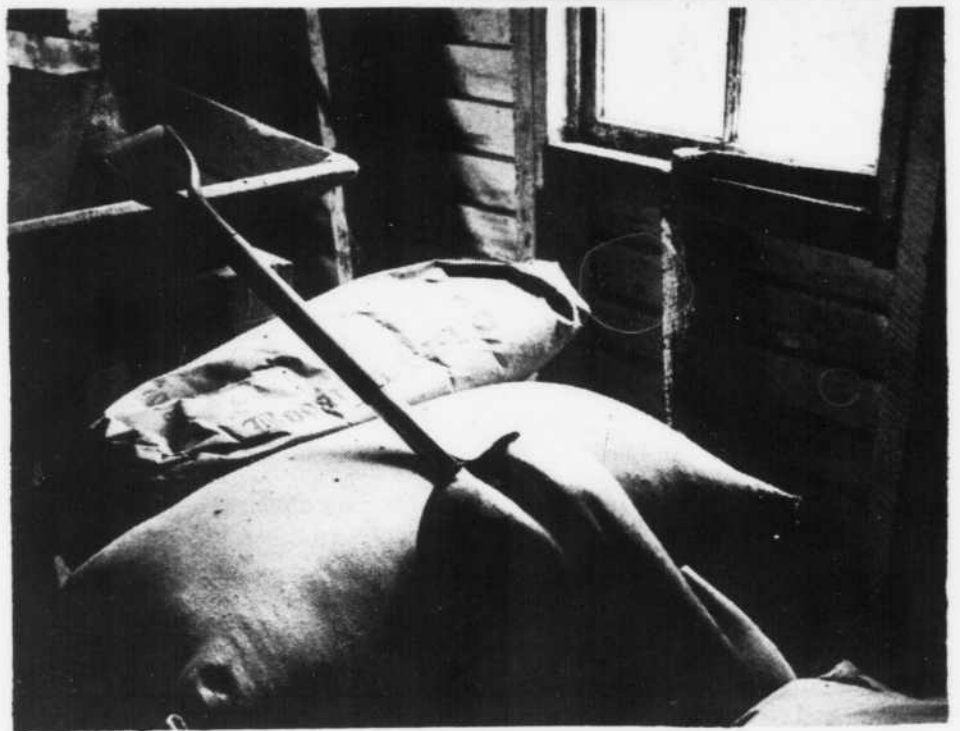
"The mill helped to produce electricity, flour, cornmeal, animal food, ice and lumber. It was quite an industrial center then."

Garry Jones, a graduate assistant in biology, is doing research work while working at the mill. His major is entomology, and he describes himself as an "avid bug chaser."

Jones takes care of "running the store and doing odd jobs," he said. "And there's a lot of odd jobs." Although he wants to be a naturalist, "I'm torn between art and science," he said. "Right now I just do a lot of drawing and crafting."

Between the two students, "Randle is a go-getter," Jones said. "He gets things done. I tend to sit around and think."

Taking care of the mill is not a big money-making project, Jones admitted. "The thought of it was just kind of romantic," he explained. "And I'm a romantic realist."



A shovel leans against a bag of corn while Randle Branch, caretaker of a mill in Readyville, pensively sits in the general store beside the mill. The mill has been operating since 1812. [Robin Rudd photo]



