

Junior forum views change to unicameral



Panel members

Members of the junior forum panel (from left to right) Martha Driver, Ralph Cray, Bart Gordon and Cliff Gillespie discuss the provisions of the new SGA constitution in the junior class meeting Monday.

The possible restructuring of the Associated Student Body government from a bicameral to a uni-cameral legislative system was recommended and discussed at a Junior class meeting yesterday afternoon.

A panel, consisting of Bart Gordon, Martha Driver, Ralph Cray, and Cliff Gillespie reviewed the proposed constitution in relation to its affect on students.

"If the new constitution is passed, it will be the first of five attempts", stated Gillespie, former Speaker of the House. He added that the main changes would be in the representation of students, the number of vice-presidents, and the change of the name from Associated Student Body to Student Government Association.

Gordon, presently ASB president, explained that the proposed constitution recommends that 50 members be elected, constituting one major branch. It was decided, he said, to elect these members by schools (Arts and Sciences, Business and Education) according to the percentages of these groups. "I feel this way will be much better since participation within classes is not as important as it was a few years ago", he added.

There will be nine upperclassmen from the three schools, three freshmen from the three schools, and two members from the graduate school to be representatives for the SGA Congress. The twelve remaining SGA Congressional members will be three upperclassmen and one freshman from each of the three residential class-

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ifications. These are students living on campus, commuters from Rutherford County, and commuters from beyond Rutherford County.

"It is essential to have representatives from each of these groups since due to a communication letdown, each group has a different way of looking at things", Gordon stated.

Items brought out by the restructuring also included the addition of an administrative vice-president to aid the president in his duties, and the addition of impeachment procedures through an impeachment board.

Ralph Cray, a member of the committee, which wrote the proposed constitution, explained the changes in the court systems. "If a student is brought before the Supreme Court, that student has the prerogative of choosing counsel and aid," Cray stated. He added, "The number of justices will change to provide more representation of students if the new constitution is passed."

Students will have a chance to vote on the proposed constitution Thursday morning at 10:30, in the University Center Theater.

Gordon explained that the new constitution does not provide for increasing representation in case of expanded growth of Middle Tennessee State University, since the committee felt that 50 congressional members will be the easiest number to work with.

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School's calendar not to change

The calendar revision expected for next fall semester has been postponed for at least another year, President M. G. Scarlett announced last Friday.

The announcement followed a survey regarding the proposed new calendar conducted among the faculty by Howard Kirksey, dean of faculty, and discussions held by Scarlett with all the deans of the university.

The president explained, "There seems to be an over-

By Gary Matthews

whelming feeling of uncertainty about the proposed calendar and a desire to postpone any change for another year during which additional study can be made."

The calendar revision was recommended by two successive committees chaired by Joe Nunley, and entailed starting the fall semester late in August in order to conclude the term before Christmas recess.

The proposal also advised that final exam week be dropped, and that finals be incorporated into the regular class periods. This caused apprehension, Scarlett indicated, since some felt it would result in too many students having a large number of tests on the same day.

Reasons previously given for changing the calendar were to cut out the controversial two-three week "lame duck" session (Continued on Pg. 2)

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said that some movement had been made in this direction and that at this time studies were being made of Democratic Party structure in other states. "However," he said, "it might take some time." Party Secretary Seth Norman said that by-laws would be an appropriate consideration for the steering committee which he proposes.

Ben Austin, instructor of sociology at MTSU and Democratic Executive Committeeman from the sixth congressional district, said that he had not been contacted by either Mr. Norman or Secretary Carr. Yet, he said, he more than sympathized with any honest effort to broaden the base of the party in compliance with the McGovern Commission Report.

Austin emphasized the role he thinks the State Executive Committee should take in pushing for reform on the county as well as the state level. He said, "It is through a good county organization that we can assure a broad base of participation." The instructor pointed to the present state of the party as offering an excellent opportunity for participation by young people in the rebuilding process.

There seems to be some confusion among Democratic Party leaders in reaction to a proposal made Wednesday by Nashville attorney Seth Norman designed to bring about participation by eighteen year-olds within the party structure.

According to Norman, the resolution he will introduce at the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee in Nashville on February 8 calls for the creation of a party steering committee. One person representing the State Young Democrats and another from the College Young Democrats would serve as members of the committee. The Executive Committee, he said, was limited by law and cannot make representatives of these two organizations ex-officio members of the Committee.

Democratic Party Treasurer Secretary of State Joe C. Carr believes that the presidents of the State Young Democrats and the College Young Democrats should be made ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. Carr said that the Executive Committee does have broad enough power to create two more seats on the committee. A steering committee, he said, had been discussed to bring about even broader participation.

In response to pressure to set up by-laws for the Party, Carr

**Norman
confuses
own
party**



Vet winners

Happy faces all, the winners of the 16th annual Veteran's Club Talent Show and Beauty Contest receive congratulations from Jerry Rye, president of the Veteran's Club. Front row left to right: Mike Hossey, Loretta Riggs, first runner-up in the beauty contest and member of the winning skit team, Veteran's Club Queen Pat Ownby, and Rye. Second row: Jennifer Brewster, Buzz Rader, Dickie Baker, Janice Johnson, second runner-up, and Bobby Simms.

