



Greek 'Beds' Will Begin 1st Weekend

A joint Interfraternity Council-Panhellenic Council sponsored Greek Weekend will begin tomorrow at 4 p. m. with an "Ole Bed Race."

This endeavor, the first of its kind attempted by the Greek organizations on this campus, is a planned two day event which will culminate with a dance featuring "The Bar-Kays" combo Saturday night.

Festivities will begin Friday afternoon with the "Ole Bed Race" which will feature fraternity members pushing a bed with wheels on it around Loop Drive. Occupying the beds will be sorority officers.

Friday night the pledge classes of the fraternities and sororities are paired up and will put on a show for the active bodies of the groups. Pairings (continued on page 2)

The Bar-Kays, for Greek Weekend

State Dorm Fees Hiked

MTSU, along with six other college-level state institutions governed by the Tennessee State Board of Education, will raise dormitory fees \$22.50 per semester, according to J. W. Jackson, manager of the business office.

The decision to increase prices, which was made in the February Board meeting and which is to become effective for the fall '69 semester, is mandatory for all six schools, stated Jackson.

"A possible factor in the higher dormitory rates is the fact that interest rates on loans to build dormitories has increased from 3% to 4-5%," said Jackson.

"Another factor is the increased cost of living," he added.

According to Sam McLean, dean of housing, the raise in prices on rooms in the res-

idence halls is due to increased cost in maintenance and salaries for upkeep of the dormitories.

Police Ask Students To Keep Off The Grass

On a warm Spring morning, Thursday, March 27, two MTSU students--a coed and her male companion--were sunning on the grass in front of the University Center Building when they were approached by a campus policeman. The events that followed proved to be very interesting.

Ed Hudson, Smyrna freshman, was the male sun worshiper. His female companion could not be identified.

"I was lying here and the cop came and asked if I was sick. I said no and he said I would

Martin Is Alone In Top 'Race'

By Bobby Sands

Van Martin, a Chattanooga junior, will be unopposed in the Wednesday election for President of the Associated Student Body, it was announced last night.

Martin submitted his petition of qualification in the ASB offices yesterday, Larry Gillem, commissioner of elections, said.

Thus Martin's name will be the only one listed under the column for president Wednesday, and he can only lose if a write-in campaign is successful in the eleventh hour of the campaign.

Sarah Smith, a Carthage junior, is also unopposed in her bid for the post of Speaker of the ASB Senate. Miss Smith has been a freshman class treasurer and a junior senator.

In the only contested election among the ASB's top three posts, Cliff Gillespie and Gary Hall, both Nashville juniors,

will meet each other to vie for the post of Speaker of the

ASB House of Representatives.

MTSU's "party" of independent students apparently ran out of steam Tuesday night when its second called meeting netted only nine attendants. The "party" had remained intact long enough, however, to defeat the proposal for a one-house student congress March 20.

Rumors were circulating on campus since then that the "party" would run candidates in all three of the top offices. The names mentioned included those of Terry Scott, a Cleveland junior, and Pete Toggerson, a junior from Ann Arbor, Mich.

However, Hall is the only independent candidate in the running for any of the top three spots. Martin is a member of Kappa Alpha, Gillespie is a Kappa Sig and Miss Smith is a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Elections will be held Wednesday in the University Center. Also to be elected then will be the senators from the top three classes. Names of candidates will be published Monday.

Class officer elections will be held April 23, Gillem said. Deadline for qualifying is midnight April 16.

Martin is a junior senator this year. He was president of his sophomore class.

Trickey Leaves MTSU For Oral Roberts Job

Ken Trickey, head basketball coach at Middle Tennessee State University for the past four years, has resigned his post to accept the position of athletic director and head basketball coach at Oral Roberts University.

The enthusiastic 35-year-old mentor brought the Blue Raiders from a lowly basketball ebb, to one of the area's most respected basketball programs during his four seasons as head coach. His 1967-68 season of 15-9 was the best by a MTSU team since joining the Ohio Valley Conference, and his 1968-9 squad posted a 13-13 campaign.

Dr. M. G. Scarlett, president of MTSU stated: "During the last four years, Ken Trickey has breathed life into the MTSU basketball program. Trickey

Bob Brooks, MTSU sports information director, resigns to go with Trickey, page 6.

ey will be missed at MTSU, and our best wishes for success go with him as he assumes his excellent new post at Oral Roberts University."

Oral Roberts University opened its doors in the fall of 1965--the same year Coach



KEN TRICKEY

Trickey took over the helm of MTSU basketball. The Tulsa, Oklahoma school began oper-

ation with 500 students, and expects an enrollment of more than 1,000 next fall.

Charles Murphy, athletic director at MTSU said: "I am sorry to lose Ken Trickey from our coaching staff here at Middle Tennessee State University. I have no reservations about his ability as a coach, or a

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Students Stage Pre-Easter Rally On Daytona's Sands

By Keel Hunt and
Michael Goforth

Staff Correspondents

DAYTONA BEACH--They gathered here last week--from three other corners of the nation and much of its midsection -- for the world's largest fraternity party.