Letters

Teacher seeking help on project

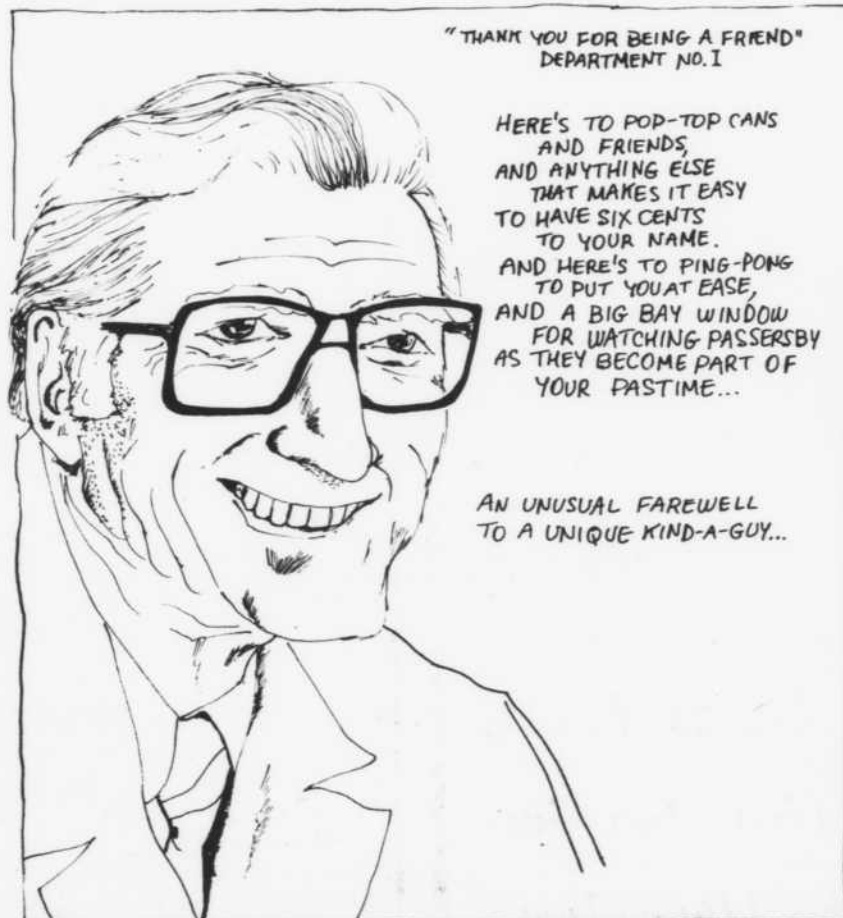
To the Editor:

I wish to appeal for faculty help in a research project. I wish to determine whether in recent years MTSU's faculty hiring practices have often been deceptive (whether conditions of employment were misrepresented), and whether retention and non-retention decisions have been arbitrary. I am interested also, but not exclusively, in questions of academic freedom that have arisen. I wish to identify departments, if any, in which these problems have often occurred. My aim, if the data justify it, is an article or series, or a book. If you can furnish information, or tell me who can, please contact me at the mass communications department (phone 898-2813 or 2814, box 271). I will not disclose the names of those who contact me, if you so request.

John Nichols
Mass Communications Dept.
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Faculty members awarded

by Lisa Human

One thousand dollars was awarded to five faculty members from the MTSU foundation at the alumni awards banquet Saturday night.

The new research award was presented to Norman Ferris of the history department. Another new award for outstanding public service was given to Leo Allsbrook, assistant professor in the department of health, physical education, recreation and safety.

Outstanding teachers for 1977-78 were Larry Morris, associate professor of psychology; Jancie Hayes, assistant professor of education and Ralph Hillman, assistant professor of speech and theatre.

Ferris won the research award for writing two books "Dangerous

Diplomacy" and "The Trent Affair."

"I'll probably save the award money until I need it to finance for some more research," said Ferris.

Allsbrook is "an expert on pre-school and elementary physical education," according to Robert C. Aden, dean of graduate students.

He has worked with school systems in 25 different states and teaches physical education at Campus School.

Five finalists for each award were chosen from faculty committees and sent to another committee consisting of two representatives from either a research of public service committee, two people from the MTSU Foundation and Jack Carlton, vice president of academic affairs.

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Picnic: Delta Tau Alpha; 4:30-8:30 picnic area
Bridge Class: Continuing Education, 6:30-8:30 p.m., UC 315
Antiques Class: Continuing Education, 7-9 p.m., UC 324
FHA Banquet: Oakland High School, 6:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, JUB

WEDNESDAY

ACT Residual: 8 a.m.-noon, UC 314
Luncheon: ARA Food Service, noon, dining room C, JUB
Environmental Science Program: Tennessee Energy Association, 2-4 p.m., UC Theatre
Retirement Dinner, Lecture, Re-

ception for Dr. Clay Tucker: 6-10 p.m., JUB

THURSDAY

PEP Exam: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC 314
Awards Reception: Honor's Office, 4:30-6:30 p.m., dining room C, JUB
Spring Sports Banquet: 6:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, JUB
Advanced Photography Class: Continuing Education, 7-9 p.m., UC 314

FRIDAY

PEP Exam: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC 314
Tennessee Mathematics Teacher's Association Meeting: noon-10 p.m., JUB
OVC Spring Sports Meet: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., tennis courts, Jones Field Track, 4:30-8 p.m.

