

Sam Ingram

Ingram wants funding for school continued

by Lisa Human

Funding the \$1,100,000 needed for the campus school will be one of President Sam Ingram's main concerns when he takes office in January, Ingram said at the Prebyterian Student Fellowship meeting Tuesday night.

At the Board of Regent budget hearings in October, the Board decided not to fund university campus schools throughout the state after this academic year. The five MTSU representatives who attended the hearings were unaware of this proposal. Therefore, the university did not find out about the lack of funding until a few weeks ago, according to James Jackson, V.P. of business and finance.

Ingram said he plans to ask that the Board of Regents fund the MTSU campus school for at least one more year because MTSU was late in finding out about the proposal.

Other alternatives include continuing the school with money from other sources cutting the expenses, or asking the board for partial funding. As a last resort, the campus school may have to be discontinued, Ingram said.

"I think the money funded for the school is legitimate," Ingram added, but colleges without campus schools wonder why we are getting so much money for this one function."

The MTSU campus school has been in the present building since 1928 but was a part of the education program of the Middle Tennessee Normal School before then.

"The campus school is needed, and the education program would suffer without it," Ingram said.

Another major concern of Ingram's is enrollment is dropping and administrative jobs are increasing.

Ingram plans to evaluate administrative positions and determine which offices are needed. He will not be evaluating the person, but the position, he said. "By limiting administrative cost we can get more money directly to students and faculty."

The PSF meeting was Ingram's first appearance before MTSU students since he was appointed university president.

Ingram said he believes sports has an important place in the university. "If I can decide what we need to do to win, I'd be for it," Ingram said, although he did not comment directly on the current coaching controversy.

MTSU gets 12% rise in THEC recommendation

by Cathy Wood

MTSU was recommended for a 12 percent budget increase for next year at this week's meeting of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, but that increase is due to inflation instead of an enrollment rise, according to Jimmy Jackson, business and finance assistant.

This year's budget was \$15,353,400. Recommendations for next year total \$17,232,000. The proposal reflects \$1,094,000 for salaries with a 7 percent increase for inflation and \$499,000 for salary improvement.

"We got more money for salary adjustment (salary improvement) than any other university," Jackson said. "That's probably because ours were lower to start with."

Among the other appropriations are \$268,000 for special projects, including \$200,000 for the Learning Resource Center and funds for scholarships.

Utility operations recommended at \$65,000, a program of academic evaluation \$60,000 and payments other than salaries \$73,000.

THEC makes annual recommendations based on a formula estimating total students enrollment and the number of credit hours taken.

"We're not estimating an increase in next year," Jackson explained. "The budget increase is caused by inflation, so we're really [continued on page 9]

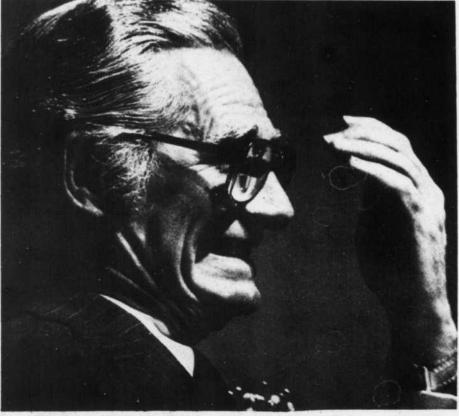
Halloween quiet

Halloween night was peaceful in Murfreesboro, according to reports from campus and city police.

"Things were busy around here, but typical for the holiday," said a secretary for the city police department. "We had a few arrests and

released some minors to their parents. We've also got a few warrants on file for damage to property, vandalism of mailboxes, that kind of stuff,'' she added. ''I don't think any of these were college students.''

Larry Nixon, university police captain said the situation on campus was dull Halloween night. "We had a little egg and water balloon throwing but no arrests. Everybody was nice and acted like adults for once."



President M.G. Scarlett laughs at a joke made by a visiting school president at a dinner given in his honor last night in the JUB. [Robin Rudd photo]

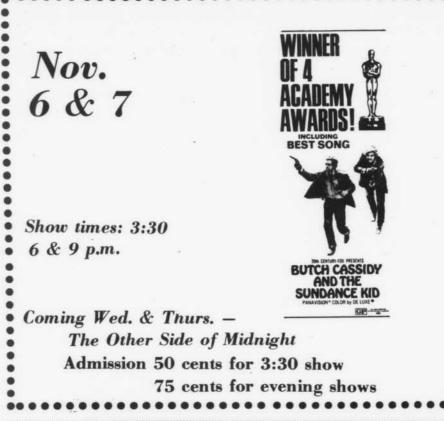
senate votes to override president's veto

The ASB Senate voted to override President Mike McDonald's veto of the Internal ASB affairs bill number one in Tuesday's meeting.

The bill, introduced in the last joint house-senate meeting by senator Cheryl Saggesse, stated that

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the ASB office must be staffed during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He also stated that students working there on work study scholarships be in the office during their designated hours or lose their scholarships.