It was Easter vacation in Daytona Beach. The mass springtime exodus of college students --an annual affair--was met faithfully by a bright sun, cloudless skies and a beachside string of business-eager motels.

The motels filled, and the fun began. Temperatures remained in the mid-80's throughout the week.

With the thousand beach towels, empty ice chests and bikini-clad women, the world-famous beaches here were nearly covered last week. Daytona Beach is perhaps the king of the student beach resorts, rivalled only by Ft. Lauderdale to the south.

On any given afternoon, thousands of collegiate sun worshipers could be seen milling around the beach, soaked in various protective oils. Almost every national fraternity and sorority could be seen, initiated on the fronts of sweatshirts and the backs suntanned, mini-clad girls.

It was estimated that some 100,000 students

patrolled the sun-bleached shores during the week preceding Easter Sunday. Also it was estimated that about 200 MTSU students met each other here.

At a popular night spot one evening, for example, the sunburned Tennessee delegation was in control. Not a violent control, however, only peacefully persuading the band to respond with favorite tunes.

Students arrived here to rumors that fellow collegians at Ft. Lauderdale had completed, the day before, a "swim-in," where the participants leave swimsuits and inhibitions on shore and "swim-in."

It was only a rumor, but one actually scheduled for Saturday--before many students began the homeward trek. Police launched beach patrol boats and strengthened the beach force, so the "skinny dip" was not held.

Standing on the sidelines, but grimly watching the 1969 installment of the perennial party, were the patient Daytona Beach police, whose numbers were exceeded only by the American Greeks who came to rally and who, of course, rallied.

Daytona patrolman Gary Weber said the department's "strictly security measures" last only during the weeks of Easter vacation. At this time, he said, extra personnel is added to the

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Stonemans Raise Money For Mike

The Stoneman Family will perform here April 17 in a two hour benefit concert for the Money for Mike campaign sponsored by the Circle K Club.

The concert was announced Thursday, March 27, at a news conference in Nashville. Members of the Stoneman family appeared with Mike Sledge and discussed plans for the benefit in the MTSU Memorial Gymnasium.

The Stoneman Family gained its fame through their MGM recordings, a weekly syndicated color television series, special personal appearances, and special television guest appearances. They have appeared on such national television shows as the Steve Allen Show, Tonight Show, NBC's "Music From the Land", Hollywood Palace, Glen Campbell, Smothers Brothers Show, Shindig and others.

The family will begin a tour of college campuses with the appearance at MTSU.

Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to help Sledge pay for a \$25,000 life saving kidney transplant operation. The other fifty percent will go to the Vanderbilt University's kidney foundation, according to the family.

Sledge said that he owed his life to Vanderbilt physician H. Earl Ginn, who has taken the first steps in setting up the kidney foundation at Vanderbilt to help those who need tremendous sums of money to stay alive.

Ginn said Sledge can expect to live at least another five years with two or three weekly treatments by the machine

which purifies the blood and performs all the functions of a normal healthy kidney.

THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN carried the story of Sledge's financial problems on Feb. 16. Four days later an anonymous check for \$6,000 was sent to Sledge to pay for an artificial kidney machine to keep the 22 year old victim of glomerulonephritis alive until he can have a kidney transplant.

Tom Peterson, Circle K president, said tickets for the benefit will sell for \$2.50 and may be purchased at the Ernest Tubb Record Shop in Nashville and in Murfreesboro at the Music Shop, WMTS, Pigg and Parsons and the lobby of the UC.

SIDELINES Is 'All-American' For Second Straight Semester

SIDELINES has received an All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press for editions published during the fall semester, it was announced yesterday.

The award for the fall issues marks the second All-American rating received by the semi-weekly campus newspaper. The first award was earned during the spring semester of last year.

David Mathis, a Humboldt senior and economics major, served as editor-in-chief of the newspaper during both semesters.

The All-American rating represents a "superior" rating and is reserved for the top college publications in the United States. Newspapers from across the country are judged by the 80th Newspaper Critical Service.

Awards are divided into five classes: All-American, and first through fourth places, determined on the basis of content, writing and makeup.

In commenting on the SIDELINES' editorial writing, the ACP judges stated:

"In your general approach to

commenting and handling controversial subjects, your 'executive' department does a professional, adult job--maybe more adult than many 'down-town' newspapers. Yours is a real voice, weighing, considering, but not bigoted."

Judges also commended the variation and experimentation in page layout.

The SIDELINES received the maximum number of judging points in the following areas: news sources, balance of news, leads, features, editorials, sports display, masthead, front page appearance, inside news page appearance, typography, picture content and technical quality.

Mathis said Monday that he was "thrilled at this recognition of our efforts and realize the recognition by ACP was given the newspaper because of the willingness and cooperation of the staff," he added.