English department head resigns

William M. Beasley, current chairman of the department of English, will be resigning from that office at the end of this summer.

"I'll still be at MTSU but in a teaching capacity," Beasley said. "It's what I've wanted for a while now."

Beasley, who has been department chairman since 1973, said he wanted "more time to read and teach." "I still want to work, but

not in an administrative way," he said.

ASB honorees chosen

ASB's student of the month winners have been announced. They are: Lee Cohn, Jeffery Moore, Rick Freeman and Masudar Rahmon.

They will receive a \$10 gift certificate and a covered wagon lamp from the bookstore, according to Mike McDonald, ASB president.



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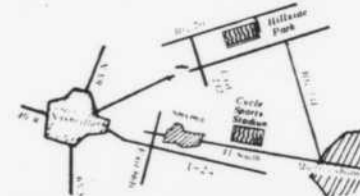
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research and publication. "A university should not just transmit knowledge. It has the same responsibility to expand the source of knowledge," he said. This would require asking for federal grants, though, he added.

Crowe, however, believes in a realistic accommodation of the facts. "Money is critical. Especially since the legislature won't start giving out bonanzas and the enrollment figures won't jump, we need to make more money," he said. Continuing education courses and grants will bring in needed funds, he added.

One way to bring in more money is to bring in more students. Crowe said he supported the open admissions policy (where anyone with a minimal grade level who applies is accepted), but "you need more than requirements, a high school education and living to go into higher education," he added.

WMOT

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an hour long morning show called "Morning Classics" and evening show called "Cameo Concerts."

Music played on the new format will be from records instead of tape, Baker said.

Student disc-jockies would be used for the music and to produce the news portions of the station's programming, Baker said. Students will be used to work the three-minute news at 57 minutes after the hour as well as two half-hour news programs at noon and at 5:30 p.m.

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Two students win in regional horse show

Two MTSU students were winners at a Region Six Intercollegic Horse Show Association held Sunday at MTSU.

Peggy McNally and Jim Pewitt, both in the top six of their division, will travel to the championship finals at Pennsylvania State Univer-

sity this weekend and compete against 130 colleges and universities.

McNally, in the novice division, won third place in flats while riding one of the school's thoroughbreds. Pewitt, in the advanced walk-trot-canter division, took third place in

his division.

Marie Vaughn placed third in stock seat (western riding) and earned the title of Reserved Champion.

Judging was done by Linda Jaskiel Brown, who is from Kato-nah, New York.



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Scarlett resigns, McDonald elected

by Jerry Williamson

The resignation and replacement of President M.G. Scarlett along with the election of Mike McDonald as 1978-79 ASB president topped the list of MTSU news events this year.



M.G. Scarlett

The Feb. 11 issue of the Nashville Banner reported that Scarlett had met privately with Roy Nicks, State Board of Regents chancellor, and given Nicks his new resignation letter. Scarlett denied the meeting and said he was in Nashville for a president's council meeting.

The Nashville Banner also reported that a resignation was being forced to avoid the embarrassment of Scarlett being publicly fired and speculated that Sam Ingram, state commissioner of education, would replace him.

Scarlett announced that he was resigning on Feb. 27 during a special meeting with faculty, administrators and students. He refused to comment on questions pertaining to rumors of his being forced to resign. "I think I ought to say no comment on that question."



Mike McDonald and supporters

Nicks received thirty-six applications for the position of president by the April 14 deadline.

Robert M. Crowe, Carroll B. Gambrell, Jr., Wendell G. Hardway, Sam H. Ingram and John T. Lewis were chosen as the five finalists.

In March, Mike McDonald won the race for ASB president by a margin of 848 votes.

Kyle Norris and Fred Hollifield were arrested and charged with kidnapping, attempted extortion and second-degree burglary on Nov. 4.

For \$589, Norris allegedly agreed to perform "homosexual favors" with former MTSU student Michael Harris. When Harris' check bounced, Norris and Hollifield forced him to go to a bank. Harris gave the bank teller a note saying his life was being threatened and he needed \$800.

Norris and Hollifield pleaded guilty to the charges and were sentenced to 60 days in the county workhouse.

Women's basketball coach Pat Sarver was reinstated Nov. 14 by Scarlett after being fired Nov. 11 by women's Athletic Director Pat Jones.

