

Blanton asks trust busting to splinter monopolies

by Bill Mason

Tennessee should institute anti-trust suits against large monopolies if the federal government does not, according to Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ray Blanton.

Blanton appeared in Murfreesboro Friday for the formal opening of his local campaign headquarters. Over 100 people attended the event.

"Monopolies are responsible for inferior products, a lack of incentive to produce better pro-

ducts and a lack of progressive innovations," Blanton said.

"We have to restore free enterprise in the economy if we want to exist," he said. "When free enterprise ends, so does democracy."

Blanton said the federal government has not taken many actions necessary to combat inflation.

"As governor, I can be a strong voice to get the word to Washington that four million Tennesseans want action," Blanton said. "I will invoke the three e's in state government: economy, effective-

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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ray Blanton makes a point to well-known campus politico Imogene Bolin during his campaign headquarters opening in Murfreesboro Friday.

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Judge denies requests in discrimination cases

by Michael Gigandet

In two separate sex discrimination hearings last week, Federal Judge L. Clure Morton denied class action certification and an injunction for reinstatement to the attorneys of two former MTSU teachers.

Attorneys for Rita Decker-Gregg, assistant professor of sociology, were seeking an injunction to stop the university from cancelling her contract.

Judge Morton determined that Decker-Gregg would incur no damage between now and the full hearing on Aug. 23 if she is not rehired. Morton denied her request for reinstatement.

William Moody, Decker-Gregg's attorney, said that things will be "right quiet" until the hearing.

Last week Decker-Gregg testified that she had heard complaints from females about sexual relations between teachers and students.

She claimed that a sociology professor related to acting sociology department chairman James McBroom was "selling grades for sex."

McBroom refused to comment on the charges but did say, "I believe that when all the truth is out the defendants will be completely exonerated."

Assistant Attorney General

Henry Haile, who is representing the university, said Decker-Gregg's testimony "shows what kind of person she is."

"She has a completely irresponsible attitude towards the university," Haile said. "This was an attempt at blackmail."

About the upcoming hearing, Haile said he planned to "deliver a knock-out."

The Cheryl Travis sex discrimination suit received a set-

back last week when Judge Morton refused to certify it as class action.

Travis cannot represent all women in the university system and will pursue the case because her individual rights were prejudiced, her attorney, Charles Ray said.

Soon, Judge Morton will set the trial date or order the case adjoined with the Decker-Gregg suit, he said.

Nader calls for citizen action

In a speech attacking Tennessee senators, big oil companies, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the President, Ralph Nader called for citizen involvement in government in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium last Wednesday night.

"It is amazing that things are not worse considering the time given to citizenship," he said.

Nader, making his second appearance at MTSU, attacked Sen. Bill Brock for opposition to the Legal Aid Program and consumer protection bill and his pro-bank policies.

"Brock tells you one thing and does another. He is a puzzle," he said.

The consumer advocate said Brock supported the consumer bill and then signed the "most vitriolic" dissent against the bill that he had ever read.

While complaining of Sen. Howard Baker's support of the nuclear power program, Nader told the audience to write letters urg-

ing the senator to reverse his stance.

Nader, who established the Center for the Study of Responsive Law in 1968 to research public-interest issues, charged the big oil companies with attempting to "monopolize America."

The oil companies are making such profits that Mobil wants to buy Montgomery Ward and Gulf has bought Barnum-Bailey Circus, he said.

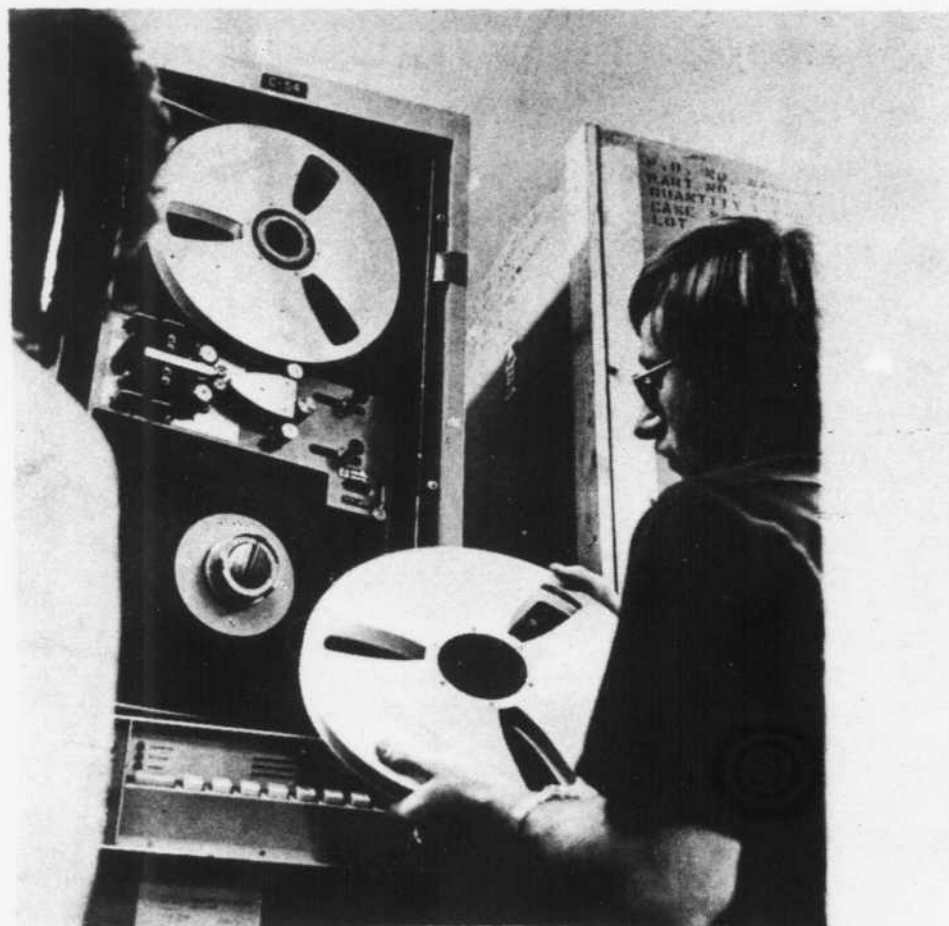
"The oil companies have to be broken up into more competitive units," Nader said.