Staff heads for the fall SIDELINES were:

Managing editors -- David Page, Kingston sophomore, Jonelle Parsley, Murfreesboro senior, and Linda Vines, Lake-



DAVID MATHIS

land, Fla., junior.

News editors -- Keel Hunt, Nashville sophomore, and Marsha Plemons, Murfreesboro sophomore.

Sports editor -- Kelly Sharbel, Nashville junior.

Feature editor -- Wanda Ensor, Oak Ridge freshman.

WMOT Dedication Marks 1st Broadcast

Dedication ceremonies were held yesterday for radio station WMOT-FM in the Dramatic Arts Arena Theater.

President M. G. Scarlett gave the main address, speaking on how the radio station fits into the growth of the university.

Dennis Jones, Murfreesboro senior, hosted the event. Doug

Vernier, director of broadcasting at MTSU, closed the dedication, speaking on the future of WMOT-FM.

The dedication marked the first broadcast to be aired over the station, "whose main purpose is to provide worthy entertainment primarily concerned with mass public service," said Vernier.

Programming on the station will feature soft rock music during the week and Bob Harrington on Sundays.

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for both the bed race and the skits were decided by a drawing held at a recent Panhellenic Council meeting.

Events scheduled for Saturday begin at 1 p. m. with more sporting events taking place. The afternoon is under the direction of Jim Walker, Kappa Alpha president. Light-hearted competition between the groups is scheduled to involve all groups.

The highlight of the weekend

will be the dance Saturday night. "The Bar-Kays" will play in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium from 8-12 p. m. This dance is open to all students who can show a college identification card. Admission to the dance is \$1.50 and tickets will be on sale through tomorrow at 3 p. m. in the basement of the University Center.

"The Bar-Kays" are not strangers to this campus as they were also here with Mitch Ryder for the homecoming weekend last fall. Tickets for the dance will also be on sale at the door Saturday night.

Police Say 'Keep Off Grass' ...

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Hess and Robert LaLance. By the time they returned a large crowd had gathered on the steps of the building. The couple had also been joined by several others who took a similar position on the grass.

Several words were exchanged between the deans and the group. Then they got up and

started to leave but boos and shouts from the onlookers caused the original two to sit back down and give the crowd a peace sign.

Hess and LaLance said something else to the two and then they all walked off together.

Robert Goodwin, Chief of the campus police, said he received a call saying that someone was

lying down in the grass in front of the UC.

Thinking that someone might have been sick, he went to investigate finding Hudson lying face down with a coat over his head.

At first asking, Hudson said he was sick, but when the officer tried to help him move from the wet grass he refused to move saying he was not sick, according to Goodwin.

Goodwin then returned to his office and called the deans who were successful in moving the couple.

Goodwin stressed the point that his main concern was for the well being of the student.

Concerning the students' view toward his department Goodwin said, "I want my office to be one where any student can feel free to come and talk about any problems that they may have that the security department can help them with."

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On Daytona's Sands

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force and agents from the Florida Beverage Commission aid in controlling the more boisterous college students vacationing here.

"The police are primarily concerned with drinking under age, disturbing the peace and destruction of property," Weber said.

Weber said most trouble is caused by minors who have been drinking, and in order to protect the students and property strict enforcement and punishment is directed towards the under-age drinkers.

Another area of police concern is the beach. Drinking is strictly prohibited. Police cruisers and motorcycles patrol the beach day and night searching for violators.

Reasons for the law: Drinking would cause trouble with the thousands of people on the beach and empty bottles and cans would litter the beach and could cause injury, he added.

To illustrate the city's domination by collegians during Easter vacation, one television commentator said there are three types of spring vacationers here.

First, there are the college students "who come down to do their thing."

"Then there are the high school kids who come down to act like the college students, just to get a few drinks," he said, adding "Then there are the adults who come down to watch it all. And a few of them try to act like college students, too."

The all fraternity frolic continued as long as the Greeks lasted, until the memory of classes resuming loomed large over the beach.

It was reported, however, that some had resisted the temptation to return to a quieter campus. For them, then, the party is still rolling, as the eternal sea rolls.

But for most, the chapter ended Friday, and we must wait until another spring.

Hinton Finishes Requirements For Doctorate In Education

T. Earl Hinton, associate professor of music at MTSU has completed all requirements for the doctor of education degree at George Peabody College. The degree will be officially conferred in commencement exercises scheduled May 30.

Hinton has taught here for the past nine years. He is particularly recognized for work in the field of elementary music education.

He has authored and taught a radio series every year since going to MTSU - a series for middle grade students entitled "Music Time". This series is used by some 20 school systems with approximately 15,000 children participating annually. Hinton teaches, principally, music education courses. He conducts the University Orchestra.

CUBE Sponsors Filmstrip Show

Creating Understanding By Effort (CUBE) will sponsor a filmstrip show tomorrow night in the UC Theater at 7:30, according to Don Coleman, CUBE president.