Other events during the year were:

•Grand larceny charges against four MTSU students for attempting to remove a totem pole from the Tennessee Tech bookstore were dropped.



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were top news stories of the year

•During a survey, a recorded high of 59 people were in the library last fall from 10 to 11 p.m. Bobby Francescon, ASB president, requested that the library hours be extended during final exam week. Library hours were extended for that period from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., although students were restricted to the main floor.

•During the coal strike, steps were taken to conserve university energy. Outside lighting was reduced, dampers were cut to a minimum, heat was turned off in some areas and many light bulbs were removed or turned off.

•Dennis Weldon, MTSU political science major, entered in the election for mayor of Murfreesboro, but was unsuccessful.

•WMOT, campus radio station, was ranked last in popularity of area stations in a conducted survey March 28. Because of the low results, Edward Kimbrell, chairman of the mass communications department, called a series of meetings with the management and staff of WMOT to discuss changes

During the first meeting a new format emphasizing adult contemporary music and hourly newscasts using student work, was proposed.

Dennis Adamson, WMOT news director, resigned April 21 and Harold Baker, station manager, appointed himself as news director until a replacement would be hired.

•A \$47,000 proposed grant for the MTSU aerospace department was defeated by a house committee, according to state Senator John Rucker of Murfreesboro. Randall Wood, aerospace department chairman, said he knew nothing of the grant being refused.

•With no lifeguard chairs, half the windows broken, slippery floors

and not enough fire exits, MTSU's swimming pool was found in violation of minimum operation standards although it remains open.

Money for renovation is one of the top priority budget items in the legislation, according to Bragg.

•A 10 percent raise in housing rates is being considered for next year to help cover a \$300,000 expected loss in the housing budget.

Editors for MTSU student publications were chosen. Linda Nelson was chosen as the new *Midlander* editor. Jeff Ellis as *Collage* editor, Jane Hamlin as *Sidelines* summer editor and Cathy Wood as *Sidelines* fall editor.



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Raiders end season with loss to David Lipscomb

by Scott Adams
Sports Editor

"We'll do better next year."

Raider baseball coach John Stanford summed up the team's up-and-down season, saying hopefully next year will bring better things to the program which supposedly was to produce another OVC powerhouse in the Western Division this year.

Defending National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics cham-

sidelines sports

pions David Lipscomb ended the Raiders season with a 4-3 victory on the Bisons' home field to give Stanford's Raiders an overall record of 26-24.

The Lipscomb contest was typical of many Raider games this season in that they led going into the final innings but failed to hold on for the

Vaughan wins Eastern Ky. Invitational

by Scott Adams

MTSU's top-ranked golfer Emile Vaughan led the Raider linksters to a second place finish in last weekend's Eastern Kentucky Invitational in Richmond, Ky.

Vaughan won the individual competition with a six under par 210 total for the 54-hole tournament. With this victory remains one of the top golfers in the Ohio Valley Conference with an average of 71.8 strokes per 18 holes.

The tournament was won by Eastern Kentucky on their home course, Arlington County Club, with a 844 total. MTSU was second at 861, followed by Eastern's second team golfers who shot 875.

Eastern lead the 11-team tournament from start to finish, showing a definite edge being on their home course.

Steve Goldstein was MTSU's second ranked golfer for the tournament, finishing at 216, followed by Chris Farr (218), Steve Campbell (223) and Chris Hall (229).

The Raider golfers are in the process of tuning up for the upcoming OVC championship to be hosted by MTSU at Fall Creek Falls.

Coach E.K. Patty said if there was any such thing as a three-headed coin, it could be used to find the winner of the tournament.

The toughest competition for the Raiders will be East Tennessee State, who they edged out for a win in the Tennessee Intercollegiate tournament, and Eastern Kentucky, who the Raiders lost to this past week.



Blue Raider basketball coach Jimmy Earle watches intently over the shoulder of baseball coach John Stanford in baseball action against David Lipscomb Friday. [Cindy Hicks photo].

victory.

Last year's OVC Player of the Year, Mike Moore, went 7 and one thirds innings giving up 4 runs on eight hits and was credited with the loss. The loss brought Moore's overall record to 7-6 for the year.