"Big oil is in business together. The oil embargo was a ploy used by big oil companies to gyrate economic growth," he said.

Nader accused Nixon of being "incredibly selfish" and a "fugitive from justice" and said a constitutional provision must be developed to make officials more responsive to the people.



Employees of the MTSU housing office (clockwise from left), Sherry Holder, Jana Lee, Joyce Vaughn and Theyrese Boyd busily prepare room assignments for the fall semester. The room assignments will be mailed out by the first of July.



Jim Gilmore, chief engineer at WMOT and instructor of recording technology, explains the intricacies of a newly purchased deck to be adapted for multi-track audio recording. A campus studio is planned for the LRC.

Purchase enables recording studio

Students majoring in recording industry management (RIM) will have a studio and eight-track recorder for training purposes next spring. Edward Kimbrell, mass communications department chairman said yesterday.

"There has been some deep-seated concern, and very justified concern expressed by our RIM students that we should have a recording studio on campus," Kimbrell said.

The expense involved in equipping a studio has obstructed its installation, Kimbrell said.

However, Jim Gilmore, instructor of a recording technology course and chief engineer at WMOT, purchased a recorder from

the U.S. Government Surplus Agency in Nashville recently for \$100, Kimbrell said.

"It was made for recording data," Gilmore said, "but we will have a super audio deck after adaptation to an eight-track recorder."

Kimbrell said the studio for teaching multiple-track recording will be located in the Learning Resources Center scheduled for completion in December.

Students who have already taken the single course offered in recording technology may receive instruction in the new facility by enrolling in a "problems" course where instruction is on a one-to-one basis with the instructor, Kimbrell said.

Merger of Nashville schools undesirable says Blanton

ness and efficiency."

Blanton said he expected to have a role in national as well as state affairs. "I will consider myself as voicing the opinion of people in all of the United States and not just Tennessee," he said.

The merger of Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee-Nashville would not be in the "best interest of higher education" in Tennessee, Blanton said.

"Both TSU and UT-Nashville serve a vital function," he said. "In fact, TSU has been ignored and denied in the past."

The best way to upgrade the quality of education in the state is to raise teachers' salaries, Blanton said.

"We've had a big brain drain because of the unattractive educational system in the state," he said. "We need to raise salaries and cut down on the teacher-pupil ratio."

Blanton said charges that he did not support civil rights measures when he served in Congress are not true.

"My record will show that I supported every major civil rights bill that came up before me," he said.

Efforts to place regional prisons in areas where the local people do not want them show "poor judgement," Blanton said.

"It was a grave mistake to close down Brushy Mountain State Prison," Blanton said. "We need maximum security in some prisons. We must change our prisons from graduate schools for criminals to good institutions."

Blanton said he is against capital punishment and voted against it when he was in Congress.

"It is not the severity of punishment that is a deterrent to crime, but the certainty of it," he said.

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Shopping center brings bluegrass to town

Bluegrass music comes to Murfreesboro for three days beginning Thursday at the Mercury Plaza Shopping center.

The Bluegrass Jamboree or "Pickin' and Grinnin' Festival for Mercury Plaza" will bring "a taste of bluegrass" to Murfreesboro, according to Chuck Snyder, jamboree spokesman.

A sidewalk sale by Plaza merchants will start the Jamboree Thursday morning and continue through Saturday.

Friday evening from 7:30 to 9 the Homegrown Bluegrass Boys kick-off the musical portion of the jamboree, Snyder said.

The festival will be highlighted by a contest for bands and "pickers," Saturday at 2 p.m.

The contest is divided into four categories: best band, best fiddler, best banjo picker and best guitar. First place in the best band contest will receive \$250, while first and second places in the other three categories will be awarded \$50 and \$25 respectively.

There is no entry fee for the contest. Entrants need only show up Saturday and register at the bandstand before 1 p.m., Snyder

said.

There are no requirements or restrictions on who can enter, or how many categories a person can enter, he added.

Contestants will be judged on authenticity, presentation, musical ability and originality.

The Rutherford County Square Dancers will perform following the contest at 7:30 p.m.

Campus fraternities and sororities will host booths at the jamboree Friday and Saturday.

"We are trying to promote good will and a good time," Snyder said.

For further information, contact Snyder at 896-1242 or Terry Davis at 893-9798.

Bluegrass lovers travel to Smithville from Murfreesboro for the third annual Smithville Fiddler's Jamboree and Mountain Arts and Crafts Displays, July 5 and 6.

The event, modeled after Independence week celebrations at the turn of the century, features 18 categories of competition.

Categories in the competition for \$1,785 in cash awards are: fiddle, fiddle string band, bluegrass band, square dancing, banjo, harmonica, mandolin, dulcimer, folk and gospel

singing, guitar, dobro, buckdancing, autoharp, spoon clacking, musical saw bending, anvil clinking, jug blowing, Jew's harp, Ozark mouth bow, washboard rubbing and other novelty and comic acts.

No advance registration is required.

Featured at the festival this year will be over 100 booths of authentic mountain and contemporary arts and crafts exhibits and sales.

Also beginning on July 5 and continuing through the 14th, is the fourth annual Renfro Valley Blue Grass Music Festival in Renfro Valley, Ky.

The festival will open with the traditional anvil shoot. One anvil is flipped on its face and the hole in the bottom filled with black gun powder, leaving a powder trail to the edge of the base. The second anvil is placed on top, and the powder is ignited, resulting in a boom which can be heard for miles.

An "old time fiddlers contest" will be held July 5-7 with 11 categories and total cash prizes of \$2,500.

From the 8th through the 11th there will be a "traditional music

and old timers reunion," and from the 12th through the 14th, the bluegrass music festival featuring 14 acts.

News Briefs

(from the Associated Press)

NASHVILLE - Former Congressman Ray Blanton was given the endorsement of the Nashville Banner yesterday, and he claimed he is 30 per cent ahead of any other candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

The afternoon newspaper, in its Monday editions, had endorsed Lamar Alexander for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

NASHVILLE - Eight of the 21 candidates for governor have failed to file financial disclosure statements required by a 1972 law, Secretary of State Joe Carr has revealed.