Ownby polls most votes to win Vet's beauty title

Pat Ownby, a brown-haired sophomore from Nashville, outpolled 13 competitors to capture top honors in the beauty competition of the 16th annual Vet's Club Talent Show and Beauty Contest last night.

Miss Ownby was followed in the final ratings by Loretta Riggs, Nashville freshman, as first runner-up, and Janice Johnson, Watertown senior, as second runner-up.

The girls appeared in sportswear, swimsuits and evening gowns and were selected from a vote taken among members of the audience.

Talent winners were six students in a comedy skit taking first place; The Showmen, a singing and instrumental group, following in second place; and Lisa Spencer, a ragtime pianist, taking third place honors.

The winning skit was set in a doctor's office and centered around one waiting patient who acquired all the ailments of the other patients. Participants were Dickie Baker, Bobby Simms, Buzz Rader, Loretta Riggs, Mike Hossey and Jennifer Brewster. The Showmen group consisted of David Hutcherson, Harold Barnett and Randy Mealer.



Mr. MTSU?

Larry Underwood, (left) of Alpha Kappa Psi, Ron Fryar, representing Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, Tom Greenough, of Sigma Nu; Bill Richmond, representing the Southern Belles of Kappa Alpha peruse clippings of the first Mr. MTSU contest with Ann Benson, Jane Kerr and Brooks Arnhart (right) in preparation for the second contest to be held Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Male pageantry, contest offer unique problems

One of the newer traditions in pageantry at this university is the Mr. MTSU contest. Already in its second year, the contest has provided the contestants with some rather unique problems in competition.

For example, the contest is somewhat of a mystery to several of this year's contestants. None of the contestants interviewed by the SIDELINES had seen last year's contest.

By Becky Freeman

According to SIDELINES estimates, the volunteer average for contestants is not too high. For example, Larry Underwood representing Alpha Kappa Psi, business fraternity related that he was "kind of just told and taken by surprise."

Ron Fryar, representing Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority,

joked, "I don't know. It's all Greek to me." Sigma Nu representative, Tom Greenough, stated that he was chosen at a fraternity meeting. Bill Richmond representing the Southern Belles of Kappa Alpha fraternity, was not aware of how he was entered into the contest either.

Reacting to the nomination, Ron Fryar, Chattanooga sophomore commented, that it flatters you but "you kind of wonder what you're getting yourself into."

One of the men indicated that the idea of modeling clothes and answering questions made him feel like "I'm all thumbs." Another added, "and there are five thumbs on one hand."

None of the men were sure of the judging criteria. Fryar ventured that they might be evaluated upon the basis of a combination of appearance and the way each of them will react to the questions.

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Computer Center ceases free service

The Computer Center has announced that all free programming support services for the spring semester 1971 have been terminated, according to Paul Hutcheson, director of the center.

Hutcheson indicates that if services are required, the Computer Center will find programming talent, not on their staff, who will provide services of mutual agreement.

The computer center director expressed the hope that the situation can be alleviated by the summer term.

WMOT plans SGA discussion

WMOT will air a half-hour program Wednesday night at 8 p.m. concerning the issues of the proposed SGA constitution, according to Pat Jones, program director of WMOT.

He indicated that the program will feature a discussion between Bart Gordon, ASB president, and Jim Lynch, speaker pro tempore of the House. Jones will moderate the program.

Fun Night to follow Western game

Fun Night will be held after the Western Kentucky basketball game Saturday night at 10 p.m. and lasting till 1 a.m. The dance will be held in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building and will feature the group America.

Pre-Law Club plans LSAT program

Pre-Law Club members will present a program designed to aid students in preparing for the Law School Admission Test, Thursday, Feb. 4, at 11:00 a.m. in Old Main room 324. The program will feature students who recently took the test.

Committee to show 'Boys in the Band'

"Boys in the Band" will be presented by the Films Committee tonight, tomorrow night and Thursday night at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. nightly.

Sawyer announces Collage openings

Collage editor Duane Sawyer announces that the positions of poetry editor and art editor are open for the spring semester. Interested students may contact Sawyer at the Collage office in Jones Hall or write Box 61, campus mail.

Radio station seeks workers

WMOT is planning an organizational meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Students interested in becoming disc jockeys, newsmen, technicians, and promotion workers are invited to attend.

School calendar . . .

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after Christmas vacation, and to better coordinate the university schedule with those of state schools operating under a quarter system, making it easier for students to transfer between semesters.

One of the complaints lodged against the plan was that it did not simplify problems of students wishing to transfer to MTSU, but merely made it easier for them to transfer out.

Serious interest in revising the schedule was first generated

ed by a bill presented last year to the state legislature, calling for all state schools to adopt a uniform calendar. Since only MTSU and Memphis State used a semester system, these institutions would probably have been forced to switch to a quarter system.

Although the bill was killed last February in the legislature, largely as a result of opposition from MTSU, school administrators feared that it might come up again. As a result, Scarlett appointed the first ad hoc calendar committee to study procedures in use here and at other schools and present its findings.

The first committee recommended that the fall semester begin August 22 and end December 19, and that the spring semester start January 6 and close May 8.

The second ad hoc calendar committee was appointed last October by Scarlett.