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For the move to be successful, the house must now also override the veto by a two-thirds vote.

"The justifications for the bill is right," McDonald said, "but the justification is not in the bill. It is not the responsibility of the house or senate to put stipulations on the workers, it is up to the executive branch to make the improvements," he added. He also said that he had requested a full time receptionist for the office.

Legislation entitled the Constitution of the Associated Student Body was introduced by Gary Nolan after being table at the recent joint meeting. Some senators questioned the bill being titled a constitution. Martha Allen, presidential laison,

suggested that the legislation should be marked as a Bill of Rights.

After discussion by the senators the bill was tabled and Kent Syler, speaker of the senate, explained that it is illegal to change the name of a bill after it has been introduced because it could change the meaning of the bill.

If the bill remains marked as a constitution it would have to come before the student body for a vote. If it is marked as a Bill of Rights then only the approval of both houses and the presidents signature is needed.

McDonald explained the bill was an amendment and is considered an expansion of the Rescue handbook.

LRC committee suspended

Operation of the LRC director search committee has been suspended until next semester when Sam Ingram takes over MTSU's presidency.

"We're quiting in order to have the advice and counsel of our new president," Bob Jones, vice president of academic affairs and committee chairman, said.

Seven faculty and staff members made up the search committee:

Comfort® & Rocks Comfort® & Cola Comfort® & 7UP Comfort® & Milk Comfort® & Juice (orange, pineapple, apricot, grapefruit) Beryl West, psychology; Mary Jo James, LRC; Van Fox, LRC; Don Craig, library services; Ed Kimbrell, mass communications; Dan Boyd, business and Frank Essex, political science.

Ingram will decide whether to continue the committee or to appoint a new committee, Jones said. "All committee appointments will be up to him," he added.

Over 90 applications for the directorship had been received by mid-September. At that time, Jones said the committee would fill the job by the beginning of next semester.

About a month later the applications had been reduced to 32. The committee was asking those persons for further information, such as letters of recommendations and transcripts. "There is still the possibility of getting a director by next semester," Jones said then, "but I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't.'

A temporary staff has been operating the center since Marshall Gunselman, the LRC's first director, transferred to education and library services last year Jack Carlton, vice president of academic affairs, has served as temporary director, assisted by James, Fox and Bill Jackson, director of instructional development at the LRC.

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Ingram said that building more male dorms on campus is unlikely because the legislature has been very reluctant to approve additional dorms because of a statewide decrease in enrollment several years ago. The number of graduating high school seniors is also decreasing, he pointed out.

"I won't be coming up with answers to all the problems," Ingram said, "but I will try to determine where changes are needed and make decisions to the best of my judgment."



Technicians from Meharry Medical School test MTSU students for sickle cell anemia yesterday in the U.C. basement as part of a clinic sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma. [Robin Rudd photo]

Consumers participate in fair

Approximately fourteen to sixteen thousand students attended the two day campus trade fair sponsored by Pi Sigma Epsilon, according to fraternity member, Murray Loy.

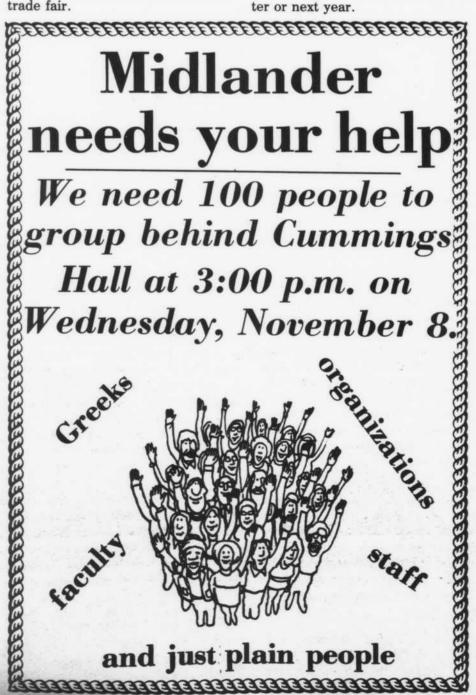
The idea for the trade fair was developed by an alumni who had been involved in such a fair in Memphis.

The trade fair was held in the UC because of the exposure to a large number of students there.

The fraternity earned approximately \$800 from the area businesses who purchased booths in the trade fair. The purpose of the fair was to bring the businesses to the campus to solicit the trade of the students and to make the students aware of the locations and services of each business.

"This has been a real service to us," James Jackson, marketing officer of Murfreesboro Federal Savings and Loan Association, said. "We made good contacts with university students and that is important."