Carr said three of the five candidates for the Republican nomination, nine of the 12 Democratic candidates and one independent filed the statements by the June 17 deadline.

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Persons from other counties may register in the courthouses where they live.

Write-in ballots may be obtained through the mail until July 25. Absentees may vote in person July 12-27.

REPUBLICAN

Register to vote

DEMOCRATIC

Bicycling--the children's pastime that grew up

By Michael Hall

Bicycling is the fad that never died, the children's sport that grew up with the children and a practical means of transportation that has come to outsell the automobile.

Fifteen million bicycles will be sold in 1974--up from the 8.5 million sold during the "boom" sales year of 1971.

MTSU students and faculty have joined the pedaling wholeheart-

edly.

"It's cheaper than driving a car," explained Chattanooga senior Steve Lytle, "and it's more refreshing to be outside."

"When you are riding your bicycle, it's something that you are doing yourself," said Nancy Pierce, Murfreesboro sophomore. "The radio isn't playing. It's just you and your own thoughts."

Most students have been riding

a bicycle since childhood, but many abandoned the two-wheeler temporarily when they got the keys to the family car. High gas and maintenance bills and the low incomes of college years, have returned many to pedaling.

Columbia junior Jean Byassee explained, "I can afford a bicycle, but a car is just too expensive."

Many students who own cars prefer to drive them as little as possible.

"I can't afford the parking tickets," said Manchester junior Paul Rebmann.

Cyclist Jim Howell of Shelbyville pointed out the ease of getting to class on his bicycle. "With a bicycle, you can go door to door. There just isn't any parking problem."

Pedaling is better than walking according to on-campus residents.

"Getting to class from the 'J' apartments is faster on a bicycle," said Signal Mountain senior Sally Thomas.

Ng Yat Che, Hong Kong sophomore, explained. "It's more convenient to ride to class and it keeps you in good shape."

Dedicated cyclists are not limited to the student population.

Helen Smith, a recent retiree from the geography department has been riding since she was a child in Iowa. "I like it," she said. "It makes it

easier to find a parking place."

Biology professor David Pierce pedals 50-60 miles a week in the summer. "Everywhere," he explained, "except the food store and long trips." In the winter he rides about 25 miles a week. Pierce says he has conquered the eternal enemy of the rider--the rain--with a pair of rainpants and galoshes.

"Once I rode only in good weather," he said. "Now I ride all the time. If it rains every day in the winter, I get discouraged and don't ride as much."

On occasion, riders have more serious problems than the weather. Bicycle accidents are on the rise.

"We need more careful automobile drivers," said student Sandy Brandon, who was hit by a car at the corner of Tennessee Blvd. and Greenland Drive. "The driver just yelled sorry out the window as he drove off."

"My roommate was in a hit-and-run bicycle accident, too," she said.

Non-bicyclists have their side of the story, also.

"I was almost hit by a girl on a bicycle yesterday," reported Ootewah senior Mike Carter. "I'm going to buy one myself and get off the sidewalks."

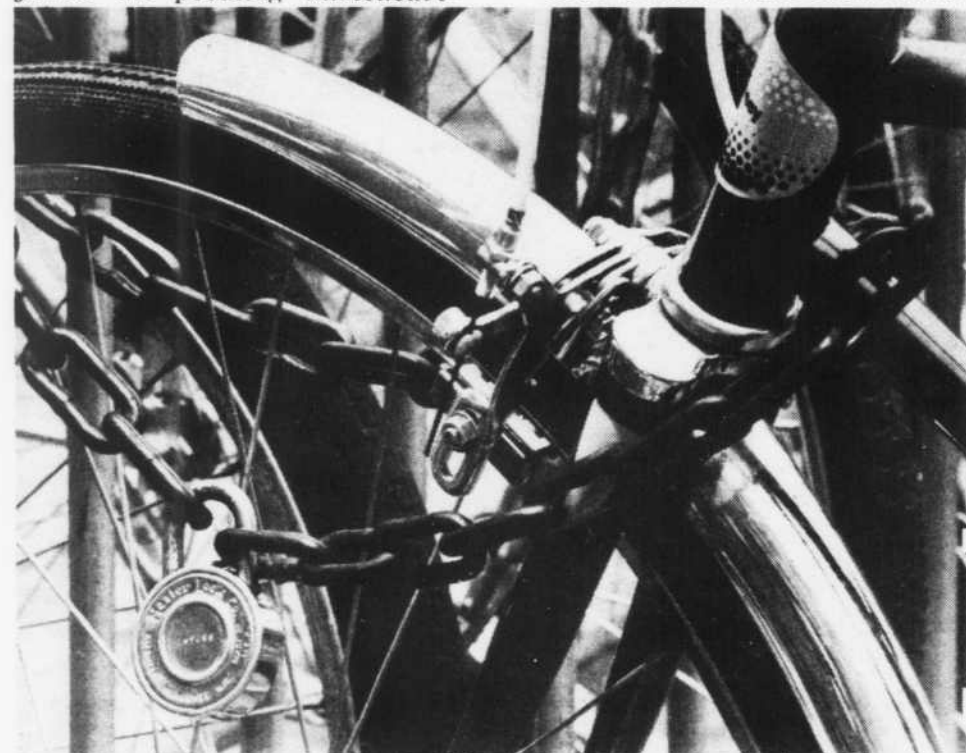
Mark Crocker, Murfreesboro junior, reports being hit three times by bicycles. "The last one ran over my toe," he said.

"We need bicycle paths on the campus," he said.

Bicyclists do have friends among the non-pedalers.

Post Office employee Cathrine Cornell likes bicycles. "I think they are a good way for young people to get around," she said.

Young or old, the bicycle has achieved a new status among modes of transportation in the United States. Energy starved Americans will be pedaling into the future.



Chains and locks are the crude, but necessary means used by MTSU students to protect their bikes from thieves.

Register bikes for protection--Royal

Any of 12 victims of a recent rash of bicycle thefts and whose bike was not registered with campus security faces a good chance he will never see it again.