Four filmstrips with sound, entitled "Growing Up Black," "They Have Overcome," "Minorities Have Made America Great," and "Negro Culture and Art," will be shown.

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Students Are Letting Themselves Down

At midnight last night—deadline for qualifying for next week's ASB elections—only one name had been entered to be placed on Wednesday's presidential election ballot.

The lone name will be Van Martin, a junior class senator from Chattanooga.

Martin and his supporters may believe themselves to be lucky in having no opposition. For now they must fight only for the complimentary votes—a nice job.

But actually is the nominee really so lucky? Presidents always wonder how history will treat them, and how long has it been since the ASB President's office was filled with an unchallenged nominee? What does it mean?

Candidates run against other candidates ostensibly because they want the job in question. Does no one besides Van Martin want the job? Apparently not.

Either everyone is thinking that he is the only man to be president, or they believe his organization cannot be topped at this stage of the game. Martin believes both are true.

Early last fall—when it was apparent that this might happen—we believed the campus would not allow the president's race to go unchallenged. The students have let themselves down.

'We Liked Ike'

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower the old soldier who was a symbol of a tidier era, is dead.

On March 28, the 34th President and son of the heartland finally succumbed when his weak heart failed.

Eisenhower was both a fighter and a peacemaker. He was an American.

Time magazine said this week:

"He was a soldier who loathed war. He was a politician who abhorred politics. He was a hero who despised heroics. Yet there was nothing inconsistent about Dwight David Eisenhower."

The people of the United States are happier for having known him, and they are sadder in his passing.



Senator's Notebook

Mondays Designated for Holidays

By Everett M. Dirksen

It probably won't be long before all of the 50 states will have followed the lead of the federal government and established Monday as the day of the week when most national holidays will be observed. Congress passed the new holiday law last June, and a number of state legislatures have already followed with their own holiday law.

So, on Jan. 1, 1971, when the federal law goes into effect, the calendars will show that Veterans Day and George Washington's Birthday, for example, will be observed on Mondays instead of whatever day of the week the actual dates coincide with. Christmas, New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Independence Day (Fourth of July) will not be affected.

The Monday holiday proposal generally was supported by industry and the labor organizations because work weeks split by holidays falling on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were something nobody wanted.

New Dates

Here are the new Monday holidays created by the federal law that it is hoped the states will likewise adopt: Washington's Birthday—third Monday in February.

Memorial Day—last Monday in May

Labor Day—first Monday in September

Columbus Day—second Monday in October

Veterans Day—fourth Monday in October

Thanksgiving Day will be observed on the fourth Thursday in November.

There were many interesting reasons given for establishing the Monday holidays besides the one of convenience for people who like a long weekend.

Washington

Although Americans have been celebrating Washington's Birthday on Feb. 22, our first President actually was born on

Feb. 11. It was during his lifetime that the Gregorian calendar was introduced to the American colonies. He was then 20 years old. The new calendar advanced all days for 11 days, and this is why we have celebrated Washington's Birthday on Feb. 22.

Memorial Day was commemorated by the Grand Army of the Republic on May 30 to decorate graves of soldiers who had fallen in the Civil War, although it is still not a legal

holiday in all of the states.

Our expanding population, with its increasing per capita income, is more and more indulging its leisure time in travel. The ability of Americans to travel will expand our economy further, as they find more time to do so. The Monday holidays will create a number of long weekends that will help to foster more travel.

Advantages

Another reason to welcome the Monday holidays is the advantage to be gained by continuity of operation in commerce and industry. Production will not be interrupted and momentum will not be lost because of midweek holidays and the absenteeism that accompanies them.

There has been plenty of time given for the state legislatures to follow the lead of the federal government. Calendar manufacturers will need the time in order to make the necessary changes. Labor-management contracts may require some adjustments commensurate with the new holiday dates.

I think we can look forward to Monday holidays all over the nation by 1971, and then we will all wonder, no doubt, why we hadn't arranged for them many years ago.

Letters

Student Questions Black Separatism

To the Editor,

Recently in a national magazine, I saw a cartoon depicting two presumably middle class American males—one white and one black. The caption read, "If I weren't a liberal and you weren't black I'd resent that." Actually not very funny. It seems that this is just another manifestation of prejudice itself. Perhaps Dick Gregory said it best in his book NIGGER. He stated that we, i.e. Negroes, colored people, and blacks (choose one) want to be treated as individuals and not as a group. He went on to say "if you love me or hate my guts" then do it because of me instead of the color of my skin. I think that's well put.

Mr. Coleman

Mr. Coleman also had one or two good phrases. He stated in effect that the white liberal is two faced and never misses a chance to stab black people in the back. Now that is a beautiful statement. I see one essential point. It appears that Mr. Coleman feels that any white person, or honkie if you like, who disagrees with him is stabbing him in the back and showing his prejudice.