The trade fair, which was operated for the first time this semester, may be repeated either next semester or part year



CAMPUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY

ACT-PEP Exam: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC 314

- Head Start Workshop: Continuing Education; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC 322
- Fellowship Evening: Gamma Beta Phi; 4-9 p.m., Dance Studio, Murphy Center

SATURDAY

- Walkathon for St. Judes: Sigma Nu; 11 a.m., UC
- Football: MTSU vs. Western Kentucky; 1:30 p.m., Bowling Green, Kentucky

MONDAY Literature Table: Young Democrats; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement

Movie: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid; 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre

TUESDAY

- Meeting: Traffic Court; 4-6 p.m., UC 313 and 315
- Meeting: ASB House; 4-6 p.m., UC 322
- Test: Admission to Teacher Education; 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, JUB
- Women's Volleyball: MTSU vs. TTU; 7 p.m., AM Gym
- Jazz Ensemble Concert: Music Department; 8 p.m., DA Auditorium



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Candidates have no issues

There's a joke where two people are talking about the upcoming elections. One wonders if the strong opposition will cause a split for their party. "If either of these turkeys win, we'll all split for a party," the other one says.

A party may be the only excitement the 1978 campaigns can offer. Where are the burning issues? Where are the emotional appeals? Is it just me, or are the candidates really beginning to sound alike?

EDITORIAL

In the senate race, at least, we have two distinct personalities. Incumbent Howard Baker, Republican candidate, is a master of political rhetoric. He can throw out impressive words like "Jimmy," "Washington" and "fellow senators" and still sound like the hometown boy who made it good. We all know Baker really doesn't belong to us—he's destined for greater things. Who wants to argue with fate?

On the other hand, Jane Eskind, Democratic nominee, is getting nowhere fast. Political analysts predicted that this race would attract national attention, but it's not even attracting local attention. The problem is that she talks about Baker so much people probably think she's his warm-up act. Since there's no major problem facing the state right now, she made up one—Baker. It sounded old last month.

Don't blame yourself if the governor's race confuses you—it's hard to make a choice when there are no alternatives. Democrat Jake Butcher and Republican Lamar Alexander sound so much alike that the newspapers just use a standard form when reporting on their speeches. But there have been some bright moments. One of the best advertisements of the whole campaign was Butcher's criticism of Alexander using a church charter to sell liquor by the drink in a Gatlinburg restaurant. Butcher actually stood in front of the den of inequity on television and exposed Alexander for the morally corrupt person he is.

CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE Just in time for the Holidays!

But of course, the best joke has been Gov. Ray Blanton pulling the rug out from under everybody. The most heated arguements about Tennessee politics came from the controversy over Blanton's proposed pardon of double-murderer Roger Humphreys: Would it hurt Butcher? Could Alexander pick up enough disgruntled Democrats? But after talking to his father one night, Blanton realized he was wrong.

The point is that when they scheduled this election, they forgot to schedule the issues to go along with it. Humphreys and Gatlinburg drunks are interesting, but not interesting enough. Even the occassional speech from a gubernatorial candidate about taxes or I-440 has lost its ring. Maybe the best thing to do when you go to the poll is close your eyes and take a deep breath—it's hard to believe that one candidate is really better than the other. -Cathy Wood

Blacks united, call for white students' support

To the editor:

The black student body on this campus should be held high and congratulated for the most amazing demonstration of unity and organization this college has ever seen. I mean, of course, the election of Barbra Gibson as homecoming queen. with us by hailing Gibson as the lady that she is.

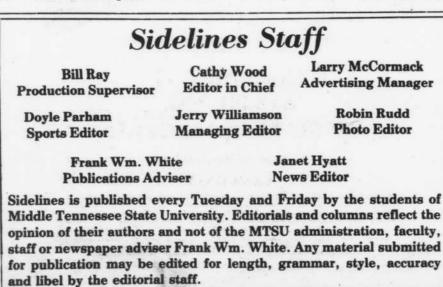
After this demonstration of unity in the black student body, one feels the need to call on all the liberal minded white students to unite with us, and form a coalition to get this school moving in the right direction.

LETTERS

I saw the preparation for this big moment a week before the election and was elated at the prospect of what I knew could happen. Well, we pulled it off and should be very proud.

We the black students, have broken the ice by demonstrating that we are willing to unite and support this school. Now it's up to our white counterparts to unite What I mean by coalition is for all of us "liberal minded people period" to unite and abolish this image of MTSU as a small conservative white school with its token blacks and make it a part of the new generation. This is the opportune moment. Lets take advantage of it. The whole political atmosphere

after the election makes one think of back in the 60's, when college



students of all races and creeds united to wake the nation to a war that never should have been. Now we, the students of MTSU, can unite to wake this southern school up in the spirit of Jimmy Carter's New South. This, of course, is what some would call wishful thinking, but I don't think so. I have this unyielding belief in people.

Gibson is a beautiful black woman with intelligence and charisma. It would be a pity if she didn't get full support from the whole school. In my opinion she is the best person to represent this school anyway, not because she is black and I am, but because she has the most benevolent smile I have ever seen. Lets all support her. She is our queen.

