



Student participants in the rally held Thursday in front of the University Center converge around Dean of Housing Sam McLean (upper right) as he explains how President Scarlett "went to bat" for students in achieving liberalization of women's rules this summer, in answer to a student's question -- Photo by Martin Jerry

Rally Backs Becky Discussion Questions Burch Penalty

By Jill Woodworth

Approximately 200 persons attended a rally held in front of the University Center Thursday evening to protest the resentencing of Rebecca (Coble) Burch by the Women's Dormitory Council in a closed meeting.

The fourth rally organized within the last three weeks proceeded in an informal, but orderly and business-like manner consisting primarily of short addresses directly or indirectly to the Burch cases and the question of women's and student's rights involved.

The meeting was opened by Mike Jean, Monterey senior, who began by reading a petition which was circulated by students with the assistance of Speaker of the Senate, Sara Smith. The petition, which has since been rewritten and re-

distributed, stated that the signers advocate the policy of acquiring their desired goals through the channels set forth in the student government structure as opposed to teacher threatening, class disruptions, or by acts of aggression or violence.

Jean stated that those who signed this had eliminated any means by which their goals could be achieved. He next announced that the "guest speaker" Dean of Women Martha Hampton was not in attendance because she was attending a meeting in Memphis.

Dean Hampton had been billed by student organizers of the rally as a representative of the administration invited to attend the rally and participate in a question and answer dialogue with students regarding the subject of the Burch case and women's dormitory hours.

Jean suggested that the students "keep on asking her to speak to us and maybe she will stay out of town and we won't have any problems."

His younger sister, Susan Jean, next addressed the assemblage relating an incident in which her Schardt Hall dorm mother, Wanda Smith, had informed her that no printed

materials are to be distributed throughout the dorm by means of placing them under residence doors without being first cleared with the dorm mother. Miss Jean explained that although she was not punished for having unknowingly committed this offense, she brought the matter to Dean Hampton's office for debate as this "rule" is not clearly stated in the Coed-Codes handbook of women's dormitory regulations. She suggested that women students bring "every little problem" to the Dean of Women's office for counselling and discussion in an effort to get her to do something about the clarification of rules.

Gary Barnett, Evansville, Ind., freshman, followed Miss Jean's brief address calling the rally participants' attention to the fact that Dean of Housing, Sam McLean, was among those assembled.

Barnett and members of the rally applauded the dean's interest and concern expressed by his presence and suggested that perhaps the Dean of Women considered herself above and beyond the pressure from students and the state board and beyond confronting the students.

An informal discussion ensued. (Continued on Pg. 2)

House Acts On Election Laws

By A. G. Marks

In its last session of the academic year the ASB House of Representatives Thursday acted on more legislation concerning the Election Campaign rules but did not take any further action against Elections Commissioner Larry Gillem.

The impeachment resolution, tabled in the April 16 meeting of the House, was expected to be brought up again. However, Doug Eble, who introduced the resolution originally, told Gillem after the meeting that he had not brought the resolution back up because he felt that the whole issue had been turned into a "witch hunt."

Eble indicated that his action was nothing personal but simply a desire to uncover the truth as to any election irregularities and inadequacies in present election rules. The Supreme Court has adequately dealt with the problem, Eble continued, and any attempt by the House to take further action against Gillem would simply be making him a scapegoat.

In earlier action the House unanimously passed a bill to add to the Election Campaign Rules. The additions read:

1. All election regulations shall be posted and made avail-

able to all candidates two weeks prior to the election.

2. It shall be the duty of the election commissioner to see that all candidates understand and have received a copy of the election rules and campaign regulations. Any change in the rules (as a matter of clarification, rule changes can be made only by the ASB Congress) will not become effective until all candidates have been informed of all changes. It is the duty of the election commissioner to inform all candidates of any rule or regulation change.

3. If election machines are used, they may not be checked until the poles have closed.

4. Candidates (and only candidates) will be allowed at the poles on the day of the election. They will not be allowed to hand out campaign material on the day of the election, nor will their supporters be allowed to do so on the day of the election.

5. Any violation of the election or campaign rules by a candidate will result in his dis-

qualification. Any violation of the election or campaign rules by any member of the election commission will result in the removal of said person from that position and a nullified election.

6. Rulings on all violations (Continued on Pg. 2)

Election of class officers and a referendum to determine the validity of the ASB presidential run-off election will be held in the University Center Tuesday, April 28, according to acting election commissioner Harold Murff.

The elections, originally scheduled for last Wednesday, were delayed until tomorrow because the voting machines could not be prepared in time.

Poles will be open from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. for election of senior, junior and sophomore officers by class members.

In compliance with a ruling made by the ASB Supreme Court Monday, April 20, provisions

have been made to facilitate a referendum election to be held in conjunction with the class officer elections.

Students will vote in the referendum expressing their opinions as to whether the ASB Presidential run-off election held April 9 should be invalidated.

The Supreme Court ruling followed an investigation of election procedures occurring in the April 9 election, and a decision that irregularities had occurred in the registration and identification of student voters.

A temporary injunction was brought against ASB Election Commissioner Larry Gillem by the student judiciary body bar-

ring him from the performance of his duties in tomorrow's election after Gillem was found guilty by the court of negligence in the execution of his office in regard to student voter registration and identification.

Murff will be serving the capacity of election commissioner in accordance with ASB President Van Martin's appointment.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Larry Ledford expressed his hope that no active campaigning for or against the determining of the run-off election's validity will take place, and urged the individual student to use his own judgment in deciding the matter.

ASB Reschedules Elections

Forum Discusses Dorm Rule Changes

By Jim Leonhirth

that they be allowed to voice their opinions concerning the matter.

Having a format similar to that of the election "Speak Out" sponsored annually by the Circle K Club, the forum will present six speakers with Martin serving as moderator. Following each speech, there will be a question and answer period open to the audience.

Three of the speakers will be representatives of the All Campus Rules Committee. The Rules Committee meets annually to evaluate the rules of the University and make recommendation for rules changes, if deficiencies are discovered.