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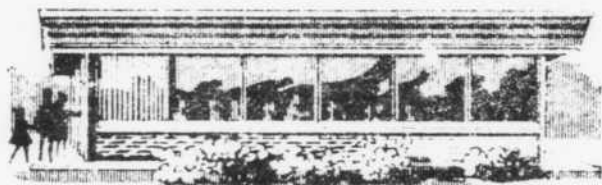
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Civic leaders form steering group

Plans for Boy's Club begin

Rutherford County civic leaders completed the second step in the formation of a local Boys' Club last Thursday night, by forming a steering committee to handle preliminary organizational work.

Bill Nelms, member of the Stones River Kiwanis Club, was elected chairman of the committee. Jerry Jackson, another Kiwanis member, was selected as secretary.

Nelms, a native of Murfreesboro, recalled the days of his youth when he had no place to go and then stressed the im-

By Mike West

portance of having such a place for the boys of Rutherford County.

Ray Duffy, city recreation director, said he sees a dire need for a facility like the Boys' Club in Murfreesboro to work in conjunction with the city recreation program. Duffy indicated that he is behind the establishment of a Rutherford County Boys' Club 100 percent.

David Henshaw, field representative of the club, affirmed this need and added that a Boys' Club is more than a recreational

facility. He explained that the programs of the Boys' Clubs of America serve as one-to-one everyday contact between a man and a boy which helps in the development of good character.

Henshaw explained that the club would serve the entire county with all local boys eligible for membership. The field representative then pointed out that most members of a Boys' Club come from a one mile radius of a club, which makes the selection of the club site very important. He also said that MTSU's Circle K Club recommended the name, Rutherford County Boys' Club, in order to demonstrate the area of service.

Henshaw, naming the initiators of the club idea, cited a letter that he received three months ago from Thomson, who told the regional office of the Boys' Club of America about Circle K's interest in attempting to start a club in this area.

Henshaw stated that Circle K has gone about as far as it can go in the formation of the club.

Shelbyville students plan 'Purlie' showing

Shelbyville Central High School juniors and seniors involved in the MTSU 'Upward Bound' program are working with university theatre students to prepare a cutting from 'Purlie' for presentation to the SCHS student assembly during Black History Week, February 9-12.

Johnie Payton, Lebanon senior, and Ronnie Martin, Watertown senior, are applying their musical and directing abilities to help the high school juniors and seniors get choreography, lines and blocking for the Broadway musical together.

Martin worked with the Upward Bound program (which is set up to expand educational and cultural experiences for high school students) when they presented portions of Ossie Davis' show this summer at the Galaxy Communications Seminar in Nashville and at MTSU.

Working with the students is a good opportunity for the MTSU seniors to prepare for their prac-



Ray and Martin

tice teaching which is scheduled for the second half of this semester, Martin stated.

'Purlie' will culminate the week's activities dedicated to the contributions of black Americans to American history and culture.

Apiarists select queen

Becky Ledbetter, Shelbyville sophomore, was crowned, last Wednesday, Honey Queen of America at the American Beekeepers Federation convention held in Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Ledbetter will tour the nation promoting the honey industry as part of her duties as Honey Queen. It is possible that she will earn a trip to Moscow as a part of her awards that also include a college scholarship.

The 20-year-old coed gained her interest in bees as she work-

ed in the 4-H Club. This interest in beekeeping prompted Leslie Little, state apiarist, to ask Miss Ledbetter to enter the Nashville area Honey Queen contest. Her win in this contest enabled her to enter the statewide contest, which she also won.

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Restructure should allow for growth

With the recommendation of the ad hoc Committee on University Reorganization that a School of Business be established here, the disposition of departments to be affected by the creation of the new school and the possibility of further reorganization becomes the committee's primary interest.

The subject of university reorganization merits the investigation of three primary significant aspects.

Financial and budgetary problems require that structure changes and/or additions of administrative posts be planned so that alterations do not require funds to such an excess that academic programs are endangered.

Departmental unity as well as standardization and specialization of curriculum would be provided in order to enhance restructural alteration. Departmental pride must be recognized in analyzing acceptability of reorganizational plans.

Potential academic growth must also be provided to allow for the evolution of divisions into colleges. The reorganization should be flexible enough to eliminate the need for major structural overhauls every few years, allowing for minor adjustments to be made to compensate for university growth.

A possible answer to university organization would be the establishment of five undergraduate colleges and six divisions, with the understanding, however, that extraneous factors may necessitate the alteration of departmental and sub-departmental arrangement within the proposed colleges of the university.

The SIDELINES suggests that the Committee on University Reorganization investigate the possibility of forming five colleges, including a . . .

College of Humanities and Social Sciences--composed of a Division of Humanities, with English, foreign languages, philosophy, and history; and a Division of Social Sciences, including departments of geography, political science, sociology, psychology, and law enforcement and corrections.

College of Business--composed of the departments of accounting, business administration, business education, and economics.

College of Education--with education, guidance and counseling, health, physical education, and library science.

College of Science and Technology--to include a Division of Science (biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics) and a Division of Technology (agriculture, industrial arts, aerospace, military science, nursing, and home economics).

College of Fine Arts and Communications--with speech and theatre, art, music, dance, and photography under the Division of Fine Arts and journalism, broadcasting, and graphic arts under the Division of Communications.

The Graduate School will remain structured basically the same as it is now under the SIDELINES proposal.

Whatever structural reorganization plan the university committee proposes, it is hoped that considerations for continued growth of the university will be provided.