Edward Turner Box 5950

Student insulted by letter

To the editor:

This letter is written in response to Christopher Dotson's letter to the editor in the Oct. 31 issue of **Sidelines**.

Personally, as a student I could not help but feel sorry for your weak attempt to stir up more racial strife on the MTSU campus. To put it bluntly, Christopher, I did not like being included in your letter since it insulted my integrity as a human being.

I am making reference to your biased remarks about the whites on campus. Dear friend, please do not be so general in your accusations as I am not worthy to be included in your attack upon white people. I hold no grudges. As a matter of fact, I was impressed at the precedent.

In stating your feelings you grossly insulted an entire race. Maybe you should be more specific in your accusations. Please do not take this as a personal affront but it might be a good idea to look at one's self before criticizing.

Maybe you haven't heard, but white people do not have a monopoly on prejudice and racism. Christopher, I hope I didn't detect an underlying tone of racism or prejudice in your letter. God forbid!

Obviously your letter was written out of pride for our first black queen which is to be commended. There is nothing wrong with pride, but when you insult an entire group of people to release frustrations you do nothing but discredit your race.

I beg the students of MTSU to be more objective and less quarrelsome in this black on white-white on black little war that is being waged.

Stop it folks! It is wearing me out! Let's not insult Ms. Gibson any further by turning her hour of happiness into a racial issue. Tim Huckaby Box 5900

Centers around twins, servants

Comedy of Errors rollicking performance

by Jeff Ellis

Shakespeare would have been quite pleased had he been in the audience Tuesday night to witness the rollicking performance of his "The Comedy of Errors" by the Oxford and Cambridge Shakespeare Company.

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The "really very British" cast, made up of graduate actors from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, had their work cut out for them—pleasing an audience unaccustomed to seeing the Bard's work. But before the evening ended, the Britons had the crowd in the palms of their hands.

The plot centers around the comedic happenings of the twins and their servants when they find themselves in the same city. Mistaken identities, mistaken loves and mistaken belongings combine to make "Comedy of Errors" an enjoyable experience. Rik Mayall as Dromio of Syracuse seemed to capture the audience's imagination with his hilarious performance as the befuddled servant.

Other standouts included Dawn Ellis as Adrian (the wife of Antipholus of Ephesus), Richard Norman as Dromio of Ephesus and Ken Price as Antipholus of Ephesus.

The striking, and very imaginative Casbah setting, '20s music and good costuming added greatly to the performance with the only drawback being that many in the audience (accustomed to Southern accents) had difficulty understanding the actors' speeches.

Jake Butcher knows

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AS A FORMER STUDENT at Middle Tennessee State University, Jake is no stranger to our university, and to the needs and goals of higher education. He is a personal friend to many of us from his university days in our own MTSU.





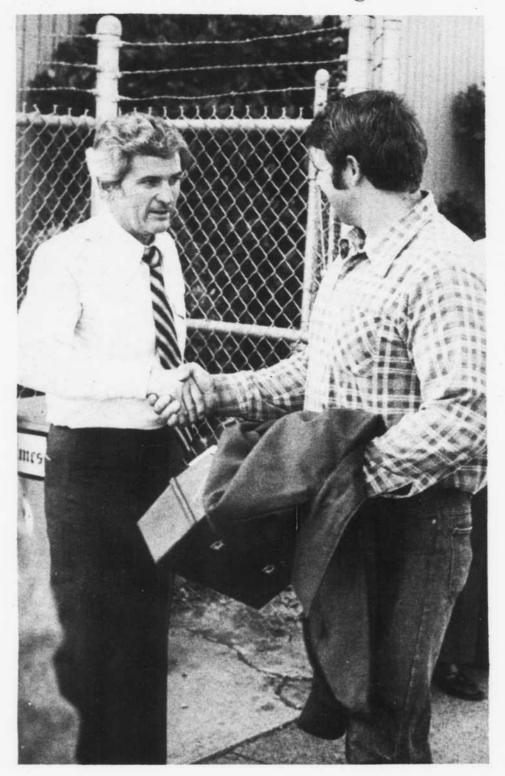
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The future of our state is in your hands. That's why it's important you get the best education possible and stay in Tennessee. In my campaign I see many young faces of people working, planning and making important decisions. The energy and enthusiasm of our youth is unparalleled. I will work to see that funds are available to give you the best possible facilities for your education, and I will bring new jobs to our state so that when you graduate, you find the best opportunities right here in Tennessee.



Butcher, Alexander continue ca

Photos by Lisa Human and Doug Cole





Jake Butcher vs

by Lisa Human and Doug Cole

The country boy from East Tennessee feels he has almost had his drea fulfilled.

With issues and answers, smiles, long hours and lots of handshaking, Ja Butcher is continuing his campaign to become the next governor of Tennesse The campaing lead him to Chattanooga last week for the first time since the August primary election.

The first day of the two-day Chattanooga tour was hectic for Butcher and h supporters as they worked their way around the city followed by a sound true playing the Butcher jingle, press cars and well-wishers.