By painting a bicycle and exchanging parts, thieves can alter the looks of a bicycle so as to make it unrecognizable to the owner, according to Matt Royal, security chief.

The biggest problem in making arrests is not being able to prove who is the actual owner of a recovered bicycle, Royal said.

There has been a noticeable increase in bicycle thefts over the past three months, both on campus and in Murfreesboro, he said.

Royal did not rule out the possibility an inter-campus bicycle racket may be responsible for the increase.

He said the biggest help will come from students themselves and made some recommendations to prevent thefts.

● Students should use a cable or heavy duty chain to lock their bicycles. This makes it impossible for thieves to cut a chain with small hand tools which may be easily concealed.

● Students should chain their bi-

cycle frame, instead of a wheel which may be removed to the rack.

● Students should record the serial number of their bicycles for future use.

● Students should report any suspicious people around the bicycle racks to security.


● Students should have their bicycles registered with campus security as soon as possible.

The procedure for registration is simple, Royal said.

The student fills out a description card and has a number stamped on the bottom of his bicycle.

Registration is held at the security office in Reynolds Hall.

Royal said a program is planned for the fall semester for students to register bicycles at their dormitories.




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Grants finance faculty research

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A Presbyterian Student Fellowship is scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight at the home of Pat Smith, 318 Tyne Ave. Anyone interested may attend.

Three state and national faculty research grants totaling \$139,155 have been awarded to MTSU.

The grants will finance the purchase of instructional equipment for the university's vocational and distributive education, a pre-vocational educational workshop and the Upward Bound program, Linnel Gentry, director of institutional research and projects, said.

The purchase of instructional

equipment for the vocational office of education and the distributive education laboratories at MTSU will be provided by a grant of \$22,385 from Tennessee Department of Education. The university will match the amount of the state grant. Dalton Drennan, chairman of the business education department will be in charge of the project.

The Department of Education will also fund a two-week pre-vocational educational workshop, which will take place on the MTSU campus beginning July 8. The grant for the workshop totals \$15,000. James

Lorenz of the industrial arts technology department will be in charge of the project.

The Upward Bound program exposes underprivileged children of high school age to college activities. The program at MTSU will be funded by a \$72,000 grant from the United States Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. Robert Womack of the education department is the sponsor of the program.

These three grants bring the amount of research or project grants awarded to MTSU during 1974 to 21 for a total of \$846,989.



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TV facilities planned in LRC

Television facilities in the Learning Resources Center (LRC) should be ready for use next spring, barring any delay in construction of the building or in arrival of equipment, according to Edward Kimbrell, head of the mass communications department.

Kimbrell said existing equipment now located in the library, will be moved to the LRC in December for use in the training studio and the new equipment for the main studios will be installed in January.

One of the main problems with installation is that several engineers will be required, he said.

The main television studios will be two stories high with an overview control room, Kimbrell said.

There is a cable TV system being planned for Murfreesboro which would allow students to produce programs to be received by local subscribers as is done at Murray State University, he said.

Kimbrell said he did not know who was planning the cable system but that it should be in operation within a year.

One of the programs planned for transmission by cable would be a 30-minute local news program produced by students for the university and community, Kimbrell said.

Red Cross hopes to meet holiday need

The Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the North Boulevard Church of Christ.

There is a critical need for blood especially during the Fourth of July weekend when many accidents occur, Ruth Cole, Red Cross director in Murfreesboro, said.

The goal for the bloodmobile is 257 pints of blood, but the Red Cross hopes to receive 300 pints, Cole said.

There are so many accidents during a holiday that the need for blood is twice as great, she said.

"We are hoping the students will give blood Friday," Cole said. "The students always help during the blood drives. We are counting on both the students and the faculty members."

In order to qualify to give blood, the donor must be 18 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health, Cole said.

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Editorials

What 'peace' will he offer?

With the situation getting ever so tight on the homefront, President Nixon now takes off for Moscow for a brief respite of talks and summit meetings.

One wonders what concessions Nixon will offer the Soviet Union this time as he continues his "journey for peace."

Among the agreements to be signed in Moscow next week, will there be one through which the United States can unload some of its "surplus" meat, only to have Soviets freeze it and offer it back when there is another shortage in the U.S., as they did recently with wheat?

Or, now that we are edging back from our fuel crisis, does the Soviet tank need filling up?

Probably nothing so drastic will be transacted, although we do seem to be running a special on nuclear reactors lately.

With nuclear reactors going to Egypt and four nuclear tests this spring, it appears that the trend these days is toward "N-power."

After the announcement Monday of a "secret loophole" in a "secret arms pact" with the Soviets, the U.S. needs to send some super-clever interpreters of its own along with Nixon to see we are not out-foxed again.

Whatever agreements are signed, however, they are sure to come under close scrutiny by Congress...and the American people.



ALL GOD'S CHILLUN GOT N-POWER

Minimum wage law 'rips off' students

by Gina Jeter

It's discrimination!

No not sex discrimination, but wage discrimination. Students are not receiving equal pay for equal work.

Why? Because Congress provided in its latest minimum wage hikes that universities, certain retail businesses and hospitals could pay full-time students 85 per cent of the applicable rate.

The minimum wage jumped from \$1.60 to \$1.90 when the new law became effective May 1. And MTSU, like many others, dove through the loophole and has been paying full-time students \$1.65 an hour up to 20 hours each week. After 20 hours, the full-time student gets the regular wage of \$1.90 an hour; a part-time student in the same job receives \$1.90 for each of his hours worked.

If you've been thinking this is all wrong, that the minimum wage is \$2 an hour--you're right--it is for those employees made subject for minimum wage before 1966. For others who were first given minimum wage in 1966 or this May, the present rate is \$1.90. It will rise to \$2 on Jan. 1, 1975, to \$2.20 on Jan. 1, 1976, and to \$2.30 on Jan. 1, 1977. Although the student wage will rise with the

regular rate, it will always remain 15 per cent below that rate.

One can only guess what twisted logic lurks behind this sub-minimum rate.

A secretary in the maintenance department supposedly tells griping student employees that the law is devised "to make you want to take more hours so you can hurry out of school."