I disagree with his statement of black separatism. Mr. Paul Monaco who wrote the immediately preceding article, wrote that black separatism and white segregation are not the same. I fail to see any difference. It doesn't matter if the segregation is imposed and enforced by someone hiding in fear behind a sheet or hiding behind the all-mighty power of righteous indignation. It is one and the same. The only difference is who is in charge of the operation and the color of his skin. If segregation is bad, then how can separate, but presumably at least equal facilities, be considered good. Is this considered the thing to do because black people instead of white racists are calling for this action? How can the racial policies of the Union of South Africa be frowned upon by black people and white liberals alike while they both call for the same thing, the same object, and the same ultimate goal.

Mr. Monaco

Mr. Monaco attempts to refute this premise when he discusses the ethnic groups of his home area. Nice try but closeness only counts in horse shoes, hand grenades, and dancing. The very essential difference is that these ethnic groups did not call for complete separation. These ethnic groups consisted mainly of self help groups staffed by members of that group or other interested people. I don't see anything wrong with that. But still self help by members of an ethnic group is a far cry from black separatism.

Because of the desire for black separatism and the guilt complex of white liberals and the racist policies of the prejudiced whites (whose policies are essentially the same as the blacks), I see only two poss-

ibilities. The first is a great racial war. By the very definition of a racial war there can be no white or black people who fight for a different color. This means a tremendous loss in humanity. Is this what the black separatists really want? The other alternative is for people of both races to realize that we are all brothers and all of the same people. Make no mistake, white people have farther to go in this regard but blacks separatism can only lead to the former choice.

'Uncle Tom'

On the Presidential Panel concerning riots and civil disorders, Roy Wilkins was called an "Uncle Tom" by a black militant. Eric Hoffer was referred to as a prejudiced honkie for expressing similar views. The blacks say that white racism, segregation and all its implications are the causes of poverty, disease and riots in the ghetto. I think they have a point. If they really believe this as they say, then why treat the disease with more of the essence of the disease—namely black separatism.

Robert W. Hazel
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Ball Scores Treatment Of Campus Loungers

To the editor:

Today I was, by chance, a witness to a scene which has disturbed me greatly. Two students, a girl and a boy, were laying on the grass beside the University Center. They were doing nothing except minding their own business. Two campus police approached them and told them they must get off the grass and in spite of threats later brought to my attention, both insisted they were disturbing no one and felt the officers of the long arm of the campus law were wrong in insisting they move. The officers for the time left.

Soon after they returned with reinforcements—two other "gentlemen," in plain clothes, to again discuss the matter. The spokesman of this group, the head of the campus police, I believe, insisted they move since "we are trying to start up some new grass around here." Although I am not a botany major, my feeble powers of observation convinced me that the area was well established grass-wise, and said of-

ficers used an excuse toilet tissue thin. There was no observable reason for their removal except the two officers felt it necessary to save face with the approximately one hundred students who had gathered to watch the proceedings. Finally the two students left—presumably because they were "persuaded" to do so.

Several years ago I was on the campus of Cambridge University, located as you well know somewhat north of our beloved Bible-belt. While there I noticed about fifty students sunbathing (in July) on the campus grounds. No one demanded they move and not disturb the grass. The parallel is plain—one university allows an action so harmless as laying on the grass, while another pays men to enforce their false-face once they have exposed their posteriors to full public view—and such was plainly the case of the M.T.S.U. campus.

Thank you.

Donald Ball
Box 2518

Ray is history's loss

Max Lerner

If Lee Harvey Oswald was history's fool, and Sirhan Sirhan (as his lawyers claim) history's somnambulist, James Earl Ray has turned out to be history's loss. There were good reasons why the state should have accepted Percy Foreman's offer of a 99-year sentence deal for his client: one reason being the trial expenses, and the best reason being that the trial would have stirred racial tensions again and reawakened traumatic memories not only of the sick slaying but of the sick riots that followed. Yet just as the victim last year was Martin Luther King, so the victim now is history.

There is no question that Ray was the killer: the case against him was too airtight for his lawyers and ultimately even for him. But suspicions of conspiracy linger, not only in Mrs. Coretta King's mind ("Many fingers pulled the trigger") but in the minds of others.

The conspiracy theory is bound to feed on the unfinished series on Ray's life story in magazine form, begun last October, by William Bradford Huie, which Huie discontinued and is now evidently repudiating. It will feed on the inevitable rumors that have circulated ever since the shooting—of the "second car" and the mysterious fake radio message.

Just as there have been a succession of books and articles to "prove" even the Jim Garrison fantasy about a New Orleans plot against John Kennedy, so a similar growth is bound to mushroom around Ray.

A trial, with all its tensions, would have established some things firmly and shed light on the rest. Now we shall never know for certain what evidence there was of a genuine conspiracy, as distinguished from whatever bloomed in the hot-house atmosphere of Ray's grandiose mind. Nor shall we know fully either Ray's own mixture of motives nor those of the conspirators—if any.