The bus carrying Butcher, third district congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd ar Sen. Jim Sasser arrived at the Chattanooga Municipal Building at 8 a.m. so th candidates could greet city employees and shake hands with passers-by.

"Here, shake hands with the next governor of Tennessee," said Job Franklin, Chattanooga's commissioner of education, while introducing Butch to the staff of a city office.

"You got my support 100 percent Jake," one worker said.

From city hall the caravan traveled across town for breakfast with the Bla Ministers Association. It was here that Butcher made his first of the day's s speeches.

"I'm coming up with a plan to get tax-free bonds for TVA so they can borro money at a substantially lower rate," Butcher told the ministers.

"This means they can pass the savings on to you, the consumer. I am goir to make this top priority when I become governor," he added.

Next stop: Chattanooga State Tech Community College for handshaking an talking to the students, then on to a tour of the highway department.

The bus later mistakenly turned into the wrong Chattanooga housing proje and young children flocked around to see the man they had heard abou Butcher took a moment to stop and talk to a few of the children and the parents before traveling on.

In a room with approximately 50 senior citizens, Sasser assured the residen that ''if Jake Butcher doesn't do right by the older Tennesseans, his father, M Cecil Butcher, won't let him come home for Christmas dinner.''

Butcher's caravan drove to Jasper to attend a Democratic rally at the hig school that night. On the way to Jasper, Butcher's press secretary, Wende Potter, talked about his candidate.

"After the day is over, he becomes a different Jake Butcher," Potter said "He's a very down to earth guy. He gets in his favorite chair on the plane immediately loosens his tie, takes off his jacket and shoes, props his feet up an gets a plug of tobacco. He loses all his tenseness. He's not a campaigner then.

Fourteen-hour days, fast meals, speeches and the shaking of countless hand would wear down anybody.

"There's no way that this kind of schedule can keep from affecting th candidate. I think Jake handles it very well," Potter said.

"After the campaign Jake wants to go hunting in Nebraska with Hito (Grimes), his friend. I think that's what has kept him going for so long, thinkin about getting away and doing something he enjoys," Potter continued.

"But if he wins, I think he'll decide not to take time off. He'll be so intereste in the transition that he'll go straight into that," he said.

Throughout the weekend, Butcher never appeared to be a candidate for governor. With a bright, friendly smile and strong grip he comes across a being more of a neighbor. And Jake is somewhat of a neighbor.

"I went to Middle Tennesse when it was a college," he said at one point. "It was the summer of '54, it was hot and the dorms didn't have a conditioning," he said.

"You tell them not to forget me down there at MTSU," he added with smile.



paigns as election day draws near

amar Alexander

by Jerry Williamson

Can a trombone and washboard player be governor of Tennessee? Lamar lexander seems to think so.

"We've conducted a campaign that's been a little unusual, especially epublican," the candidate for the gubernatorial election said.

As an example of his unusual nine-month campaign Alexander said he anted to present a washboard duet.

"We are going to have a washboard duet," he said. Accompanying Alexaner were the "Alexander Washboards," students from the University of ennessee-Knoxville. Alexander also lead the band while playing the trombone nd singing, during his campaigning rally at the State Fairgrounds in Nashville Vednesday night.

Other entertainment at the rally was provided by Jerry Foster and The ennessee Tornadoes who gave a brief show featuring songs of Elvis Presley. dding pep to the rally were members of the MTSU cheerleading squad who ead the approximately 3,500 member audience, including MTSU's Students or Alexander, in their cheers for Alexander.

After a chili supper and entertainment, Tennessee GOP Chairman Tom easley, said, "This is about the biggest campaign rally I have ever seen. This ig of a republican rally in Middle Tennessee is phenominal."

Robin Beard, running for re-election of sixth district congress, and emcee for he program, introduced Howard Baker, Republican senate candidate who gave brief speech concerning his and Alexander's campaigns.

After Baker's speech, Beard introduced Alexander which brought the crowd o their feet in a standing ovation.

Alexander, wearing his famous red and black flannel shirt and khaki pants, aid "This is the most remarkable thing I've seen in Tennessee. This big of a urn out."

Beginning his speech, Alexander compared opponent Jake Butcher to the tory of the tortoise and the hare. "This is a story of the East Tennessee tortoise with a red and black shirt and the fast rabbit who had tore up more lettuce than ever before," he said. "Of course the friendly tortoise fininshes first."

As Alexander began discussing his campaign issues he said, "With so many people in Tennessee, they know that a party label doesn't guarantee a good governor. Tennesseans votes are not for sale, the are to be earned."

"I'm not worried about his (Butcher's) wealth. I'm richer than him because I've had the chance to walk across Tennessee and meet Tennesseans. I know these people and that's my wealth."

"I wouldn't swap a 1,000 mile walk, resoled shoes and my black and red shirts for all the billboards and money Jake Butcher has," he added.