Well, it's just the opposite, say student workers.

Robert Arnette, director of personnel, feels Congress had the students' interests at heart. "Their rationale probably was that if it was required that students be paid the regular wage, it might be hurting them because less students might be hired," he said.

"I would have taken another class this summer," said one part-time student, "but when you think about that 25 cents an hour it does make a difference."

For example, MTSU departments are given a certain amount of money each year for student help, Arnette said, and they "must cover the waterfront."

It is probably truer to say that Congress was acting on behalf of special interests-- Mr. Nixon's.

The President vetoed a very

similar minimum wage bill in 1973. One of his three reasons: the lack of a lower minimum wage for youths.

It is grossly unfair that students who work to help their families meet college expenses and those who pay that bill themselves have been "ripped off" by the government. True, students at MTSU have been given a nickel raise, but today's soaring costs gobble nickles quickly.

The greatest injustice under the law is to the "student" who does not attend summer school so he may spend his vacation earning

money. If you are a full-time student in the spring and plan to attend school the next fall, some employers (including MTSU) can pay you student wage for 40 hours each week in the summer. It makes no difference that you're not enrolled; you're still a student.

One cannot really blame the university and others for economizing with this subminimum rate. It may be unfair, but it is legal.

Students can only write their congressmen and hope for the day when the title of Jerry Farber's book "Student as Nigger" no longer applies.

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'Guidelines' bar campus children from playground

by Lisa Marchesoni

"Why can't the kids who live here play at the playground," questions a five-year-old youngster, referring to the day care center located in married student housing.

And how can any parent explain that no child who lives in married student housing is eligible for the day care center?

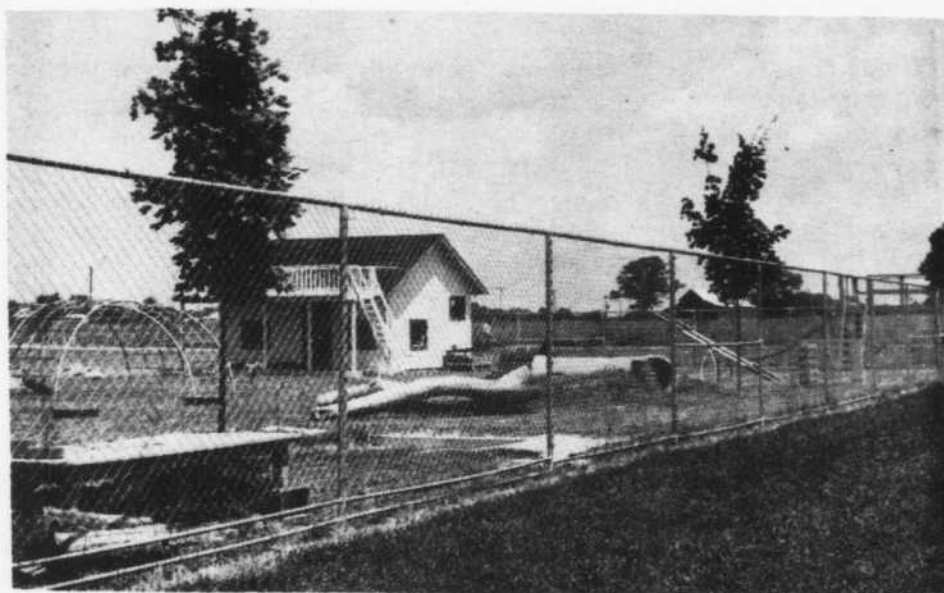
In order to be considered for the day care program on campus, children "are to be in a low income bracket or have one parent," Janet Camp, day care director, said.

"In addition, this parent must either be incapacitated, working or on short-term training for a job," she said.

The program receives 75 per cent of the funds from the federal government and 25 per cent from the university.

Thus, the center operates under guidelines established by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) and the state welfare department, Camp said.

"When the program began four



The deserted playground sparks the continuous questions--why can't local children enjoy the modern facilities?

years ago, we had some children from married student housing," Camp said. "But because of the HEW restrictions, we had a gradual phase-out program of ineligible children."

"We wanted to have the children from married student housing but we must follow the guidelines set

by HEW," Camp maintained.

"It is too bad that they don't have their own playground," she added.

But some parents wonder why their children cannot use the playground after regular hours.

"There is no insurance, no supervision and no money for up-

keep after hours," Camp said.

"The possibility of us or the university being sued due to accidents of students' children would be horrendous," she observed.

One irate mother exclaimed, "A playground is a playground. One or two mothers are always watching the children outside when they are playing."

Jim Craig, assistant housing director, said the day care center has nothing to do with housing. Some commercial apartments do not provide playgrounds for the children of tenants, Craig said. "We don't provide playgrounds for dorms and we don't provide playgrounds for married student housing." However, housing provides sandboxes for the children, he said.

Accordingly, the existing situation decrees that the five-year-old youngster can not play at the playground and must be content with the sandboxes as long as he lives on the MTSU campus.

And still, his question remains unanswered.

Readers' views

To the editor:

I guess most people will agree that it is easy to call a quarterback's mistakes while standing on the sidelines.

This is exactly the position that Bill Mason holds in relationship to the "problem" of jocks receiving unearned grades.

It seems that he too is one of these ill-informed persons that keep the vicious rumors going that athletes are stupid and MTSU's professors are giving us special treatment.

As far as your June 19th article goes, Mr. Mason, I'm insulted by it. Also, your slanderous journalism leads me to believe that you don't have any respect for the university, its officials, the teaching profession and the many athletes that have represented Middle Tennessee in competition across the nation.

I'm one athlete who is proud of my academic progress, even though I have a 2.4 g.p.a. (for sure it would be higher if I had been given grades).

Since reading your article last Wednesday, I have wondered where these grade-giving professors have been hiding for the last four years. I haven't run into any of these gracious professors and neither have any of my jock buddies.

Is your mind so narrow that you find it hard to believe jocks "burn the midnight oil for good grades?" Or are you the type that thinks mental and physical ability cannot co-exist in a human? Many times while traveling between track meets, I've

wanted to pick up a **Playboy** to read rather than study for a test that I would have to take the following Monday. And that's hard if you've been in a van or a stationwagon that has been on the road for ten hours.