What makes it sadder is that this hazy cloud of uncertainty, which is likely to grow rather than lessen, could have been avoided if the judge had insisted on a trial. I can understand why he didn't. The case, with all its fantastic security setup, has already cost the state some \$2 million, and if there had been a hung jury or an appeal the cost would

have doubled and the result might have been a little tempest in Tennessee politics. There was also the question of reawakened racial tensions. But those tensions have not been wholly avoided, and the question of costs should not have been decisive.

Curiously, the Sirhan trial, where there was no real question of conspiracy, was allowed to go on and become a barrage of anti-Jewish nonsense, while the Ray trial—where the conspiracy shadow should have been dispelled—was cut short. In a topsy-turvy world, things have a way of being stood on their head.

On my own part, I don't think much of the conspiracy theory in the shooting of Dr. King. There is a lot more smoke covering over it than over President Kennedy's killing, but very little fire. Not only Huie but also Ray's lawyers, each on his own, followed up every lead that Ray gave them in his elaborately concocted story, and not a single lead seems to have checked out. With all the prospecting, there was no pay dirt. The people about whom Ray spun his stories simply don't exist, and evidently have never existed. Huie himself admits that he was had. "Ray used us all," he says.

To have done that, Ray would have had to finance the whole killing operation on his own—including the payment for the Mustang—by his series of burglaries. That seems to be what everyone involved in the aborted trial now seems to believe. What then were his motives? Racist hatred was undoubtedly one motive, but it would not in itself explain the long planning and the persistence.

Ray strikes me less as an out-and-out fanatic than as a classical case of a man who was a Big Shot in his own mind, to compensate for his inner knowledge that in reality he was only a pipsqueak. Someone with such delusions of grandeur might well insist—as Ray did in the courtroom—that there was a conspiracy. It would be his last hurrah as a Big Shot to surround himself with the aura of mystery.

The trouble with these cases is that, where there is a great public stake in the historical truth, the usual adversary-proceeding of criminal law doesn't necessarily give the answer. It depends on both sides fighting it out. Where one side folds, as in Ray's case, the adversary-proceeding ends.

No way remains by which the third party—in this case the American people, white and black alike—can arrive at the truth it seeks. The Justice Department says it will pursue its investigation, which may prove useful. But there should be a public court of inquiry of some sort, with subpoena power but without the power to punish, which could clear away the smoke and get at the fire. Then history, which has not had its day in its own court, would be served.

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TRICKEY, BROOKS RESIGN POSTS

Sports Information Director Maintains Similar Position

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citizen. He has been an asset to both our institution and our community."

Trickey said, "It is with mixed emotions that I accepted the position at Oral Roberts. When I came to MTSU as an assistant basketball and head basketball coach six years ago, it was something my wife and I always wanted to do--return to Murfreesboro and our Alma Mater."

"But, an opportunity like this may come only once, and we had to take it. Mr. Roberts (the school president) told me he wants a major university basketball schedule, and we hope to get it."

"I believe MTSU has made great progress in basketball, and I hope and believe this progress will continue. Middle Tennessee State is a fine school and a great place to work. My years here have been happy ones, and my assistant, Jimmy Earle, has been a big help to me in the program."

Prior to joining the MTSU coaching staff in 1962, he had coaching positions at Culver Military Academy (Indiana), Tullahoma (Tenn.) High School, and Cairo (Illinois) High School. He served as a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army, and played on the Fort Knox basketball team which placed second in the All-Army Tournament. He also played professional basketball for the Washington Generals.

Bob Brooks, sports information director for MTSU for the past eight years, has resigned his post to accept a similar position with Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

Brooks' brochure on Ohio Valley Conference basketball was presented the "Award of Merit for Excellence in Sports Information" in 1966. The presentation was made by the College Sports Information Directors of American and Spencer Advertising Company of New York.

In addition to his sports information duties, he was manager of season tickets and assistant business manager of athletics for MTSU.

"His ability has meant much to our program. We will find

him difficult to replace," stated M.G. Scarlett, president of MTSU.

"It was really tough for us to make the decision to move," Brooks stated, "but the opportunity at Oral Roberts was just too good to pass up. The school is only four years old, and has everything one in my field could wish for. There is a great future there."

"MTSU has been good to me, and my association with the athletic teams and staff will always be close to my heart. I will always have some of that Blue Raider blood flowing in my veins," Brooks added.

Bubber Murphy, athletic director stated that, "We regret that Bob Brooks has accepted

a position at Oral Roberts University. He has been a very valuable person in our athletic program here at MTSU. Bob is a true gentleman, personable, intelligent and a man of



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character who is greatly admired and respected by those of us who have worked with him."