From the Hill

Observers predict Democratic unity

Tennessee's 87th General Assembly is confronted with an extensive spectrum of questions, ranging from congressional reapportionment to abortion. For the first time in 50 years Tennessee has a Republican governor but a Democratic legislature. This variance defies anyone to make specific projections about the future. Yet the issues facing our legislators force us to augury.

It is instructive to examine the makeup and structure of the legislature. In the senate the terms are for four years and are staggered so that half of the seats are at stake every two years. Democratic senators number 19, Republicans 13, and there is one independent. The 99 members of the House of Representatives are elected every two years; 56 are Democrats and 43 are Republicans. Obviously, the Democrats are in firm control of both houses.

In years past, party association has not meant much in Tennessee's legislature. However, with the election of a Republican governor and an increasingly more active Republican delegation in the legislature, Democrats on the Hill have begun more and more to seek party identification.

The emphasis placed on Democratic unity became apparent during the organizational session from January 4th to the 16th. Elected were the Lt. Governor (who serves as Speaker of the Senate), the Speaker of the House, the State Treasurer, and the Comptroller. All were Democrats.

The races were heated within the Democratic caucus, but once the nominee had been chosen, every Democrat stood behind him. Republicans failed in efforts to attract the black representatives with promises to appoint a black to a cabinet level position. Two years ago when Republican Bill Jenkins was elected Speaker of the House, there were Democratic defections. This time they stood together.

Lt. Governor Wilder and House Speaker McKinney again flexed the Democratic muscle in their appointments to the standing committees. In the Senate, Republicans were named chairmen of only two out of seven committees. Speaker James McKinney named only Democrats to chair House committees to the dismay of Republicans who pointed out that they shared chairmanships when they controlled the House during the last session. This show of partisanship undoubtedly causes Governor Dunn a little restlessness as he sits in a chair that is as yet unfamiliar.

Nevertheless, the question lingers as to whether or not the Democrats can maintain the solidarity

By Lawrence Harrington

that characterized the organizational session. On this question the success or failure of much of the administration's legislative aspirations hinges. The answer is elusive.

Most observers, however, agree that the Democratic caucus is not going to disintegrate over the first piece of controversial legislation. As a relatively unified body they will strive not only to scrutinize closely administration legislation, but also as leaders of the Democratic Party to form a legislative program. This is

Some Democratic legislators realize that because of the difference in party between the governor and the Legislature, there will be the possibility at the end of the session that Democratic legislators can be labeled as obstructionists by their Republican colleagues. In order to avoid this, it is believed that some concrete legislative proposals must emanate from the Democratic caucus. Some will take the shape of Democratic counter proposals in answer to administration legislation.

During this organizational session only resolutions could be passed. Bills could only be introduced. Of the over 50 bills introduced in the Senate and over 70 in the House, many are of a nature which could strain the unity of either caucus, Democratic or Republican. And there will be more when the legislature reconvenes on February 23.

At this point the Democrats are already having problems. Some Democratic legislators are questioning the extremely partisan role adopted by House Speaker James McKinney. They feel that his committee appointments, along with the accusations he had leveled against the administration in regard to the dismissal of state employees, serve to create unnecessary division. Later, they feel, there will be an abundance of controversial issues and that it is unwise to create animosities which may tend to hamper communication.

The key to the direction the legislature will take is not whether the Democrats can maintain unity or be strictly partisan on every issue. Indeed, they cannot. They should not.

The important thing is that the word "unity" is spoken with some sincerity and that many legislators realize that as Democrats they have a responsibility to the party, a responsibility to make an effort within the Democratic caucus to define a position on a particular piece of legislation. For the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, this is a radical concept.



Letters to the editor

SIDELINES readers respond

Sidebottom protests SGA

To the Editor:

If you do not write this constitution the way we want it we will get someone who will. We want a unicameral house and we will get it this year one way or another. So said Bart Gordon and Roger Hardaway. This statement is as near a quote as members of the restructuring committee with whom I have spoken could recall.

The statement published in the January 29, 1971 issue of SIDELINES further states that any House or Senate member could have been a member of the committee. I would like to know how anyone not on campus during the summer or anyone representing a club which is not active during the summer would have been on this committee which was appointed in the summer.

I became aware of the names of members of this committee three weeks after the beginning of the Fall semester. I might add here that at the beginning of this year the committee was closed to non-members. This meant no spectators or new members allowed in a meeting. I spoke with at least five members of the committee, including Erskine Smith, the chairman, and told them of some of my feelings on the subject. Two days before the first vote was taken

on this bill in the House. I was able to find out definitely that it presented a unicameral congress. This was the only information anyone not on the committee could find out. The presentation schedule has been so organized that no effective alternatives or opposition could be formed.

I would also like to make it known that to date I have been unable to obtain from the ASB office a copy of the new constitution. It was stated in the 12 January issue that the copies would be available from them until the end of the semester. The reason I find it necessary to have a copy of the constitution that the students will vote on is that some small changes were made by pencil entries during the ASB meetings. If these have not been included in the new copy of the new constitution, there can be no valid vote on 4 February and any vote taken must legally be declared null and void.

The feelings of Bart Gordon and Roger Hardaway reflected by their statement to the restructuring committee underestimates the students of this university and insults their intelligence.