Those from the Rules Committee include, Joey Livesay, chairman of the men's rules sub-committee; Jan Williams, chairman of the Women's rules sub-committee; and Larry Ledford, chair-

man of the judiciary sub-committee. According to Martin, the Rules Committee will convene within the next week and its members will need student opinions before it can make adequate evaluations.

In order to provide the broadest perspective, Martin commented, several students who have been critical of administration and ASB procedures have been invited to speak. These will include Mike Jean, Monterey senior; Joi Ingel, Chattanooga freshman; and Bill Phillips, Unionville junior.

"It is hoped we in the ASB can show the complexities involved in the implementation of a change, and also the effect that such an issue as dorm hours can have on the total operation of the University," Martin stated.

"I hope that every student will attend this meeting so that we can gain a true measure of student feeling," he concluded.

An open forum concerning women's dormitory hours rule changes will be held Thursday, at the University Center, according to Van Martin, ASB president.

The forum will be held at 11 a.m. on the steps of the UC, or in case of inclement weather, in the UC Theater.

The purpose of the forum, Martin stated, will be, "to clarify the issue of women's hours and to present a complete spectrum of opinion insuring that all possible viewpoints will be expressed and considered."

The plans for the forum were determined in a meeting called by Martin on Friday which was attended by Gary Hall, ASB Secretary of External Affairs, Speaker of the Senate Sarah Smith, and M.A. Norman of Chattanooga. The meeting resulted from a suggestion by Miss Smith that issues involved in the equalization of men's and women's rules be presented to the students and

Candidate Series Features

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ralph Waldo Emerson, Democratic candidate for governor, will speak Wednesday, in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building, according to Floyd Kephart, political science instructor.

The speech which will be delivered at 9 a.m. is one of a series sponsored by the political science department to "acquaint the students with the issues of the gubernatorial and senatorial campaign," Kephart stated.

Emerson, a native of Greenville, Tenn., was formerly com-

missioner of industrial development for the state of Tennessee and also served as administrative assistant to the Seventh Congressional District Congressman Ray Blanton.

"Emerson," according to William Street of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, "has, by the very nature of his approach to the campaign, seemingly

rejected the professional politician and is placing his reliance entirely upon the 'people' in the most general sense of the term."

Committee Studies Programming

The radio sub-committee of the Communications Committee will discuss a proposal to diversify the programming of WMOT-FM, the university radio station, in a meeting scheduled for this afternoon, Thomas VanDervort, sub-committee chairman, stated Friday.

The proposal was submitted to the sub-committee last Monday by Earl Hinton, music department chairman, who suggested that the programming be broken down to include a variety of music styles as opposed to the predominance of avant-garde music now programmed.

"The Communications Committee feels that WMOT should provide a more varied type of programming with more emphasis on classical music and the educational responsibilities of the station," Vernier stated. But little else will be known regarding the proposal until after today, he concluded.

Hinton declined to comment on the situation until after the

By A.G. Marks

meeting because the action is "still in committee."

He also expressed his feeling that the committee would be better able to reach a decision if the situation was not over publicized. The action is "not that important at this time," he explained.

Some student action regarding the proposal has already been taken, however.

Interested students began circulating a petition Tuesday evening of last week endorsing the present student oriented programming.

The petition has been circulated among university students primarily in dormitories, fraternities and the University Center Grill as well as among Murfreesboro Central High School students.

Ed Kendrick, Nashville sophomore, stated that the students have between 1,500 and 2,000 signatures.

Cheerleaders Announce Election

A campus wide election for male and female cheerleaders to serve during the 1970-71 school year will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, according to Carole Moore, cheerleader captain.

Applicants for male cheerleader met with the cheerleading staff on Monday and were divided into groups to learn and practice cheers.

Women interested in competing for female cheerleading positions will appear in the gymnasium at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 27.

According to Cliff Gillespie, ASB speaker of the house, the

cheerleading elections will be managed according to the requirements of Bill No. 87 of the ASB Bill Book which provides for the election to take place during the last week of April or the first week of May.

The bill further provides for the election of five male and five female cheerleaders with four alternates to be chosen from the freshman class by the selection committee.

The selection committee is

composed of one member of the House of Representatives, one member of the Senate, three instructors of the health and physical education department, president of the ASB and the "T" Club (Varsity Athletics) president.

Miss Moore explained that in the past very few students have participated in the cheerleader elections and urged students to vote.

Back Becky ...

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sued concerning the pressure from students and the state board facing the university president, M. G. Scarlett, in regard to the women's hours question.

Explaining the organization of the women students on campus as a result of the Burch case, Paulette Fox, Nashville junior, addressed the rally.

Miss Fox stated that organizational meetings have been held only on a limited basis at High Rise East dormitory and announced that plans are underway to hold organizational meetings in every women's residence hall on Monday evening, April 27.

Returning the rally to its intended purpose, Roger Clark, Winchester junior who has served as Mrs. Burch's student lawyer in her appearances before campus judicial bodies, explained the latest developments in his clients cases.

Charging that the administration has made a "complete mockery of democracy" Mrs.

Burch offered to answer questions regarding her case. In response to one question regarding her sentence handed down by the Dorm Council, Becky explained that her recorded and unrecorded probations prevent her from representing the University in any way, adding facetiously that she cannot be on the football team.

One student in attendance directed a question to Dean of Housing McLean, asking why other universities such as the University of Tennessee can have a more liberal women's hours system.

Urging students to remember that they were talking to "the lowest man on the totem pole" McLean agreed to answer the question in the absence of Presidential Assistant Harry Wagner who had been present earlier but had departed before the question was addressed.

In explanation, McLean related the fact that in the comparison of UT and MTSU, one must realize that there are two different bodies ruling two different universities. UT is governed by a Board of Trustees while MTSU is under the jurisdiction of the State Board.

McLean stated that the State Board intimated that the society of Tennessee cannot accept no hours for women students in a meeting with President Scarlett when the rule changes were proposed last year. According to McLean, Scarlett submitted the recommendations of the Rules Committee on the basis that all elements of the university--students, faculty and administration--had worked together to determine what rule changes were necessary and desirable.

Students reacted to this statement inquiring why members of the Rules Committee were not present at the rally and asking what students could do to "go to bat for President Scarlett" in return for his support.