On the other hand, if Mason has evidence that professors are giving grades, it should be brought to the surface and dealt with accordingly. But if he can only write gossip that doesn't have any positive purpose, he should shut his mouth and apologize to those that he has insulted.

Keith Cromartie
Box 1519

To the editor:

In regard to Bill Mason's column of last week, I would take exception to his classification of test files as a form of cheating. It is my contention that these are merely another form of study aid and, furthermore, any problem which results from their utilization should be attributed to the system which makes their use advantageous or even necessary.

Let me make two initial observations. Mason's implications are disgustingly elitist. Mason's clear though implied message is that anyone that cannot use (successfully) the methods Bill Mason uses should be allowed to fail.

Now Mason apparently thinks he is brighter than average, but is not this "above average" intelligence an advantage over other students? But note the catch-all escape word: "unfair" advantage. So what

is "unfair" advantage?

Students are allowed to buy calculators while poorer students must get by with sliderules or sharing poor equipment. Likewise, a student may hire a tutor (since free tutoring is not guaranteed at all times in all subjects).

Surely these are advantages possessed by certain students over others, all readily available if one had the money, but Mason does not condemn these.

Secondly, we should realize that test files are in general the personal property of their contributors. Mason calls for the confiscation, without due process, of personal property. He likewise calls for an unwarranted intrusion of privacy of those organizations which maintain test files.

All Mason needs now is a brown shirt and a pair of boots, with complimentary swagger stick, to complete his portrait.

He would make this war on the Greek minority on some vague premise of thievery being stolen tests included in the test files. If so they should be treated as stolen property. Anything more or less would not treat the crime appropriately according to law.

But what good does a test file do? People that use the test files use them to indicate a study method or to reveal the testing method of an instructor rather than to actually get the answers to specific questions.

If tests do not reflect the

individual class, the current state of the art, the pertinent new data or the change in affairs, it is the fault of the instructor, and it is then the instructor who fails.

In many cases, the instructor may be too vague or general to indicate to the average student what study method would be best, which facts are pertinent, or what testing method is used. This is important, whether it be a final examination or a quiz, and in courses where there are only one or two tests, these can be crucial.

The outcome of a person's college courses may seem like a game to Mason, with fun little rules that give the advantage to those supposedly like Mason, but for most of us it is a terribly hard, horrifyingly crucial time when any honest advantage or (in most cases like test files) any compensation offers a chance to make a critical difference in our lives.

The solution to the problem would seem to me to be teachers that teach and an honest system of evaluation that includes all of a student's abilities as a matter of record, not just how much he can parrot back at a set point in time and then forget.

This is a state university for the people of this state, and any method which enhances learning should be encouraged, not condemned.

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County election to see only two contests

by Bill Mason

Part II general sessions judge and superintendent of county schools will be the only offices contested in the Rutherford County general election on August 1.

Competing for the office of part II general sessions judge are James Keeble Clayton, the Democratic nominee, and Michael Murphy, the first Republican ever to seek county office.

Clayton, a Murfreesboro attorney, cited the interest of other members of his family in county government and said he felt he has a "heritage of public service to maintain."

The general sessions court should dispense law and order in "an efficient and totally impartial manner," Clayton said.

"I would like to see our local courts expedite cases efficiently," Clayton said. "A backlog of cases on the court docket is inefficient and does not serve the best interest of the public."

Murphy, the incumbent, was appointed to his present position by Gov. Winfield Dunn in 1973. He said he is proud to be the Republican nominee, even though the traditional bias of local citizens toward the Democratic party will probably be a factor against him.

"I don't believe one's political affiliation necessarily has a great deal to do with judicial abilities and qualifications," Murphy said. "Also I don't believe it is particularly healthy to have judicial positions filled by elections that can be greatly influenced by partisan political pressures."

In the race for superintendent of county schools are M. B. Brandon, the Democratic nominee, and Robert Bullen, an independent candidate.

Brandon, who was superintendent from 1961 to 1970, said he intends to improve on current school programs with special emphasis on vocational and special education.

"If elected, I would recommend an index that will bring the county teachers up to the salary level of the city teachers," Brandon said.

Bullen, an MTSU professor of education and library science, said the main reason he is running is "to offer the people of Rutherford County a choice in the superintendent's race."

The superintendent should take an active part in decision making, Bullen said. His opponent, Brandon, believes in allowing the school board to take initiatives, he said.

Bullen said he has three goals

he would like to accomplish if elected: institute a preventive maintenance program to head off major repairs; work harder to return to "fundamentals" in the first four grades and provide for more instructional materials in the schools.

Winners of the Democratic nominations to eight other offices who

will face no opposition in the general election are Ben Hall McFarlin (county judge), Ed Elam (county court clerk), Robert Goodwin (sheriff), Wiley Holloway (circuit judge), Robert Suddarth (circuit court clerk), James Buckner (general sessions judge, part I), Homer Jones (register of deeds) and Alan Stockard (trustee).