Emphasizing family income, he said that priority attention should be given to industrial expansion for increased family wages and jobs. Alexander said that Tennessee is the fourth state from the bottom in family income and that it was time to move up. "The Governor should get up every morning thinking how he can attract more jobs to Tennessee."

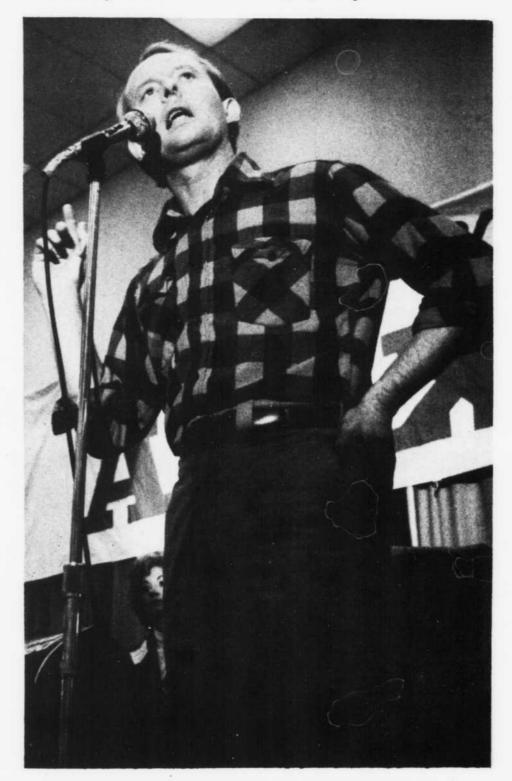
Other primary issues of Alexander include spending more money in schools, mandatory sentencing to "violent criminals" and the abolishment of patronage committees. "I didn't set down for years ago when I ran for governor and set up patronage committees and I don't have one running my campaign now.

Alexander said polls conducted in Shelby County, Nashville, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Smyrna High School and MTSU placed him as winner of the election. During the mock election at MTSU, 725 of 1,086 voted Alexander.

A poll conducted by WSM television station in Nashville last week showed Alexander had 60 percent and Butcher had 38 percent of the votes, and the state wide poll conducted by Charles Roll showed Alexander had 52 percent and Butcher had 48 percent of the votes with no undecided votes averaged into the poll.



Photos by Robin Rudd and Jerry Williamson





Senators charged with racial bias on WMOT

by Doug Cole ASB Senators Cheryl Saggese and Regina Chambers have been charged with racial bias by Robin Crossing. Crossing made the charge in a recent WMOT Radio interview while discussing the senate's confirmation of the ASB cabinet.

In a recent radio interview, Robin

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Crossing, ASB treasurer, charged two members of the ASB senate, Cheryl Saggese and Regina Chambers, with racial bias during the senate's confirmation of the cabinet.

"There were two senators who were overheard to say they wanted to clean house of all the illiterate blacks," Crossing said.

Crossing did not specify which two senators she was talking about until after the on-the-air interview when she confirmed that she was referring to Saggese and Chambers.

She went on to add that these members had invaded her privacy.

"What they did was they went to Dean Cantrell and got a list of those who had a 2.0 or below," Crossing said.

"They called Ricky Morehead (ASB Supreme Court Chief Justice) and said he was an overstuffed something or other," she added.

Saggese replied that she did not make any racial statements against any of the members of ASB. She said that she objected to the appointment of Robin because she did not meet the set qualifications, not because she was black.

Kent Syler, speaker of the senate, said he disagreed with the idea that there is racial bias in the senate.

"I don't feel there is racial bias or any kind of bias in the senate. I think the senators have acted the way their conscience has lead them," Syler stated.

"If in the future I feel that there is racial bias in the senate, I will be the first to take steps to stop it. There is no place for something as trivial as the color of a person's skin in the ASB or anywhere else," Syler added.

Crossing also stated that the racial bias has become evident in other actions of the two senators.

"They want this impeachment because Ricky is black," Crossing stated in reference to the recent move to gain the resignations or impeachment of Morehead and Eddie Davis ASB attorney general.



Ferret fever hits MTSU; rival for dogs, cats

A little furry creature from Europe, the ferret, is making it's way into the homes of American families and may be stiff competition for dogs and cats in the pet market.

Since they have only been allowed in Tennessee for the past two years, ferrets are still a novelty to many people.

These little animals are about 24 inches long when fully grown and have the same silky tur as a mink.

"They are not hard to take care of," said Peggy McGregor, Ray's Pet Shop employee, said.

Ferrets eat almost anything, with the exception of milk which gives them diarrhea, fish which gives them an odor and salt which slows their blood circulation. Canned ferret food, similar to dog food, is now on the market.

As a distant member of the skunk and mink families, ferrets have an odor, but this can be controlled by giving them a bath about twice a week.

An operation can be performed to rid the animals of the odor. "They



[continued from page 1] not getting any more money."