House Election Laws ...

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shall be heard by the ASB Supreme Court.

7. This bill shall become effective upon approval by all necessary parties.

This is a modification of a bill passed three weeks ago Mike Jean, patron of the bill, told the House.

"Apparently the Senate doesn't think the House's legislation is important enough to be

acted upon," Jean stated, "The Senate didn't even feel it necessary to second the original motion."

Jean also introduced a resolution to have the All Rules Committee meet three times a year instead of once as it presently does. This way students can have proposed rules changes acted upon when they are wanted instead of waiting until the end of the year.

When the meeting was adjourned, Gillem gave a sigh of relief and stated he was "unbelievably happy." Unless another meeting of the House is called for this calendar year no further action can be taken against Gillem by the Legislative body.

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TUESDAYS: 5 p.m., Snack Supper; 5:30 p.m., Bible Study

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THURSDAYS: 6 p.m., Episcopalians: Holy Communion

SATURDAYS: 12 noon, Lunch and Afternoon Activities

Program Committee Names 111 Students

A total of 111 students have been placed on the eight newly created student programming committees which will deal with procuring and presenting programs and activities for the benefit of the campus and community, according to Harold Smith, University Center night director.

The committees and the number of students placed on each committee are as follows: publicity (20), dance (14), films (9), fine arts (15), hospitality and games (13), ideas and issues (11) and international interests (13).

There will be a meeting of all committee members Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in the UC Theatre, according to Smith. At the meeting a complete run-down of the committee appointment will be made.

Each committee will select a chairman who will serve on the program council, governing body for the programming committees. However, until the chairman selections have been made, the members of the Co-Curricular committee will serve as temporary chairmen.

The major emphasis of the program council will be on program balance. Smith stated that the council will serve as a "determining body as to what programs should or should not be held. It will also serve as a coordinating body for the programming committees."

The eight programming committees were established earlier this year after an ad hoc committee studied extra-curricular activities and programming here.

Rules Committee Seeks Suggestions For Change

Paul Cantrell, chairman of the All Campus Rules Committee, urged Friday that students make recommendations they might have concerning changes in the rules to student members of the committees.

The rules committee which revises the rules in the student handbook held an organizational meeting in March in which they divided into sub-committees.

The entire body will reconvene when a sub-committee is ready to make a report on its findings and will vote on the

recommendations of the sub-committee.

Student members of the committees include Larry Ledford, Cleveland senior, on the sub-committee dealing with judicial bodies; Jan Williams, on the sub-committee dealing with women's codes and social activities; and Joey Livesay, member of the committee dealing with codes of conduct for men.

Other students on the committees include Gerald Edwards, Chattanooga sophomore, and Janet Chattrin, Estill Springs sophomore.



Orchestra Sets Two Concerts

The University Orchestra will feature trumpeters, Linda Mitchell, Covington, Ga., junior (left) and Bryan Guess, Murfreesboro senior (center); and pianist Iris Starks, Chattanooga senior (right) in two concerts Tuesday in the Tennessee Room at 1 and 8 p.m. T. Earl Hinton, conductor of the orchestra, said the afternoon concert will be a concert for children. -- Photo by Dash and Flash

NSF Aids Consortium Project

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$300,000 grant to Tennessee Technological University and nine other area universities - including MTSU - for the purpose of partially financing the joint establishment of a \$1.4 million biological science facility.

The project will be located eight miles north of Smithville on land leased by Tech from the U.S. Corps of Engineers at Center Hill Reservoir.

To be known as the Tech Aqua Development Consortium, the project will be administered by Tennessee Tech, although instructional personnel will be supplied by the other ten member universities.

The other cooperative members of the consortium include David Lipscomb, Fisk, Peabody, Tennessee State, University of the South, Vanderbilt, Trevecca, Belmont and one out-of-state institution, Western Kentucky University of Bowling Green, Ky.

Member institutions have entered into a three year contract, according to J.G. Parchment, an instructor in the biology department. They have furnished a letter of commitment from the university president, agreeing to pay an annual membership fee of \$300, he said.

At the end of three years, the

Consortium program will be reviewed and application for new members will be considered. Contracts of the original participants may be renewed or dropped at this time.

Representing MTSU in the advisory group will be Parchment, who will meet with members of the MTSU biology staff today to discuss what courses MTSU would be interested in offering in the session to commence this summer.

Projected undergraduate courses that could be adapted, according to Parchment, might include entomology (the study of insects), invertebrate zoology inclusive of terrestrial and aquatic, and botany.

Each institution that wants to offer courses this summer will have to have their courses approved by the central advisory group and provide their own instructors.

The Consortium facilities will initially provide for three dormitories, housing 24 students each, six staff cottages, a combination dining and auditorium facility, two teaching laboratories, an independent

research lab and a boat dock.

In a meeting of the advisory group on May 2 at Vanderbilt University, the Tech Aqua Development Consortium founders will establish the beginning and ending dates of the summer session, determine fees to be charged and discuss operational policies.

According to Parchment, this intercollegiate cooperation represents the "beginning of a trend that is going to increase."