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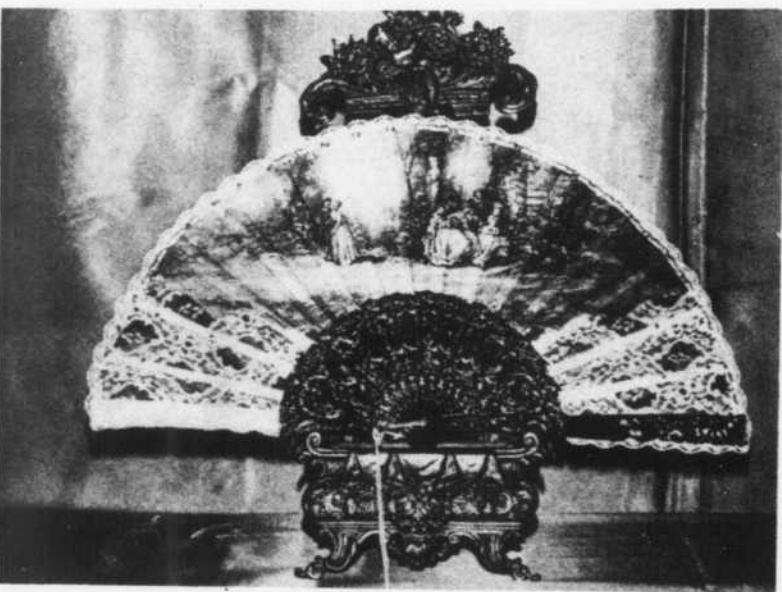
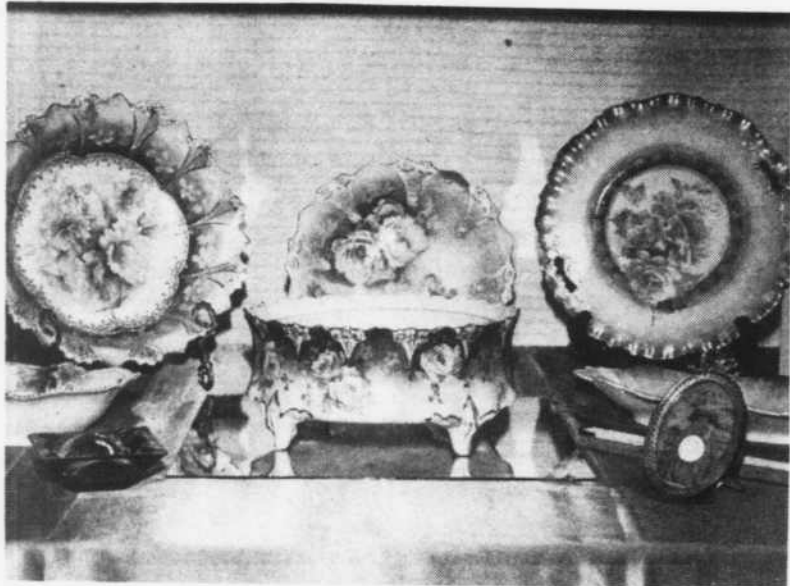
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In all, 46 dealers from 12 states brought their goods to be admired, inspected and bought by the show's visitors.

The show was sponsored by the Murfreesboro Oaklands Association and all proceeds will go to the maintenance and restoration of the historic Oaklands Mansion.

A French porcelain clock set (top left) was the highlight of the exhibit of Interiors Unlimited of Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

An antique flowered china bowl and matching plates (second left) were displayed by Lewis Antiques of Huntsville, Alabama.

Curious antique buffs browsed about the auditorium area (third left) where 16 dealers set up their wares.

A hand fan depicting scenes of days gone by (bottom left) was also exhibited by Huntsville's Lewis Antiques.

An American Indian Chief (right) watches over those who viewed the objects belonging to Castaways Arts of Columbia, South Carolina.

Photos by Linda Sissom

SIDELINES SPORTS

Peck eyes improvements

Returning starters key Raider football future

Returning starters at most positions brighten the outlook for the 1974 football season, as the Blue Raiders seek to get back on the winning side of the ledger after 1973's 4-7 campaign.

There are several strong points on this year's team, most notably the offensive backs, the kicking game, the linebackers and the defensive backs. On the other hand, there are a couple of question marks such as the offensive and defensive lines, and the receivers.

Offensively, co-captain Freddy Rohrdanz returns at quarterback after missing the last half of the 1973 season with a neck injury. Also returning in the backfield will be running backs Dwaine Copeland, the team's leading scorer in 1973 with eight touchdowns and 347 yards rushing, Rick Steadman and David Fritts.

At fullback will be Chuck Coggin, a 6-1, 216 pound transfer who had knee surgery at the end of spring practice, but will be ready to go in the fall.

The receivers will be headed by tight end Ed Skinner, a sophomore, and junior wide receiver Joey Graves.

In the line, All-Ohio Valley Conference tackle Bob Orsillo, a co-captain, is back to lead the way. Orsillo, who missed most of last season with a broken leg, is joined by veterans George Lyon at center, and Carson Francis and Eddie Wright at tackle. Guard and reserve center are the rough spots.

Defensively, the linebackers and deep backs are all veterans of at least one campaign and most of them are returning starters. Senior co-captain Harry Flippin and senior Rick Burchfield, along with junior Melvin Boyd, form an experienced trio that will be hard to beat.

Junior Sonny Anderson at cornerback and junior Johnny Emert and sophomore Leigh Kolka at safety are all returning starters. Gone, however, is all-conference cornerback Nate Porter, and his place will have to be filled.

Anderson will double as the Blue Raiders' primary punt return man. He averaged 5.3 yards per return last fall, and had one touchdown.

The defensive line will sport a completely new look for 1974. Offensive guards Tom Weingartner and Chris Bryan have been moved over to the other side of the line, the 6-4, 240 pound Weingartner to tackle, and Bryan back to his original position of defensive end.

Jack Crawford, after a year away from football, has returned to his tackle position, with 6-6 sophomore Robert Montgomery back at end. John Carothers will play nose guard with Gary Maxwell backing him up.

In 1973, the kicking game was one of MTSU's strongest weapons. Punter Mike Shawen, a senior, averaged 42.1 yards per kick on a near-record 73 punts. Archie Arrington, another senior, will handle the placekicking game. Arrington was the team's No. 2 scorer last fall with 38 points, including eight of 12 field goal attempts. He won one game with a 46 yard field goal in the last minute of play.

Another plus is the group of standout freshmen that Coach Bill Peck and his staff have signed to play for the Big Blue this season. Peck readily admits that a number of this group will play immediately, and all could see some action before the season is over.

Of the 27 players signed, seven played quarterback for their high school teams, and three or four of these should see a lot of action as a backup to Rohrdanz.

Overall, Peck believes that his team will be improved over last fall, perhaps much improved if the freshmen come through. Offensively, MTSU figures to be able to score a lot of points, and the defense could be a lot tougher if the front line proves to be solid.