Actual operating cost for the university is about \$21 million he said. "In making their recommendations, THEC takes our student fees, out-of-state tuition and athletic revenues away from that base before deciding how much we need."

Budgets for all schools in the state regents system are proposed by the commission. In the allocations, MTSU ranked second in allocations behind Memphis State, which was appropriated \$33,035,000. Next was East Tennessee, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee State and Austin Peay.

"Those figures are in about the same proportion as they always are," Jackson said. "None of those schools are experiencing enrollment increases either."

These recommendations will be sent to the state department of finance and administration, he said. "They receive all the state departments' requests, look at the state's resources and try to balance their budget."

MTSU has never received the full amount of the THEC recommendation, Jackson said. "There's never been enough money to fully fund the formula. They can either fund the money or cut the budget."

After the state department revises the budget, it goes to the General Assembly. "All the budgets are in an appropriations bill," he said. "Since it involves money, it's usually approved at the end of the session." The new fiscal year, when MTSU begins operating under the legislature-approved budget, begins July 1. smell like gerbils," Richard Layhew, an MTSU student who owns a ferrett named Marissa, said.

Just like cats, ferrets are curious and inquisitive. "They get into everything," Layhew said, but went on to say that the only time Marissa bothers him is when she bites his toes at night.

"Marissa has her own personality," said Layhew, who has never owned a pet before. "She lets you know if she doesn't like something just by looking at you real sad."

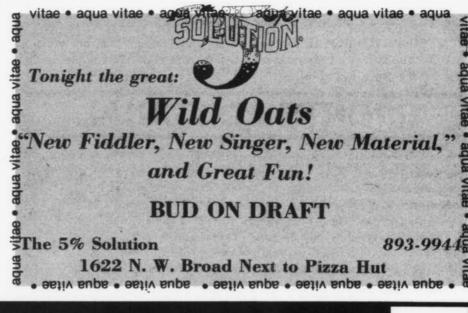
Sleeping is the main pastime for a ferret. "When they first wake up, they act just like people," Layhew said. "They stretch and yawn, then get up and start running around."

"Marissa is just a sweet little animal," said Layhew, who bought Marissa two months ago for \$39.00. Prices range from \$39.00 to \$69.00 depending on the time of year and the breeder.

"The best time to buy ferrets is

between April and June, since they are bred in spring and fall," McGregor said.

Roy's Pet Shop has sold from 3 to 4 dozen ferrets this year, which is slightly more than they sold last year, indicating a rise in ferret demand. McGregor does not think ferrets will infringe too much on the dog and cat market, because the new creatures get along very well with other animals, and "the people that buy ferrets are people who want something a little different," she added.





Political overtones secure Hurt's job

by Richard Layhew

Whether MTSU's head football coach Ben Hurt is retained for another season or not will have little bearing on the outlook for the 1979 season as recruiting time draws near.

Unless a decision is made within the next few days concerning Hurt's status with the football program, he will have free reign to sign recruits from high schools and junior colleges as their seasons end.

This would assure MTSU football supporters that the situation will be pretty much the same as the past four seasons and that it would take an additional two years for the football program to get back on its feet, provided that a change is made next year.

MTSU President M.G. Scarlett is making it clear that he will not involve himself with the decision to retain or release Hurt since he did not have a voice in his hiring.

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Scarlett was opposed to hiring Hurt in 1970 when Bill Peck was given the job. Sources have said that this was a factor in Scarlett's resignation.

Scarlett hired Peck over the wishes of Charles "Bubba" Murphy and a member of the board of regents. This was the primary reason that Scarlett's resignation was demanded, sources said.

This is where the friction began between Murphy and Scarlett and it is still being felt by those that have to accept the situation involving the football program.

Sam Ingram, the incoming president, has said that he will do whatever it takes to win but he can't do anything until he takes office in January.

With all the adverse publicity that Hurt has received in past weeks. Murphy has been compelled to support Hurt since he hired him in the first place.

Earlier this week, Vanderbilt head football coach Fred Pancoast resigned in order that the university may hire someone in time for recruiting for next year.

Pancoast's inability to produce a winner at Vandy in his five years as head coach along with his record which stands 12-33 has been the reason for the unrest at that university.

Fortunately, Vandy does not face the problems that MTSU has concerning the removal of a losing coach. Pancoast's record for this season is the same as MTSU's. Vandy has won 1 and lost 6.

Pancoast has set an example for those in the same position but it is doubtful that it will have an effect on Hurt.

Since the sports page in many newspapers is the only continuing publicity for colleges and universities, it is doubtful that any quality recruits will be signed because of the adverse publicity that the press has given Hurt over his incompetency at coaching.

The unfortunate aspect of the situation is that the students of MTSU are the ones who will probably pay a 20 percent increase in tuition next fall to support a losing effort. Because of the team's losses, student morale is low and the university's good image is disappearing.



Players of week picked by coaches

For MTSU's football team, Sunday afternoon roll call and the naming of the players of the week followed a pattern very similar to most other Sunday afternoons this season.