Brooks stated that he will (continued on page 7)

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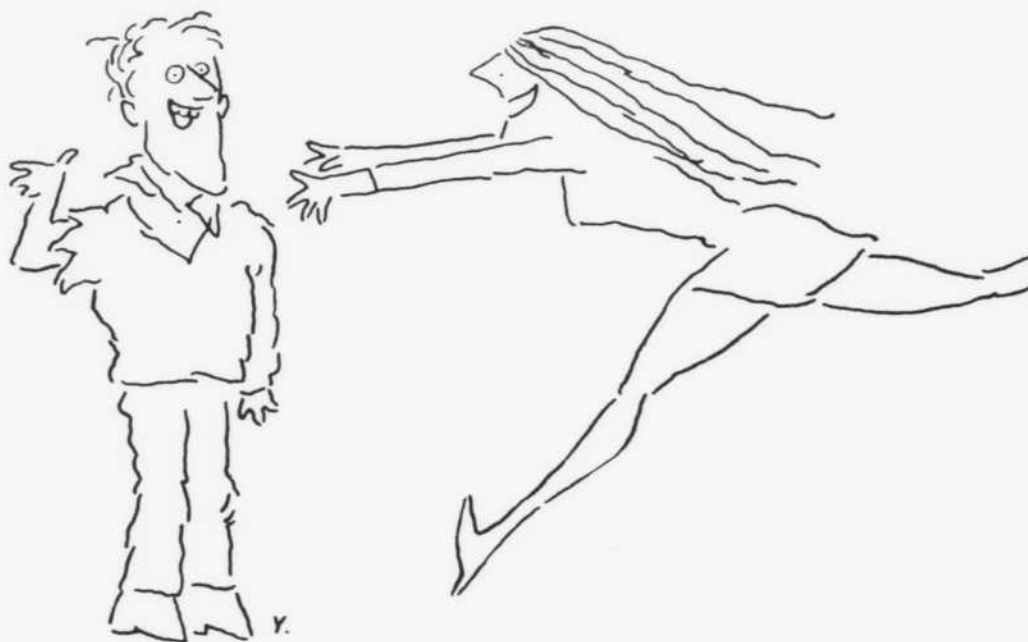
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Tech Defeats MTSU Twice

By David Word

The MTSU baseball team dropped its season record to 4-3 with two defeats at the hands of Tennessee Tech Tuesday, April 8.

The Raiders were unable to cross the plate against Ron Dickerson in the second game as the Tech mound ace held the Raiders to but three hits.

Tech now has nine wins in 12 games.

Tech, a member of the Western division of the OVC as is MTSU, will face the Raiders in a doubleheader April 30. Tech, with the two wins over the Raiders, becomes the team to beat in the OVC.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Raiders out hit Tech 12 to eight but were outscored five to three. Gary Chrisman was the losing pitcher in the game.

MTSU holds victories over Western Kentucky and Belmont College this year. The Raiders had previously lost to Wayne State in a single game played in place of a rained out doubleheader.

The Raiders are scheduled to play a single game against Washington University today.

Wet grounds may force the cancellation of the game, however.

Saturday the baseball team will host Murray State here in a 1:00 doubleheader.

Gary Chrisman and Mike Scarberry are slated to hurl for the Raiders Saturday. Chrisman and Scarberry were the losing pitchers in Tuesday's game with Tech.

Early injuries and errors were cited by Coach Jimmy Earle as the reason for the early season slump the Raiders are now experiencing.

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Brooks Resigns MTSU Post...

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not leave here until the end of this school year.

The 37-year old native of Chattanooga entered MTSU as a veteran of the Korean War after serving in the U.S. Air Force as an administrative supervisor with the rank of staff sergeant.

He was active in school affairs during his undergraduate days. Attending MTSU on scholarship, he served as sports editor for both the school paper and yearbook. He was also athletic statistician, an assistant in the public relations office, vice-commander of the Vever-

ans' Club, member of the bookstore staff, and held office in Pi Omega Pi honorary business fraternity. His B.S. degree was in business administration.

Brooks accepted the position of sports information director for MTSU in 1950.

He holds membership in the College Sports Information Directors of America, American Football Writer's Association, United States Basketball Writers' Association and the American Legion.

Brooks is a past president and state director of the Murfreesboro Junior Chamber of

Commerce, treasurer of the Murfreesboro Golf and Country Club, and has served as a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

Brooks and his wife are the parents of four children: Ginger (12), Carolyn (11), Rhett (6) and Matt (5).