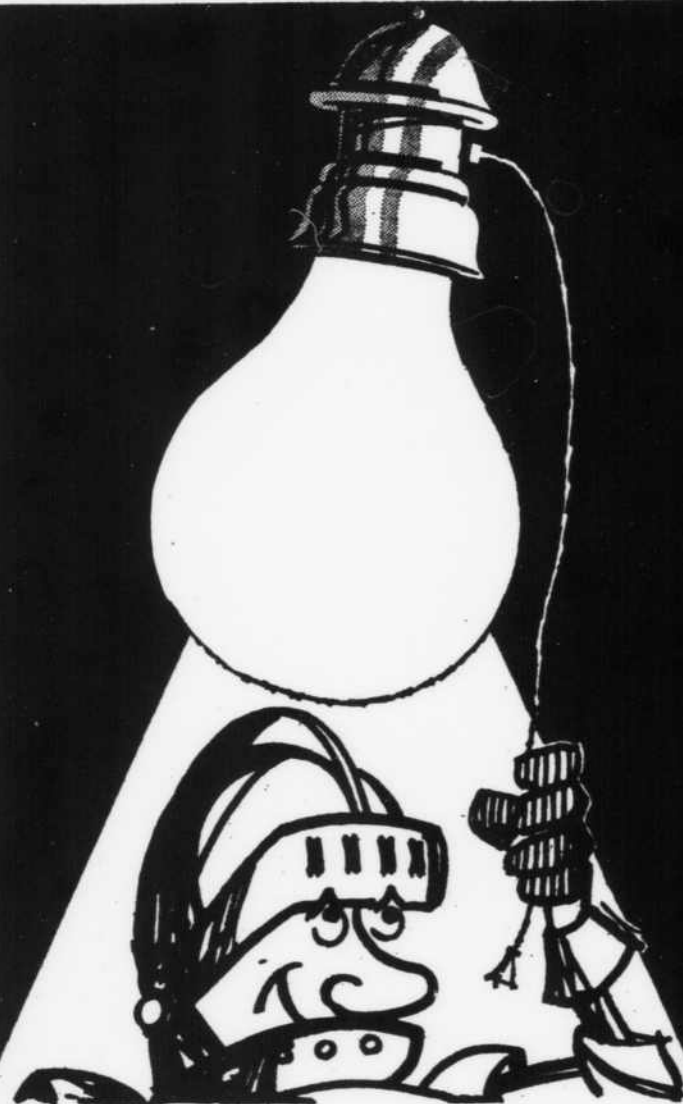
With Tennessee State, the nation's No. 1 college team last year, Western Kentucky, a national finalist in the Division II playoffs, Ball State of the Mid-American Conference and Appalachian State of the Southern Conference on the schedule, nothing will come easy.

"We'll have to play good ball to improve last season's record," noted Peck, "but the kids believe that they can, and I believe in them."



A player Coach Bill Peck will be depending on heavily is senior quarterback Freddie Rohrdanz. Rohrdanz, a senior from Chattanooga, will be attempting a comeback from a neck injury.

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Haynes captures fourth in AAU; Copeland ousted in semi-finals

All-American Tommy Haynes, adding some glitter to his already star-studded career, took fourth place in the triple jump finals of the National AAU track meet last week at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Wearing a Blue Raider uniform probably for the last time, Haynes leaped 53 feet, 6 1/2 inches to trail triple jump winner John Craft (54 feet, 4 1/4 inches) by less than one foot.

Had he placed in the top two spots, Haynes would have represented the U.S. in the upcoming meet with Russia.

The three-time All-American cleared 24 feet, 11 3/4 inches in the long jump but failed to place.

Dean Hayes, MTSU track coach, said he was not impressed with the jumping pit at UCLA.

"I didn't like the set-up out there," Hayes said. "The pit was equipped with a rubber take-off board. That's not the kind Tommy is used to jumping on, but I wouldn't say that accounted for any bad jumps."

Dwaine Copeland, a member of the Raider football squad, entered the 100-yard dash but was eliminated in the semi-finals with a 9.5 clocking.

"Dwaine has run three 9.4 hundreds," Hayes said, "and that's not far from world class sprinting."

Seven-time All-American Barry McClure, a former Blue Raider, chose not to compete in the AAU meet.

McClure is recovering from a sprained ankle, and said, "I'm not in shape right now for a big meet."

Hayes is now faced with the task of re-building his team, having lost such performers as Haynes, Copeland, Mel Daniels, Nate Porter and Keith Cromartie because of graduation.

"I've signed six boys for next year," Hayes said, "and I'm hoping to get four more soon. These new guys are going to have to fill in the holes."

But even with these new prospects, Hayes said, "We're going to be green--mighty green."

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SCOTT'S SPOT

Pro demands could cause death of the golden goose

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

If not for the infant World Football League, many of the annual armchair quarterbacks might not be calling signals in the upcoming season.

You see, there is a very good chance that the National Football League's Players Association is going to call for a strike this year if its demands are not met by the team owners. In which case, there would be no televised NFL games.

It's an understatement to say that the financial aspects of pro sports are getting out of hand.

For the last few seasons, the players have been reaching for pie-in-the-sky contracts, while the owners have been reaching deeper and deeper into their pockets only to find a hole has let the loose change escape down their pants' legs.

So, when is this financial fiasco going to stop? The athletes have long since swallowed the inch, and they're rapidly overtaking the mile.

An old pro named Bobby Layne, a great NFL quarterback a few years back, says this about the threatening pro footballers:

"They're ridiculous, and they're going to kill their golden goose."

Concerning the NFL Players' Association list of grievances, Layne said, "They've got 53 ridiculous demands. They're overdoing it."

This reporter is inclined to agree with Layne's summation. The pros had better keep a tight finger in the dike because the water is liable to break any day.

But don't get me wrong. An athlete has the same right to better himself as any human being.

However, everything should have its limits, and these limits should be a matter of mutual trust.

In fact, there have been too many cases when the rights of an athlete have been abridged. Read George Blanda's autobiography, and you'll see what I mean.

One overriding thing should bear on the athlete's mind, I think. If the golden goose is shot out of the saddle and the dike breaks--then it's going to be all over for a long time.

If that day comes, there will be no more million dollar quarterbacks, and that day could come.

The pros are holding a pat hand with 20, and unless they draw an ace--they'll bust. And that type of financial blackjack, the kind the pros are playing with the owners, is very risky business.

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