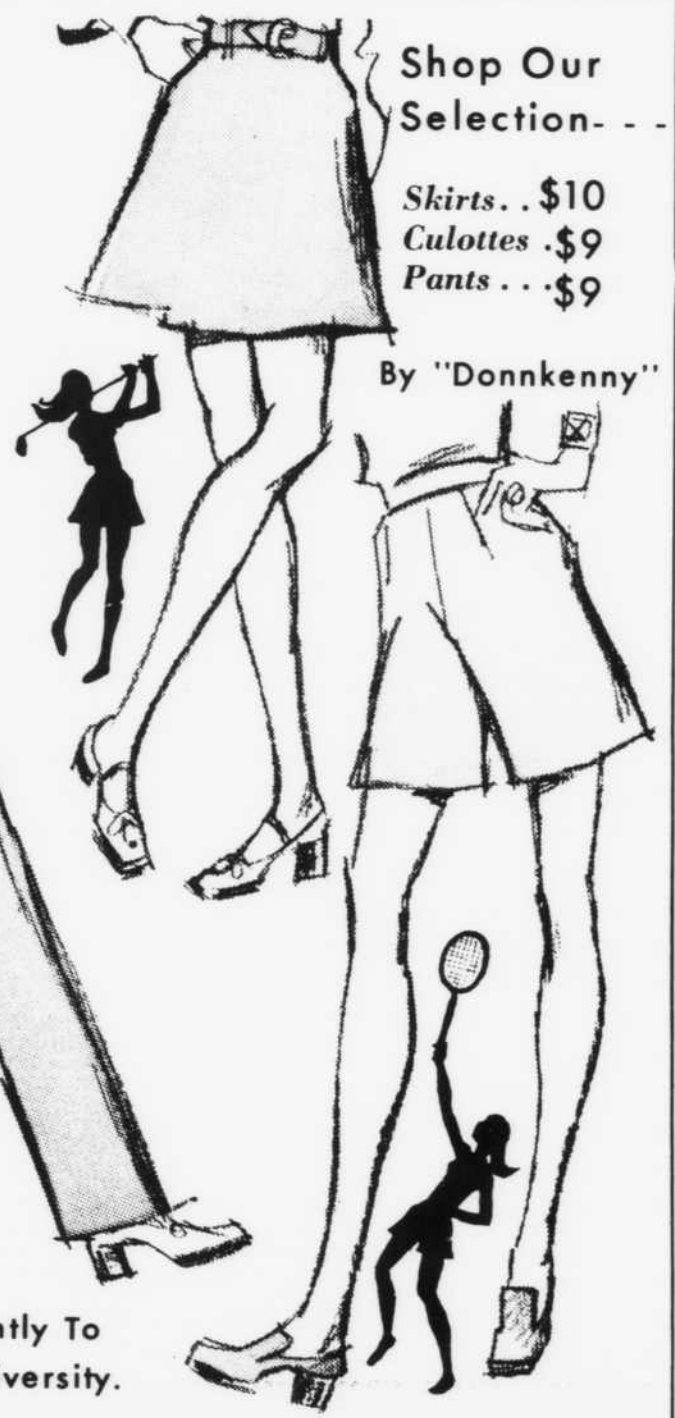


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324, ABC, UC.

6:30 p.m. -- Home Eco-
nomics Club, Ellington
Building.

7:30 p.m. -- CAP, 301, Sub.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

11 a.m. -- Vets Club, 322,
UC.

5 p.m. -- Young Republi-
cans, 301, UC.

5:30 p.m. -- ASB Supreme
Court, 310, UC.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

5:30 p.m. -- Dorm Council,
308-322A, UC.

6 p.m. -- Black Student
Union, 324, UC.

7:30 p.m. -- Sophomore
Class, UC Theater.

7:30 p.m. -- CAP, 301, Sub.

Editorial

Indecision Rules Supreme Court

The ASB Supreme Court has made some rather incongruous rulings lately. First they wanted to tackle interpretation of the U.S. Constitution while hearing a case on validity of women's curfews -- and now they're having trouble interpreting their own Comprehensive Electoral Act.

Student justices plead for greater authority in university affairs. Yet their recent proceedings aren't of the responsible quality that would seem to merit placing more authority within the court.

Untrained and unpracticed in the finer points of law, student court members nevertheless felt competent to declare regulating women's hours on campus a direct violation of the 14th U.S. Constitutional Amendment and the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Their decision may or may not have validity -- their jurisdiction does not.

The impeachment trial of Election Commissioner Larry Gillem and the validity of the questioned ASB presidential election, however, were matters rightfully placed in the hands of the student court.

It took the justices over four hours of testimony, debate and deliberation to decide on only half of the question. Larry Gillem was found guilty of violating the ASB regulations for checking identification and registration of student voters.

Deciding the validity of the election was passed on to the student body, who will answer the question in a referendum during the election of class officers on Tuesday.

Many student voters may not notice or just may not care about the referendum question on the voting ballot. And the motivation behind some of the votes will be questionable.

But the fact remains the same -- the decision was the Supreme Court's and the Supreme Court should have made it.

If justices who have heard over four hours of witnessing and argument cannot make up their minds, how can they expect students -- many of whom are ignorant of the facts of the case -- to adequately settle the question.

This may not be a definite case of shirking responsibility but the court is taking the easiest -- and not the most wise -- way out of a difficult situation.

The answer isn't easy, but it is obvious. Before demanding expanded jurisdiction of any sort, the court must first accept what it has already been given.

By Wanda Ensor

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Meanwhile With Lynch

Unforeseen Perils Of Class Elections



By Jim Lynch

As I made my way across campus to the Grill one bright Tuesday morning, the sleep still heavy in my eyes, I was suddenly ambushed, thrown to the ground and strangled and violated, by a sinister, dirty looking sheet on which was inscribed the command, etched in blood, "Vote for Harvey Wallbanger for Sophomore Sgt.-at-Arms."

Regaining my composure, I scrambled to my feet, whipped out my trusty .38 litre Ronson Butane Special (instant death up to a five foot range) and ordered the 72" by 108" culprit to stand.

"What the hell are you doing?" I demanded.

"Just trying to attract your attention, oh kind sir," was the meek reply.

"For what reason?" I queried.

"I have a message to state," the sheet answered, "I thought this would be the best way to go about it."

"What message?" I asked.

"Vote for Harvey Wallbanger," was the sheets reply.

"Why?" I questioned.

"Because it is only just and right to do so," said the sheet, sticking out his chest.

"But why?" I continued.

"One does not ask why in a situation such as this," it answered, "one only does as one believes."

"Even to the point of disrupting my life and the scenery around me," I asked?

"If that becomes necessary. After all, the end shall justify the means," replied the deviant sheet.

"Including having all of your kind scattered out all over the campus, soon becoming nothing but litter and an eyesore to us all," I demanded?

"Tis true our lives are short, but our messages shall live forever," said the sheet with stars in eyes.