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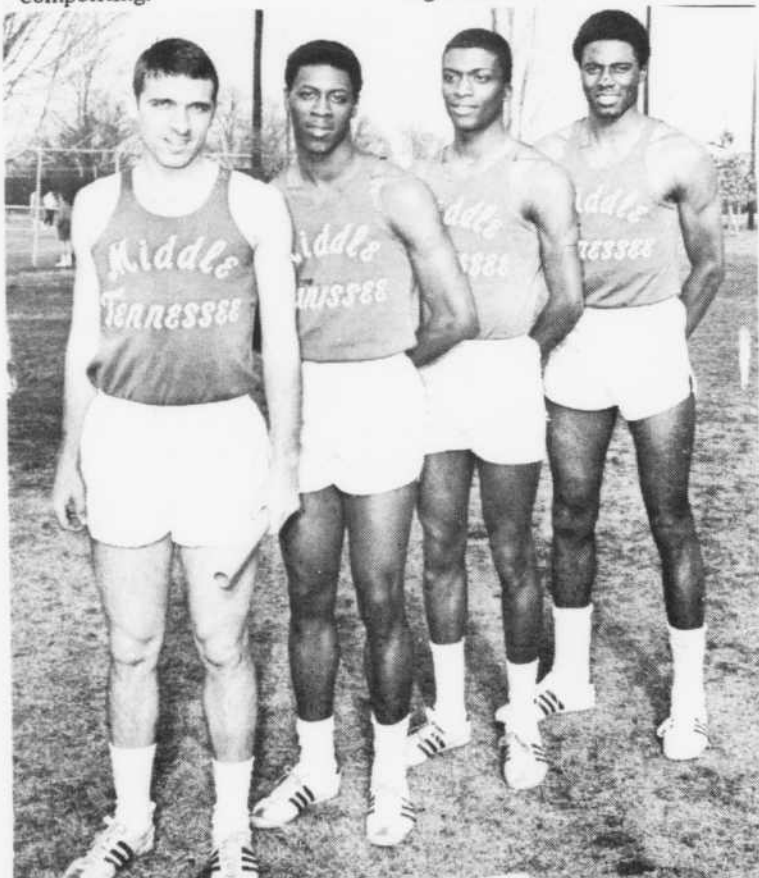
Blue Raider Relays Saturday

Coaches Corner

By Sue Porter

Ten schools will be reeprerented this Saturday afternoon in the Blue Raider Relays to be held on Horace Jones field, with some of the south's finest talent competing.

Five OVC teams and five from other leagues will be here, with David Lipscomb and Fisk heading the list, according to Coach Dean Hayes, also sporting a fine team.



Dennis Bandy, Dave Wyatt, Jerry Singleton, and Terry Scott, from left to right, represent just one of the teams that will be running in the Blue Raider Relays at Horace Jones field Saturday afternoon. This mile relay team is favored to win the event and is ranked 12th in the nation. All of these boys holds one or more school records.

MTSU's mile relay team, composed of Dennis Bandy, Dave Wyatt, Terry Scott, and Jerry Singleton, is favored to take the event, with our 440-relay team listed as fourth. The mile relay team ranks 12th in national standings.

David Lipscomb's Andy Russell, the Tennessee state champ in both the mile and cross-country, and a winner in a recent meet involving Tennessee and other strong southern teams, will be the favorite in the distance races, with the Bison's favorites in the distance relay.

Dave Wyatt, school record holder with a recent 37.9 clocking in the intermediate hurdles, is one of the top choices in that event, while Western Kentucky's Hector Orliz and Russell are the top runners in the mile. Both have run around the four-minutemark all year.

During the spring break, the Raiders traveled to the Florida Relays and were third in the spring medley relay with a 3:22.3, a time that puts them on the international rankings.

The mile relay was sixth with a fine 3:12.3, and in the Kentucky Relays finished third with a 3:16.1. Wyatt ran the intermediate hurdles in 37 flat for first in that event.

Track fans are in for a special treat when Barney Oldfield, a recent winner in the shot-put in Germany while competing for the U. S. team, will put on an exhibition.

For a preview of the MTSU Raiders spring football practice, this seems to be the first-hand report from Headcoach Don Fuoss.

As to date, the Raiders have signed four recruits to scholarships. They are Tom Wascara from Pennsylvania; Joe Ciciloni from Pennsylvania; Reuben



FUOSS

Justice from Chattanooga; and Ray Oldhem from Gallatin.

Recruits are chosen after careful consideration from all five coaches. Prospective players are recommended by their coaches and then films are sent to be reviewed by our staff. A recruit must make an A or A plus on his film reviews to qualify for the team. He must also qualify academically.

For his practices, Coach Fuoss and the other coaches

spend quite a bit of time organizing and planning them. They constantly are switching players' positions to see who is best suited. He wants to utilize every possible person.

There are two injured players who have had knee operations, Steve Colquitt and Hunter Harris. Depending on their ability to respond to treatment or not will determine whether they will play later.

The annual Blue-White game which ends spring practice, will be held April 19 in conjunction

with Coach Bubber Murphy's Appreciation Dinner. It will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Jones Field.

On June 20 and 21 this year, MTSU will host a Blue Raider Football Clinic. The twofold purpose will be to perform a service for the coaches who attend and for MTSU graduates and so that we get to know the players and people.

Coach Fuoss has invited several outstanding coaches to lead conferences. Among them are Coach Mollenkoph, Purdue; Russ Faulkenberry; and Lee Cortego, head football coach at the University of Louisville.

In commenting about our boys, Coach Fuoss stated that he was "really impressed with the performance being given by the boys. Their desire is 100% performance, and when boys play with this much desire to win, they are giving everything that they are capable of giving."

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