The Raider's started the scoring in the first inning on a solo home run by right fielder Bobby Hines who was followed by Doug Hicks with a double.

Catcher Tom Zakotnik kept the rally going by singling in Hicks to give MTSU the early lead at 2-0.

Lipscomb's first score didn't come until the fourth inning when Steve Liddle doubled and was followed by Bill Carter with a single. Moore then bore down to stifle the rally and keep Middle in the lead at 2-1.

Center fielder Burt Fuqua upped the Raider's lead to 3-1 with his first home run of the season, which was also his first extra base hit of the year.

Lipscomb's Ed Davisson retaliated with a solo shot of his own in the bottom of the seventh to bring the Bisons back to within a single run.

After the Raiders failed to score

6'4 Debbie Kinnick signs

by Scott Adams

New women's head basketball coach Larry Inman dipped into the junior college ranks this week and came out with five outstanding prospects for next year's squad.

The most notable of the five was 6'4" Debbie Kinnick from Walters State, who led Tennessee's junior colleges in scoring this past season with a 28 point scoring average.

Inman inked three players from Cleveland State, last season's runner-up in the Tennessee region: Cindy Moore 5'11", Debbie Shipley 5'8" and Josephine Wright. Wright is perhaps better known for her

in the top of the eight, Moore retired the first Lipscomb batter but that's when the trouble started. He walked the next Bison hitter who was followed by Bobby Hamilton who hit a drive over the right field wall to give Lipscomb a 4-3 margin which would prove to be enough.

MTSU threatened in the top of

the ninth getting two runners in scoring position but failed to score as Bobby Hines popped up to end the game.

Although the team's record of 26-24 disappointed Stanford, he was impressed with some individual performances including junior Doug Hicks.

Hicks, who ended the season with better than a .360 batting average, set a new OVC record in runs batted in with a total of 57. He also set a new MTSU record in home runs with 13.

Stanford said the general feeling among most of the players is one of relief because the season, which has proved to be a long one, was finally over.

"We just didn't have a good season," Stanford said. "It was evident at times that we didn't have a championship caliber team, and I'm really kind of glad we didn't go to a tournament."

"You have to give a lot of credit to the guys, though, because they could of given it up after Western wiped us out awhile back, but they didn't and I think it was really to their credit," Stanford concluded.



Doug Hicks led the nation in home runs for the first three weeks of the season and ended up with a new school record of 13. He also set a new OVC mark with 57 RBI's. [Cindy Hicks photo].

Inman inks junior college recruits

track abilities having been timed at 10.9 in the 100-yard dash.

The fifth signee, Pam Duff, is from Roane State and led Tennessee junior colleges in assists for the region.

Inman was quick to point out that all of these players could very well step right in and play a considerable amount of time next season, especially Duff who is an excellent point guard.

"This has got to be the toughest part of college coaching," said Inman, who has coached in the high school ranks his entire coaching career. "I'm really excited about

having all five of these players sign with us and I'm sure they'll be able to help right away."

Inman, who has taken over full time coaching chores for last season's coach, Pat Sarver, said that all the trouble surrounding Sarver's dismissal hurt recruiting some, but that most of the girls signed were really happy about coming to MTSU.

"Sure, anytime you have a coaching change made under the circumstances that this one was, you're gonna have a little trouble, but we're just going to have to put that all in the past," Inman said.

Picked to win tourney

Men's tennis team finishes undefeated in OVC

by Dan Greene

Middle Tennessee's men's tennis team wound up its conference season at 8 and 0 by impressively defeating Eastern Kentucky and Murray last weekend at Murray.

Coach Dick LaLance's team rates as a co-favorite with East Tennessee to capture the Ohio Valley Conference championships this Friday and Saturday on the Murphy Center courts.

Against Murray Friday, the club swept the singles matches with east but could only manage one victory in doubles confrontations.

Saturday morning Memphis State caught the Blue Raiders off-guard and easily took the match 7-1. Freshman Danny Wallace was the lone MTSU player to capture a victory.

The Raiders came back Saturday afternoon to defeat Eastern 6-1.

LaLance is happy with the club's season to this point and he believes that his team has an excellent chance in the tourney.

All conference teams played a series of seed matches within their divisions during the regular season to determine the tourney seeds and pairings.

Division play will be followed by the championship matches between the victorious players in each division seed.