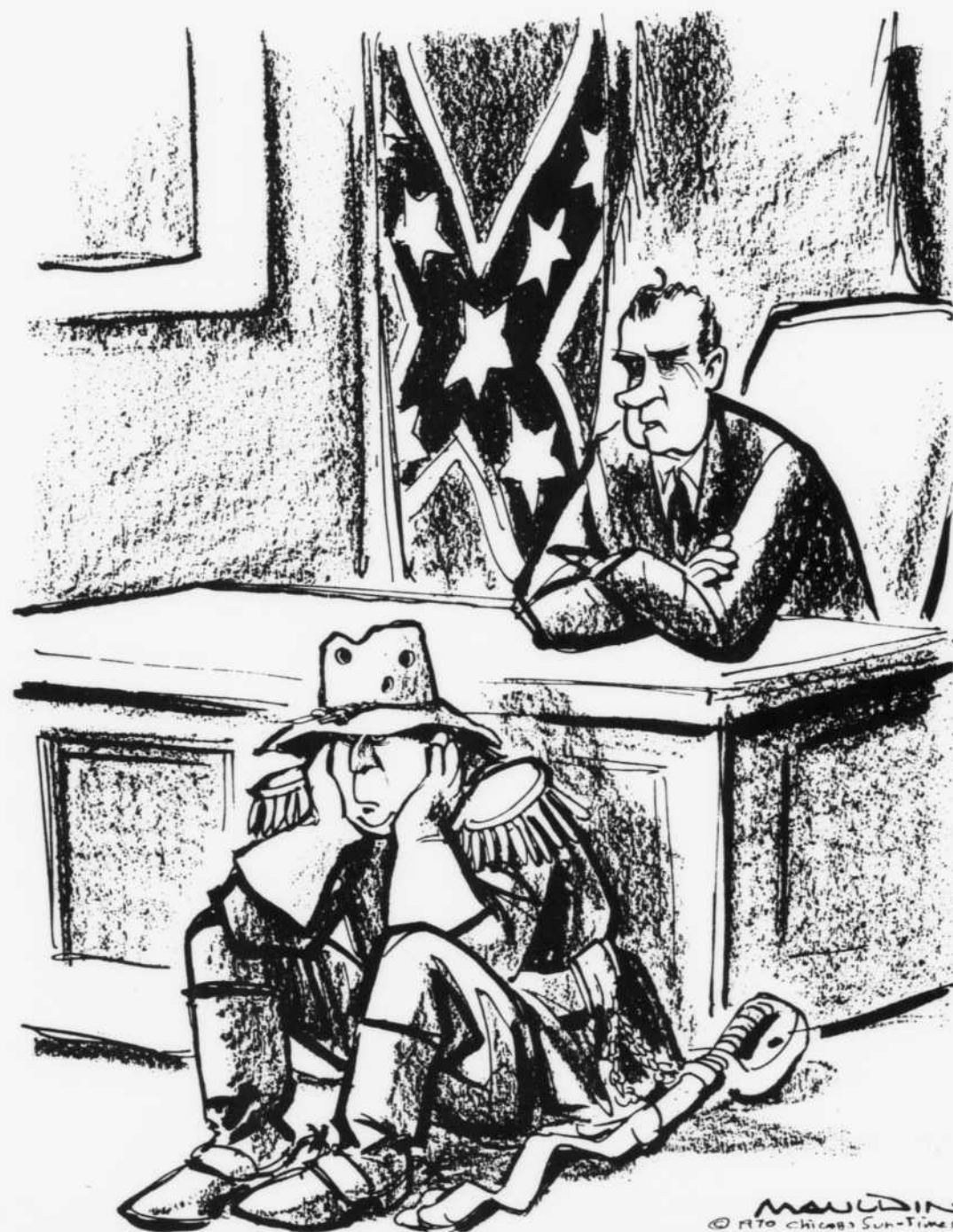
"You really think so?" asked I.

"I know so," replied he.

Having taken as much as was humanly possible to take off of an obstinate sheet, I clutched it by the throat, wadded it into a neat three by three square, and proceeded to the nearest laundry where, under one cup of enzyme action Bold, I voided it of all possible life and returned it to its proper form, that being something to cover my mattress.

Students beware? As long as these unruly placards and sheets hang like vultures over us and around us, can we live in peace? One never knows when they may strike again.

Bill Mauldin



"STOP BROODING, JOHN. WE'LL WHUP THEM DAMYANKEES YET."

MAULDIN
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Every Story Has Another Side

To the Editor:

I would like to point out a few errors in the article concerning Rich Finkel, Sandy Peck and myself being "asked" to leave the University Center while we were distributing literature for the Young Socialist Alliance, in the April 23 SIDELINES.

The first mistake is that, according to the article, both Dean LaLance and Dallas Biggers stated that we had not received any permission to set up a table in the UC and that they didn't know we were planning to. That is absolutely untrue because LaLance personally gave me permission and I challenge him to deny knowing that Rich and Sandy were non-students and that they came here with the expressed intention of distributing literature.

Also the SIDELINES quotes several people as saying that

our literature was "offensive" or "advocating subversive activities against the university." First of all, how can printed words be offensive to anyone except those who would pick them up and read them of their own volition?

And second, whether the material is "offensive" or not, and whether or not it advocates "subversive" change in the university structure, my right to express these opinions is supposedly protected by something known as free speech which is included in something known as the Bill of Rights, neither of which I doubt is heard of much around here, except for use as profanity.

When one of the administrators or faculty members who was on the scene Wednesday was asked if he didn't believe in free speech, he replied, "God damn right I don't, not

for you!" But, I myself have never heard this university claim to be a democratic institution so I must give them credit for being honest in that respect.

And one final point, under the present Tennessee Anti-Riot law, the group of about 100 students that gathered at the table, comprised mostly of those who are popularly known as "students of considerable athletic achievement," would have been considered a riot by virtue of its actions, which consisted not only of a threat of violence in the form of threats made by the director of the UC, but actual violence in the form of rock-throwing.

In any other case the police would have been called in but then the law only applies to certain people.

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Questions Court Practice

To the Editor:

In regard to the letter appearing in the April 20 issue of the SIDELINES from Mike Fedak, it should be pointed out that a judicial body cannot adequately function objectively and democratically when it is also acting as the prosecution.