The committee indicts Nolan Sharbel for irresponsibility for not delivering a copy of the new constitution to the people he is supposed to represent. . . . I would like to know how many

of the signers of the committee letter presented a copy of the new constitution to their constituencies. Did Ralph M. Crary or Bill Yarbrough have a meeting of their organization? Did Erskine Smith, Ron Fryar, Martha Driver, Mary Marlin, or Dennis Phillips, all senators, call a meeting of their constituents, namely their respective classes? What about Gary C. Barnett, member at large? How many people did he talk to and how representative were his views of members of this campus?

One thing which really irritates me about the committee's letter is the plea for a favorable vote because of the time the members spent working on the constitution. Just because someone spends a long time making a rocket engine doesn't mean that it should be used to put a man in space unless it's going to function correctly. So should a constitution. The constitution more than just a few people. It affects the whole student body.

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Freshman prefers to decide vote on facts

To the Editor:

Being a freshman on the MTSU campus, I am stuck with the political ignorance inherent in a first-year student; however, I have been impressed by the publication of both sides of issues by the SIDELINES. It is with hope that I write this letter.

Two articles were published in a recent SIDELINES issue. A position statement was made by the student government restructuring committee and Jim Lynch wrote what appeared to be a rebuttal to this. The committee claimed that they were publishing facts. Lynch, in his article, never denied the facts themselves; therefore, I must accept them as such.

Now to look at Lynch's article. He concedes that Mr. Hardaway and Mr. Gordon had nothing to do with writing the constitution, yet he attacks the constitution simply because Mr. Hardaway and Mr. Gordon agreed with it once it was released.

Mr. Lynch doesn't deny that Mr. Tom Foley was never a

member of the Restructure Committee, yet he uses Mr. Foley to write that the committee has implied that any responsible student opposing the constitution should keep his mouth shut.

In his article, Mr. Lynch says that he agrees with the unicameral idea; why then does he admit that he was appointed to the restructuring committee and failed to take any action whatsoever in the structuring of the new constitution?

Mr. Lynch makes an undeniable error in his article. Not once does he alert the student body to the flaws in the constitution. Concerning the flaws in the constitution, he appeals to the ignorance of the readers by writing "believe me, there are several." This is totally unacceptable in a journalistic work. I prefer to vote on facts rather than on other peoples' beliefs and the restructuring committee evidently presents facts.

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National Perspective

American progress should include space exploration

By Jim Leonhirth

As Alan Shepard sat on the launch pad Sunday afternoon, his thoughts must have turned back to that day 10 years ago when he became the first American in Space.

In the interim decade, America's space program has faced victory and defeat, prosperity and frustration. It survived the death of three astronauts to complete a successful trip to the moon, but it has recently not been able to convince the Congress for an increase in funds.

In fact, the estimated apportionment for space research and technology in 1971 is \$3,586,000 as compared to \$3,749,000 in 1970. Further decreases are planned in 1972 with an estimated budget of \$3,151,000.

Along with this loss of funds, the program has faced a loss of prestige. Critics decry the large amount of waste inherent in a program in which millions of dollars of equipment are left on the moon, and the loss of a satellite is a loss of billion man-hours.

The prior cut-backs in the aerospace industry and the space program have resulted in expanded unemployment and the flooding of the labor market with over skilled workers.

Public opinion has become concerned with the inner confines of the world filled with Viet Nam, Cambodia, the Middle East, racial conflicts, pollution, and overpopulation and has taken its eyes off the stars.

It was a different scene May 5, 1961 when Shepard piloted the Freedom 7 Mercury capsule on its sub-orbital flight. The American public and scientific community were still smarting from the Russian launch of Sputnik in 1957 and the first human flight by Yuri Gagarin April 12, 1961.

Initial interest in both of these endeavors, however, has considerably waned especially in regard to the war.

Such a comparison is uncomfortable to those who were growing up in this period of the early 60's and thriving on the science fiction of the time. The space program with its potential had promise of providing a new outlet for man's pioneer spirit and perhaps a small part of the solution to man's environmental problem which even then were evidencing themselves.

These early hopes for the success of the space program lingers and have been channeled into the belief that if America is to develop in any other than its previous haphazard method, it has to do detailed planning for the future and expansion into space must be an integral part.

Meanwhile With Lynch

Willie discovers a worthy cause

By Jim Lynch

Let's pretend. Let's suppose that there was a confrontation between John (Rockets) Wilcox, chief administrator for NASA and Willie Smith, member of that elite group of people who live in the Bedford-Stuyvesant ghetto of New York City.

Rockets: "You see Willie, we've got to continue with our space program to prove to the rest of the world how advanced we are."

Willie: "Sure."

Rockets: "We can't let the Russians catch up to us in space technology."

Willie: "Right."

Rockets: "Besides, we've got all this money tied up in astronaut training and lunar equipment, all that would go to waste if we discontinued the Space Program."

Willie: "Of course."

Rockets: "Naturally, you understand that man's nature dictates him to search for new adventures, new horizons. It's part of being alive."

Willie: "Naturally."

Rockets: "We live in the spirit of Christopher Columbus, Amerigo Vespucci, and Lewis and Clark."

Willie: "Right."

Rockets: "So what is a few billion dollars spent on such a worthy cause?"