For the fifth time this season, junior linebacker Stanley Wright was named as the defensive player of the week for the Blue Raiders. Since he missed one game with a bruised shoulder, Wright has earned the top weekly award in all but two of the games he has played.

In the game against Austin Peay Wright had 21 main tackles, six assists, two tackles for losses and deflected three Austin Peay passes. His point total of 53 points on the coaches' grading system was the highest ever scored by a Blue Raider.

Offensively, fullback Joe Bowers and center Darrell Williams were co-players of the week. Bowers had 71 yards rushing in 14 attempts, while Williams blocked well on MTSU's scoring drives.

Three players were injured in Saturday's game and will be out for the rest of the season. Defensive tackle Bill Cherry, linebacker Mark Brandt and offensive guard Brian Knight all went down with knee injuries.

Quarterback Duane West was also nursing a broken toe and sprained ankle on the same foot, and probably will not play in Saturday's game against Western Kentucky.

Kathy Riley depended upon to put ball in hoop

If women's basketball coach Larry Inman will have to depend on someone to get the ball in the hoop when the season opens Nov. 14, it will probably be Kathy Riley.

Kathy is a 1976 graduate of Smyrna High School and led her

Raider baseball game cancelled

The Blue Raider baseball game scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled. Memphis State and East Tennessee State were to play in the three team round. No future date for the games have been scheduled.

team offensively to the state championship game her senior year. She was chosen All-District. All-region and All-midstate during her career at Smyrna.

"She is a very strong forward and is an aggressive rebounder," Inman said.

Kathy was redshirted last season and is back this season with sophomore eligibility. During the pre-season Lady Raider scrimmages, she has led the team to four victories and no defeats. The victories came against Motlow Jr. College, Columbia State, Volunteer State and Roane State College.

"Kathy has the potential to be an

All-American if she just stays in the state of mind that she is in now." Inman said. "She puts forth the effort that a good player puts forth, and she definitely has the potential to be a great player."

Besides honors she has received in the district and region, she was chosen state Triple-A Player of the Year in 1976, the same year Smyrna won second place in the state girls basketball championship.

"Kathy's biggest weakness is that she is not as aggressive on defense as I would like to see, but as the season progresses I expect great things from her," Inman said.



Blue Raiders invade for Western homecoming

by Doyle Parham

"They have a real strong team and we will really have to play hard to win," MTSU head football coach Ben Hurt said concerning Western Kentucky.

MTSU will travel to Bowling Green, Ky. Saturday to play the number one ranked football team in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Western was ranked this past week by the I-AA football poll as one of the top teams in the nation. They now carry a 4-0 OVC record compared to MTSU's 1-3 record.

"We have several boys that will be out Saturday due to injuries received against Austin Peay," Hurt said. Defensive tackle Bill Cherry, linebacker Mark Brandt and offensive guard Brian Knight will not be able to play anymore this season due to knee injuries. Another injury that is troubling the coaches is a sprained ankle Duane West received in Saturday's game. Defensively the Raiders will again depend on Stanley Wright, who was voted as the OVC Player of the week and MTSU's player of the week. Joe Bowers and Darrell Williams will be depended upon to carry the offensive load after a great performance against Austin Peay.

The Hilltoppers will depend upon Eddie Preston on offense who is averaging 4.3 receiving passes per game, and leads the OVC in that category.

Defensively, Tony Towns leads the Hilltoppers in tackles and assists. He has had 61 tackles and 30 assists so far this season.

"We will have to keep the offense on the field and the defense on the sidelines to keep up with the tough team," Hurt said.

The game gets underway Saturday 1 p.m. and it will be Western's Homecoming game.



Bowling tourney continues

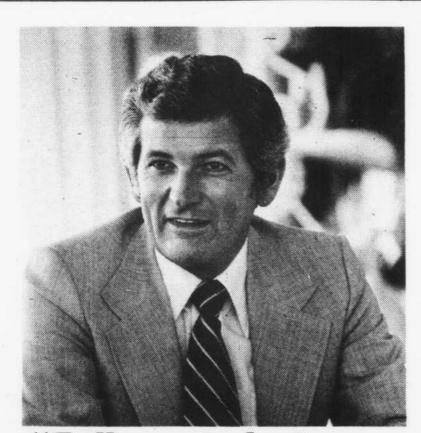
The University Games Committee has several tournament games on the agenda for the remainder of the semester.

A bowling tournament is going on now at the Murfreesboro Bowling Center and will continue through Nov. 16. Two cuts will be made with the 50 students that signed up for the event. The first cut last night reduced the group to fifteen. The next cut, Tuesday night, will take off five more. The tournament begins each night at 7.

Other activities include a backgammon tournament to begin Nov. 29 and continue through Dec. 6. A bridge tournament will be held at the same time the backgammon tournament is in progress.

Registration is \$1 for each student. All tournaments begin at 7 p.m.





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Campus volleyball play continues

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