In the first place, the prosecution must be firmly convinced of the guilt of the defendant.

The court, on the other hand, should operate as a neutral agency, weighing the evidence, and concluding a decision upon the basis of tangible proof.

It is true that in a totalitarian system, such as was manifested in Nazi Germany, the court can function as both prosecution and judicial administrator. This leads to tyranny.

For a court, so eager to adopt the principles of the U.S. Constitution, it seems absurd for it to ignore the concepts of "due process of law," "burden of proof," and "judicial restraint."

David Collins, 4657
Gary Lemmons

Administration Should Not Threaten With Punishment

To the Editor:

In the April 23 issue of the SIDELINES President Scarlett stated that, "There is not going to be any change at this university that is brought about by pressure." If he does not like pressure to be placed upon him, then why does he allow the State Board of Education to dictate to him.

Sure, the State Board gave him his present job, but what is more important: pleasing people who do not know the situation at this institution and who are very conservative in their ideas or pleasing the students who make up this university.

Without students, this university would not be here and everyone connected with this university would be out of a job.

Sure, President Scarlett has stuck his neck out several times for us, the students, but the more he gets changes at this university that the students want, the more the students will be willing to stand behind him.

in case he jeopardizes his position.

The administration keeps saying that if you want changes, there are legal channels that a person can go through to voice his ideas.

Why must a majority -- and I say a majority because there are many students who want the changes but are afraid to stick their necks out because they might get in trouble -- of the students go through a process that may take weeks or months to complete when they can voice their opinions through petitions and letters that are read by everyone, including the administration.

There has been enough discussion of the Becky Burch case, mandatory ROTC, dorm hours and other things that the students are concerned about now, that the committees should be discussing these problems instead of, whether or not to let compact refrigerators in the dormitory rooms next year.

Unless these problems are solved soon, this campus is going to explode and the administration will have a harder time pleasing the State Board of Education. It will be a very embarrassing situation for everyone that is connected with the State Board, the administration and the alumni when the students get tired of being treated like children.

The majority of the students at this university are between the ages of 19 and 22, and if they do not know what they want by now, then they never will.

All the administration has to do is to listen to our complaints, come to our rallies and give us direct answers to our questions, and not treat us as children by turning a deaf ear to us or threatening to punish us.

Gary Moore
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University Considers Landscaping

To the Editor:

Since I came to MTSU in September, 1967, approximately 450 trees and well over 1500 evergreen and deciduous shrubs have been planted on the campus for the purposes of beautification and enrichment in plant materials for class study. These have been placed mostly about new buildings, some were used to replace trees which died from disease.

Somewhere between 50 and 100 trees are scheduled to be planted this year if time can be found. They are on hand and being held in the nursery until they can be planted.

Several new landscape projects are planned for fiscal 1970-71. Among them are the Art Barn, Library, and ROTC building. The new athletic complex and proposed additional married housing may have their landscape plans drawn this summer for planting during fiscal 1971-72 or later.

There are a few senile and crippled trees on the campus which will be removed in the campus beautification program. Replacement tree-for-tree and kind-for-kind is not always contemplated, possible, nor wise. The beautification program is a long range one which combines the greatest effects with reasonable maintenance costs which can be justified to the budget makers.

Tree removal and placement on the MTSU campus is carefully studied by the grounds committee. Removal must fit several criteria; death, senility, appearance, interference with utility lines, crowding, construction room and possibility of excessive costs.

Placement, likewise, must fit several criteria; foremost is positive and greatest enhancement of the campus, long run concept rather than expediency, life expectancy, enrichment of the plant population through the use of a wide variety, usefulness for class study, testing of new plant introductions as a service to Middle Tennessee residents and the nursery industry, disease and insect resistance, and expected maintenance costs and problems as well as immediate costs.

Personally, I would like to emphasize that I like trees properly placed in the landscape in a naturalistic manner. I prefer a disciplined, naturalistic pruning program rather than shearing, topping, or otherwise abusing trees and shrubs. I do not worship trees, no matter what, like sacred cows but expect them to do things for me and us and not to me and us. Trees and shrubs can and do aid in reducing certain kinds of pollution. So does grass.

However, it is less costly to prevent pollution and littering at its source than to treat the symptoms. This is up to each person to prevent litter, not someone else to clean up after us. I wish to appeal to each

MTSU student, faculty member, and staff member to be a Tidy Bug, not for just a week, but from now on out.

Yours for the most beautiful and well kept campus in Tennessee and the U.S.

Earl H. New
Associate Professor

Flat Black Asphalt -- Now That's Beautiful

To the editor:

"I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree..."

Obviously the powers that be on campus are not poets, as shown by the brutal extraction of the little grove behind the Art Barn. This uprooting of the trees is an effort to place a truly esthetic environment at the disposal of the people who inhabit the area around the Barn, and what could be more esthetic than a parking lot?

Whoever ordered this change apparently felt that the limitless beauty offered by a flat

stretch of asphalt provides the mind with a great number of creative ideas; say, two?

As a humble student, I realize that my protest alone is very ineffectual in confronting the mighty forces of the university, but I feel secure in saying that I reflect the emotions of many art students and several of the art faculty.

The day may not be far off when the entire student body will have the same handsome surroundings now provided for the Art Barn. Isn't that a lovely thought?

Richard R. Lindsey
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DAR Condemns Ecology Interest

In an announcement last week, the Daughters of the American Revolution condemned the ecology movement and the Earth Day observances as "being part of an attempt by subversive forces to undermine the institutions of our nation."

This statement is reminiscent of charges leveled against sex education courses in public schools by the John Birch Society. The courses, according to the Birch Society, were manifestations of a "communist plot to subvert the morality of the young."

There are, no doubt, Communist forces active in this country, but what is the result when the word "communist" becomes merely an invective against anything with which a

group disagrees.

Is the basic issue in question resolved, or is it obscured by flag-waving and chauvinism? Are the Communists, in fact, not being aided by the "cry wolf" effect?

This leads to a basic question. Is communism the evil threatening the country, or is it merely a symptom of the evils which already exist?