Willie: "Worthy?"

Willie lives with his wife and three children in two rooms of a building which was condemned two years ago by the City Health Commission. Their diet basically consists of bread and coffee, their clothes are Salvation Army hand-me-downs. Rats bite the children at least once a week. Willie makes \$35 a week as a janitor.

They are about as far removed from the Space Program and its billions of dollars as they are from the moon. They literally are starving to death while we continue to prove something that we've already done.

Just where do our priorities lie? On the moon or within our own people?

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Federal grants approach \$2 million mark

During the past five years Middle Tennessee State University has received \$1,971,142.07 in federal grants to staff and faculty members, according to Dr. E. L. Gentry, director of research and projects at the University. More than half a million dollars of this came during the past year.

These figures do not include \$1,589,212 for four campus buildings or other grants obtained from college work-study programs, fellowships, scholarships, conference, institute, seminar or workshops from federal or non-federal sources.

Total grants for 1970 reflect

an increase of \$73,754.62 over grants for university personnel in 1969. Thirty project grants were made in 1970, as compared with nine in 1966.

Twenty-two departments shared in the grants, which provides partial funds for projects ranging from law enforcement to a special study of the Azarbayejani language of Iran.

The facts relative to these grants were developed by an analysis compiled in the Graduate School under the direction of Dean Robert Aden and Dr. Gentry.

Among the larger 1970 grants were:

A \$99,912 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue the Science Institute's conducted for the past 12 years, under the direction of Dr. J. Eldred Wiser, chairman of the department of chemistry and physics. The June 1 through August 15 institute offered graduate work to secondary school teachers of mathematics and science.

A second grant of \$98,923.50 went to the department of psychology for the establishment and operation of a juvenile diagnostic center, under the direction of Dr. Frank Lee.

Dr. Gentry pointed out that a large number of additional

grants from non-Federal sources included substantial projects by the Southern Regional Education Board, Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative and the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission.

Grants from the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission over the past 16 years have provided partial scholarships for almost 2,000 Tennessee high school and

elementary teachers for training in aerospace education.

Last year scholarships of \$100 each were provided for 100 teachers in "regular workshop," 25 teachers in "advanced workshops" and \$10,500 in grants for 30 teachers to engage in the famed MTSU "International Aerospace Seminar" that provides for aerospace study in Europe each summer.

Slater official cites local food preferences

By Becky Freeman

With the recent advent of new government warnings about food additives, some Americans are changing their eating habits. Bill Bennett, manager of the Slater food services, stated that there was no noticeable change in the food preferences of students since the speech of consumer advocate Ralph Nader in October.

Bennett indicated that the guidelines imposed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration are immediately administered by the research and standards bureau of the Slater company. The manager indicated that the cafeterias respond immediately to guidelines issued through the company by the federal government, not waiting until the government deadlines are effected.

The cafeteria, is required to purchase certain brands chosen for their quality by the national food service. The purveyors randomly selected sample products from food shipments to the university cafeteria for testing.

Bennett indicated that while occasionally a foreign object might be found in a student's food, careful preparation is taken to avoid it. The cafeteria manager indicated that all state health regulations are met by the food services.

He further stated that the campus food service facilities have not fallen below a rating of 95 out of a possible 100 score in the past two years. The Student Union cafeteria, Bennett indicated, usually rates slightly lower than the other facilities because the older building is more difficult to keep clean and the evaluations usually do not take this into consideration.

Slater, the college food division of ARA, services over 275 schools and colleges. Bennett concluded that the dollar volume of Slater is higher than the rest of its competition in the United States.

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Gordon denies plans of re-seeking office

By David Page

Associated Student Body president Bart Gordon denied yesterday that he will run for reelection if the new proposed student government constitution is passed by the student assembly Thursday.

Gordon's denial came at a meeting of the junior class that was held for the purpose of reviewing the proposed new constitution. Gordon stated that he was going to "head for the hills" when his present term of office was over.

Under the present constitution Gordon would leave office on May 1, however if the new constitution is passed he will vacate office on April 15.

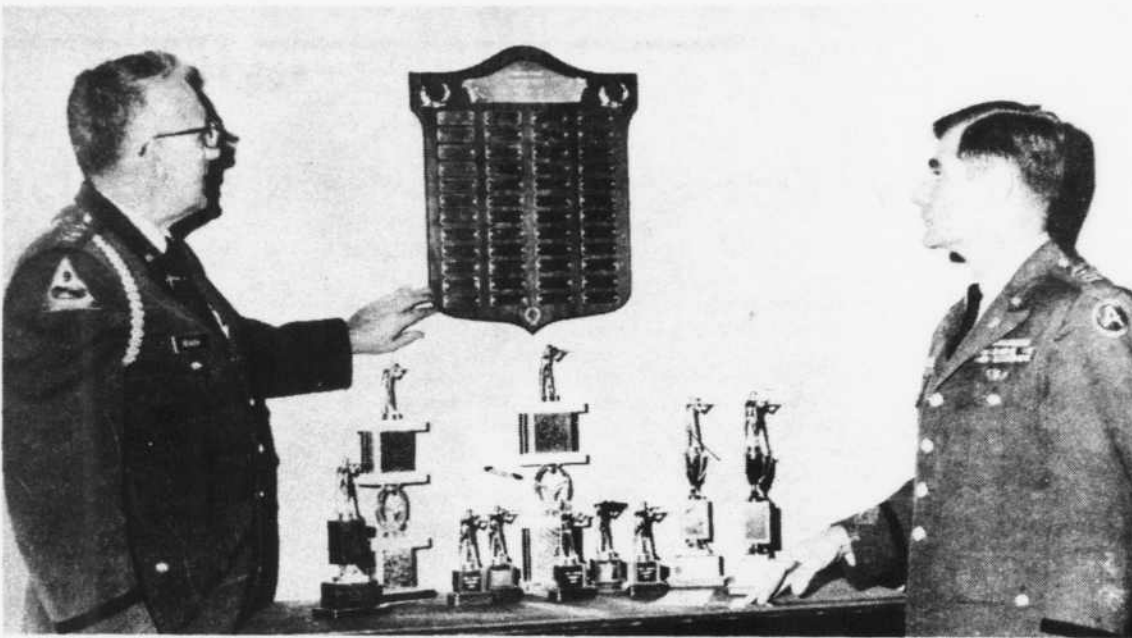
Under the present constitution the president of the ASB can only serve while a senior and hence only one year. The new constitution allows for the president to be either a junior, senior or graduate student with no stipulation on how many terms an individual can serve.