The tournament will have a different format from previous years. Until this year a player would be eliminated after his first loss, but this week the coaches

decided to play for seeds one through eight.

This will allow a player to participate in three matches instead of one.

MTSU, Austin Peay, Murray and Western Kentucky comprise the western division and Eastern Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead and Tennessee Tech make up the eastern.

Dale Short of MTSU and Steve Algar of Eastern are favored in the number one singles.

Peter Heffernan (MTSU) should fight it out with Teinie Prinsloo (ETSU) for the title a number 2.

The number 3 singles should provide the hottest competition with Jan Saegaard (MU), Dahn Sahpurji (MO) and Ron Williams (ETSU) rating a toss-up.

Scott Sapot (APSU) and Mark Boling (ETSU) are top-seeded at number 4 singles, with MTSU's Peter Roberts being a darkhorse.

MTSU's Tony Fernandez returns to defend his title at number 5 singles and will have stout competition from Morehead's Tony Wright.

Freshman Danny Wallace (MTSU) and George Zahorsky (ETSU) should battle it out for the number 6 title, with defending champion Tom Lie of Murray offering a strong challenge.

Middle Tennessee is top seeded in all three doubles matches.

East Tennessee and Morehead should be the top contenders.

The championships begin at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday, with

Sunday being a rain day. Admission is free.

Blue Raider Season Records

Singles

1. Dale Short (15-#)
2. Peter Heffernan (18-4)
3. Peter Roberts (13-9)

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1. Short-Roberts (11-2)
2. Heffernan-Thompson (12-3)
3. Fernandez-Wallace (9-7)

4. Stuart Thompson (16-7)
5. Tony Fernandez (12-10)
6. Danny Wallace (20-3)

Women downed by Murray end season with 13-6 mark

by Scott Adams

Missing two top-notch singles players, MTSU's women's tennis team dropped their last regular season match of the year to Murray State 7-2 in action Thursday.

Top seeded Elina Durchman was out with a strained back while number four seeded Tracey Williams missed the contest due to strained ligaments in her foot.

Coach Sandy Neal said she hoped to have both players back in time for the State Tournament which begins Wednesday in Knoxville.

"We know Elina will be back for the tournament but we're not too sure about Tracey," Neal said. "She hit for a little while today but it's really up to her whether she plays or not."

The lady netters will leave for Knoxville today in order to be present tonight for the draw, which will determine first round matches.

Neal said the tournament is set up entirely different from regular season matches.

"It's definitely not a team tournament, because all the girls are put together regardless of their normal seeded positions," Neal said. "This means that it would be possible for someone to draw their own teammate in a first round match."

"The reason for the change in format is because that's the way they play it in the nationals," Neal continued. "Nobody really likes it and we've been trying to get it changed for a long time."

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Take second in Intercollegiate

Trackmen ready for OVC Championships

by Lora York

While preparing for this week's OVC championship, the Blue Raider track team placed second with 158 points in the Tennessee Intercollegiate Championship held Saturday at Austin Peay.

Peay won the tournament with 160 points. Memphis State followed in third place with 131 points, UT placed fourth with 42 points and fifth place went to Tennessee Tech with 18 points.

"We did pretty well," said Coach Dean Hayes. "We just didn't have enough entries in some of the events."

"The people in some of the

events weren't really that good, but they got points for just participating," Hayes added.

The Raiders had five men in first place positions.

Shiek Faye won the long jump with a 24 foot 8 inch jump. Ed Stegall won the 440 with a time of 47.3, and John DoDoo won the triple jump with his 50 foot 6 inch jump. Intermediate hurdles had Russell Holloway winning with 53.1 and the mile relay team placed first with 31.3.

MTSU will be hosting the OVC outdoor track and field championship May 5 and 6. The meet will begin Friday with the javelin throw

at 4:30 p.m. Preliminaries for the running events begin at 6 p.m. with each (starting) at fifteen-minute intervals.

Saturday's action starts with the pole vault at 12:30 p.m. Finals in the running events begin at 2:30.

The Raiders figure to score highly in the sprints and field events but may taper off in the distance races.

This will be the first time in eight years MTSU has hosted the meet. "The last time we had a real good student turnout," said Hayes. "We hope to have as good as turnout again this year."

Sportswriters needed

Sidelines needs sportswriters for the summer semester. No experience is necessary and there is a small amount of pay involved.

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