The conditions of bigotry, racism, poverty and alienation which are prevalent in this country provide an excellent medium for communism's growth. Some, however, who would fight communism would merely perform an amputation on society and be unmindful

of the conditions which created the infection and which can create the infection again.

The federal programs which have been initiated to improve the conditions in this society are to some a move toward socialism but they are, moreover, an effective move away from communism.

This may appear paradoxical to those who consider socialism and communism an interchangeable terms.

The totalitarian communism of Russia and China, however, is vastly different from the democratic socialism of Great Britain or Sweden.

The Communists pose a double threat, externally and internally. Externally, they are blatant, and internally they are subtle. Their subtlety is, no doubt, an agent to the pitting of one faction of American society against another. In this manner the Far Right themselves become tools of the Communists.

Following the riots of Watts, Detroit and Washington, cries were heard of "communist inspired" and "Communist agitators." There were, perhaps, Communists involved in the riots, but the Communists did not create the ghetto, nor did they create racial dichotomy; they only exploited it.

This exploitation will continue and increase if conditions do not improve, and the conditions cannot improve if they are ignored.

It has been noted that people hate what they fear and fear what they do not understand. Fear and misunderstanding pervade the atmosphere of America and add to its pollution.

The problems of this country are manifold and complex, and cannot depend on shallow analyses or solutions. Can we rely, therefore, on communication based on epithets, slogans and slurs, or can we utilize a logical and rational intercourse of ideas.

Problems Underlie Communism Growth

By Jim Leonhirth

Thinclads Score High At Drake, Ball State



Charles Wilson

Wilson was awarded the "Outstanding Trackman" honor at the Ball State Relays in Muncie, Ind. this weekend for his performance in the 400 yard relay, the 800 yard relay and the individual 100 yard dash.

Head Track Coach Dean Hayes took his charges all over the countryside this weekend and came away with all kinds of awards and honors.

First stop was the Drake Relays in Iowa Friday where the MTSU thinclads jumped off the plane and settled down to serious business.

Dave Wyatt grabbed a third in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 51.2 right behind the U.S. record setting pace of Ralph Mann of Brigham Young. Mann blistered the track in the time of 49.4, only one-tenth of a second off the world's record.

Stan Sumrell was rolling right along in the decathlon until a pulled hamstring in the pole vault put him out of the event. Coach Hayes stated that he felt that Stan would have made the NCAA meet had this injury not happened.

The 880 relay team composed of Charles Wilson, Dave Wyatt, Lonnell Poole and Terry Scott set a new school record of 1'26.9, but failed to qualify in the stiff competition for the finals.

By Jim Lynch

Barry McClure pulled off the MTSU heroics, however, as he took first place in his specialty, the triple-jump, springing to 50 feet, 3/4 inches on Saturday. For his efforts, McClure was awarded a gold wrist watch. He represented the first individual champion MTSU has ever had at the big Drake Relays.

Hayes and his squad then hopped a plane for Muncie, Ind., and the Ball State Relays. The other schools at the competition may have wished that they had gone somewhere else.

The Blue runners captured three out of the four relay events and took first in the 100 yard dash.

Charles Wilson started his own personal assault on the wire with a 9.9 clocking in the 100, good for the blue ribbon.

He also ran a leg on the 440 relay team whose time of 42.6 gave MTSU its first medal in the relay events. Running along with Wilson was Dave Wyatt, Lonnell Poole and Ray McWhorter.

The 880 relay team also took first honors as Terry Johnson, Wilson, Wyatt and Poole combined for a winning time of 1:28.1.

The two mile relay team grabbed the third first place spot in the relays with a timing of 7:45.2 as Myles Maillie, McWhorter, Homer Huffman and Gary Robinson teamed up to capture the event.

The only other relay event that MTSU was entered in was the mile relay. They didn't get the first in it, but did take third place honors with a time of 3:16.8. Running in the mile relay was Huffman, Maillie, Robinson and Wyatt.

In the individual events, big Kenny Riley took an eighth place

in the shot put with a toss of 47 feet, four inches, and Terry Johnson placed in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, three inches.

Charles Wilson was honored as the Outstanding Trackman of the meet by virtue of his being on two of the three winning relay teams and capturing the 100 yard dash.

Coach Hayes stated that he was pretty well pleased with the outcome of this weekend's action and is now preparing for the Tennessee Inter-collegiate Championships this coming weekend at Southwestern in Memphis.

Hayes also said that he had his eyes on the big dual meet May 5 with Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

"They beat us last year and I don't want that to happen again," he declared.

Girl's Tennis Starts May 5

Women's tennis intramurals will begin Tuesday, May 5, was the word issued in a statement by Miss Carol Landreth of the MTSU physical education department. Contestants may enter singles, doubles, and mixed doubles competition and all entries are due by April 28.

If the contestant should be unable to compete at the designated time, it will be up to the participants to arrange an agreeable time.

Each person is responsible for furnishing one ball per match and her own racket, and winners are required to enter their names on the tournament draw.

Also, a track meet for women will be held Monday, May 4, beginning at 5 p.m. The meet will be broken down into three categories, individual runs, field events and relays.

Featured in the individual run will be the 50 yard dash, the 100 yard dash and the 440 yard dash. Field events will include the standing broad jump, the running broad jump and the softball throw. Two relays, one of 200 yards and another of 400 yards will round out the event.

Each entry may enter two individual runs, any or all field events, and one relay.

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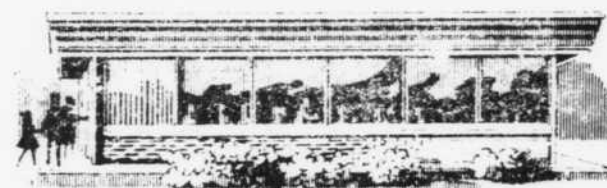
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Ruffner Makes It Work

Some 50 teams participated in the men's intramural basketball program this year, with approximately 12 referees assigned to call the games. Equipment had to be ready so the games could be started on time, referees had to be replaced in emergency situations, the timers had to have watches, and two times a week the nightly scores had to be sent via myself to this office for publication. A lot of work, and the majority of it fell at the feet of Joe Ruffner.