No one has yet announced as a candidate for any of the three elected positions in the student

government administration that will exist under either constitution.

People planning to run for a seat in student government legislature in the March elections are presently unsure whether they will be running for one of the 17 seats in the senate of the present bi-cameral legislature or if they will be running for one of 50 seats in the unicameral legislature that will exist if the new constitution is passed, according to Dennis Phillips, sophomore senator and member of the committee which wrote the constitution.

Candidates for the legislature of the student government are also having problems making plans because they are not sure whether the election will be held under the present constitution where legislators would be elected by class or under the new proposed constitution where the legislators would be chosen from academic schools, according to Phillips.



ROTC award

Colonel Vern W. Reaugh (left) and Captain Steven Behr admire the "MTSU Century Club Award" and other trophies to be awarded at the second annual Volunteer State Rifle Tournament March 14 on the MTSU campus.

SIDELINES names spring staff

Jill Woodworth, SIDELINES editor-in-chief, and Monica Devine, SIDELINES business manager, have announced their staffs for the spring semester 1971.

Miss Woodworth indicated that joining her on the editorial board are two managing editors, Jim Lynch and Jim Leonhirth. Lynch is a Gary, Indiana senior, and Leonhirth is a Murfreesboro junior. Lynch and Leonhirth also serve as columnists writing "Meanwhile With Lynch" and "National Perspective," respectively.

Heading the news staff is Gary Matthews, Nashville senior. Assisting Matthews is Rodger Murray, Tullahoma sophomore, and

Mike West, Murfreesboro sophomore.

Nashville junior Becky Freeman is serving as feature editor and the assistant feature editor is Jimmy Trammel, Watertown freshman.

Serving as sports editor is Bob Hyde, Tullahoma sophomore. He will be aided in the sports department by Ron Merville, Nashville junior.

Tony Pendergrass, Murfreesboro graduate student and former SIDELINES editor, is serving as copy editor and special reporter.

Miss Devine stated that Dennis Phillips, Nashville sophomore is advertising coordinator for the

spring. Advertising managers for the semester are Debbie Polk and Sharyn Warner, both Nashville sophomores.

Circulation managers for the spring term are Julia Little, Nashville sophomore, and Sheila Massey, Lebanon sophomore. The office manager is Debbie Jenkins, Nashville freshman.

Retraction

The Ole Bob's ad run January 29 in the SIDELINES should read 1¢ Piz-za Sale Good Jan. 29 thru Feb. 1.

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Raider Club selects Murphy for gym title

The Blue Raider Club, a group of local boosters for MTSU, has unanimously passed a resolution in favor of honoring the planned athletic center for Charles M. Bubber Murphy.

Grady Haynes, club president, introduced the resolution and it passed without opposition. After it was read, Haynes stated that he would take the resolution through the proper channels at the earliest possible date.

In part, the resolution reads "Charles Murphy has rendered distinguished service and has made unparalleled contributions to Middle Tennessee State University during a period encompassing almost twenty-eight years."

As coach of MTSU, Murphy compiled "a phenomenal composite record of 155 victories, 48 defeats, and eight ties; and



Murphy

during this period of twenty-two years brought seven Volunteer State Championship titles and seven Ohio Valley Conference championships or co-championships."

Hyde Time

Bob Hyde

Referees deserve credit

When one sees the black and white shirt of a referee coming onto the floor prior to a basketball game, most of the fans associate the stripes with that of a natural enemy. This form of stereotyping is common but far from the deserved credit due these dedicated men.

Following the MTSU-UTC game of last week, this writer was granted an interview with Ed Gyenes and Bill Ring, who officiated the contest. It was evident that these two men truly loved the sport, for the time involved would not be set aside by these individuals if this were not the case.

"Most people think the worst aspect of officiating is the actual calling," stated Gyenes, "but the most dreaded aspect is the traveling involved. An average of twelve to sixteen hours round trip is required for each game, and I'm on the job back home early the next morning."

The officials, like the players, must be

in top shape because the normal game requires them to run two or three miles, which could be very tiring after a day at work and then the long drive.

When asked the most important part of calling the game, Ring replied that "the officials must communicate with the players, for this definitely makes for a more controlled game on our part."

Officials are assigned to games through the commissioner's office, and work with various game-callers from other conferences rather than as a team. To reach the college level of officiating, it was revealed that at least ten years of a experience is necessary in the junior high and high school ranks.

It appears that officiating is the third "aspect" of the game, listed in order behind actual participation and coaching and followed by the spectators.

Roundballers fall to Western Kentucky

MTSU gave a determined but unsuccessful effort when the Blue Raiders invaded Western Kentucky and were defeated by an 80-66 margin.

WK opened up an early 16-5 lead and it appeared a rout was in process. However, Coach Jimmy Earle changed from a man-to-man to a zone defense and the Raiders gradually closed the gap to seven points, 39-32, at halftime.

The Raiders opened the second half with a tenacious defense and cashed in on several turnovers to tie the score 51-51 with 10:38 remaining in the game. The two clubs matched baskets until All American Jim McDaniels broke a 57-57 deadlock and

WK never trailed again.

In reviewing the game, Earle stated that "we played as well as we possibly could, and I'm very proud of the boys." The coach also had special praise for sophomores Chester Brown and Nick Prater for their fine individual effort. Brown played center opposite McDaniels and the

WK star was held below his scoring average. Prater entered the game as a substitute and supplied some offensive firepower as he connected for 14 points.

Herman Sykes again headed the Raiders' scoring column with 17 points. Prater and team captain Ken Riley, with 13 points, also scored in double figures.

Blue Raiders place third in Illinois track events

Middle Tennessee's high flying trackmen invaded Champaign, Ill. this past weekend for an invi-

tational track meet with Murray State, Kentucky State, Lincoln University, and the University of Illinois.

Illinois totaled 107 points, while Murray had 52 and MTSU 49-1/2. Kentucky State and Lincoln received 26-1/2 and 20 points respectively.

Myles Maillie set a newschool record in the mile run with a 4:18.2 breaking the old record set by Charlie Dahlgren of 4:18.4.

Barry McClure set a new Illinois Armory record with a leap of 49' 4-1/2" in the triple jump. Homer Huffman set a new school record in the 1000 meter run with a time of 2:15.2.

The mile relay team (Homer Huffman, Erskine Smith, Nate Porter, Terry Scott) ran surprisingly well with Homer Huffman running his best quarter mile ever, 48.8. Terry Scott also contributed to the event, with his best indoor quarter mile ever in a time of 49.2.

Hawes releases cast for spring play fare

Clayton Hawes, assistant professor of speech and theatre, has released the cast list for the first major production of the spring semester for the University Theatre. The cast for the Pulitzer prize winning play by William Saroyan includes twenty-seven students.

The cast consists of: Paul Finholt, Goodlettsville freshman--sailor; David Howard, Nashville freshman--Sam; Clark Tucker, Murfreesboro junior--newsboy; Charles Jackson, Nashville junior--Willie; Lane Davies, Dalton, Georgia junior--Joe; Slobodan Radojevic, Chicago senior--Nick; Bob Forsythe, Murfreesboro junior--Tom.

Joyce Anderson, Franklin junior plays Kitty; Henry Murray, Old Hickory junior--Dudley; Ronnie Burns, Rockvale senior--Harry; Steve Dees, Smyrna freshman--Wesley; Susan Potts, Chattanooga senior--Lorene; Barry Underwood, McMinnville senior--Blick; Carl Brandon, Murfreesboro junior--Arab.

Other cast members and their roles include: Gwen Mason, Ducktown junior--Mary; Eddy Day, Shelbyville freshman--Krupp; Ronnie Meek, Goodlettsville junior--McCarthy; Mike Stewart, Murfreesboro junior--Kit; Connie O'Connell, Chattanooga senior--Nick's Ma; Peggy Duszynski, Lebanon freshman--Elsie; Starla Smith, Nashville freshman--Anna.

Rounding out the cast are: Susan Karsch, Nashville graduate student--killer; Donna Corbin, Nashville freshman--sidekick; Cyndee McGuire, Chattanooga junior--society lady; Bob Trebing, Nashville junior--society man; Tom O'Brien, Old Hickory junior--drunkard; and Stan Reeder, Joelton junior--cop.

The play is set in San Francisco saloon during the waning years of the 1930's. "The strange combination of character-revealing dialogue and colorful personalities reflects the elusive psychological flavor of the late thirties and Saroyan's view of life," stated Charles Jackson, student assistant director.

"The Time of Your Life" will run March 5 through 18 and will lead into the Spring Festival of the Arts.

Winter formal to have queen

This year will mark the first time in the history of MTSU that a queen will reign over the Mid-Winter Formal, Feb. 19, 8:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight, according to John Jackson, president of the sophomore class.

The formal, to be held in the Tennessee Room will be the "most unusual Mid-Winter Forever had," at MTSU, said Jackson. A presentation of representatives from campus organizations will also be a part of the formal.

Organizations planning to enter a candidate for queen must first pay a one dollar entry fee, stated Jackson. Votes will be determined by the amount of money raised by the candidates' organizations with one cent equaling one vote. The organization sponsoring the winning candidate will receive 10 percent of all money taken in, he said.

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