Coach Ruffner has done a fantastic job this year, after having the fall semester to learn the tricks of the trade. When Dean (Bob) LaLance was elevated to Dean of Men, Joe Black Hayes took over for a short period of last year and in came Ruffner.

Basketball proved one of the best run sports the intramural program has seen in a while. Everything went pretty close to schedule. The games started on time, two referees were at every game, the equipment was always available, and most important, there was very little disagreement between the players and the referees, a credit to Ruffner in his choosing.

And now one of the hardest intramural sports of all to handle has come along--softball. Some 55 teams are entered this year, which has to set some sort of a record and again it is a credit to Ruffner that so many students are so pleased with the program enough to want to participate.

Ruffner is the one that has to make the final ruling on a given play, like the one the team I coach encountered. The game ended in an 8-8 tie and we didn't know whether the last team that was ahead was the winner or whether the game would go into extra innings. We were both right. Since each game is allowed an hour and five minutes, we would have played until that time was up. Since the other team won before this time expired, they were the winners. But if the time had expired and a full inning was completed with the score still tied, then the team that was last ahead at the end of a full inning would be declared the winner.

Sound complicated? It was and is but Ruffner had the answer.

What good the spring intramural program is accomplishing is known only to those that participate. For me it is a way to relieve tension, and also a way to get out and keep from catching the Dandelion disease.

By talking to others, the intramural program is accomplishing a whole of good. For some it is a way to keep in shape, for others it is a way of relaxation, and still for others it is a means of showing off for that spring lass so they'll go out with you the following weekend.

But whatever the reason, be it sun, stomach, or beautiful lass, Joe Ruffner deserves most of the credit.

Inexperience Hampers Offense

When MTSU's offensive line coach Charlie Butler looks at his charges, he sees a very vivid color. However, it isn't Blue or white, the school colors; it is a bright shade of green.

"Inexperience" is the word Butler uses in one-word summaries of the offensive line as the Raiders enter the second half of spring drills.

Gone from last season's up-fronters are All-Oaio Valley Conference guard Andy Thompson, second team All-OVC center Johnny Beene, and steady tackle Mike Womack. One other starter, tackle Tom Wascara, has been moved to guard, so only guard Jim Inglis returns to the position he held a year ago.

Currently running at the No. 1 left tackle position is sophomore Charlie Holt of Lawrenceburg. Holt lettered as a freshman defensive end in 1969, but has made the transition smoothly. He has also put about 15 pounds on his 6-2 frame, and now weighs around 220.

"Holt should be a real fine

tackle with some experience and hard work," stated Butler.

Pushing Holt is Murfreesboro sophomore Coleman Murdock, a 210-pounder. Murdock was moved around quite a bit last season, but saw action in almost every game.

"He is quick, and will play a lot of ball this season," Butler declared.

Inglis holds down the left guard position. The Chattanooga native is up to 200 pounds, and Butler feels that, if can avoid injury, he is a definite candidate for All-OVC honors.

Center will be in the hands of two newcomers to the position, Ron Johnson of Lenior City, and Ed Zaunbrecher of Columbia. Both boys were switched to center at the midway point in spring practice.

Johnson, a 6-1, 210-pound senior, has apparently recovered from a knee injury and seems to have adapted to the new position well. Zaunbrecher, 6-1, 205, is really pushing Johnson for the starting nod.

Butler declared that either could start.

At right guard is Hartsville's Dale Reese, who is in a battle with Wascara for the No. 1 spot. Reese, 6-2, 210, is a redshirt freshman who sat out the 1969 season with injuries. Wascara, 6-1, 200, from Peckville, Pa., started the last half of the 1969 season at tackle. He is a sophomore.

Right tackle is up for grabs between Franklin County's Chip Street (6-2, 235) and newcomer Archie Arrington, a TMI graduate who joined the Raiders for spring drills.

Street is the biggest offensive lineman, but doesn't hold much of an edge over the 6-1, 230 Arrington. Arrington from Milledgeville, Ga., has been slowed by a hamstring muscle pull, but is coming on strong. He is also a place-kicker.

Netters Fall In Tournery

The MTSU Netters traveled to Cookeville this weekend to compete in the Tennessee Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tennis tournament and found the going to be rather tough, especially from Tennessee Tech, Vanderbilt and East Tennessee.

The Raider netters who made the finals were Lee Mayo, but Greer Cummings of Vanderbilt put a stop to Lee's bid for the title by taking a 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 victory over Mayo.

George Fuggle made the finals by virtue of his win over East Tennessee, but he also fell to Gary Burris of Tennessee Tech, 6-4, 6-2.

The last hope for a finals victory lies on the shoulders of the doubles team of George Fuggle and Lee Mayo. Because of the rain Saturday, they will play their match against the Vanderbilt team of Eph Walker and Greer Cummings today.

Mayo and Fuggle reached the finals by taking the number two doubles team of Austin Peay 6-3, 6-4.

Team standings showed Tennessee Tech on top with 15 points, followed by East Tennessee with 13, Vanderbilt with nine, MTSU with seven and Austin Peay with one.

Rain Cancels Softball

By Jim Lynch

With Wednesday's game cancelled because of a near flood, Thursday's action saw the Raiders connect for four runs in the top of the second and go on to defeat the Whole "D" Team 6-1.

The Country Boys unloaded for 14 runs in the top of the first, but still had to push across the winning run in the top of the sixth to topple the onrushing Big "T" 16-15.

Charlie Brown's All Stars and Yebatz played four innings of even ball at four apiece until C.B.A.S. exploded for 15 markers in the last three innings to take a 19-6 victory.

The BSU scored two runs in the top of the sixth to hand the Man Town Men an 8-6 loss, and the C.S.M.F.'s pulled off the first shutout of the season as they blanked the L.D.L.'s 16-0, allowing them only two hits.

The Head Honchoes suffered their first defeat, handed to them by the Rappers 5-3. The Rappers pulled out the contest by scoring all of their runs in the bottom of the seventh for

a real come-from-behind victory.

The games that were rained out on April 22 are rescheduled as follows: "C" league will play April 28 at 6 p.m. and "F" league will play May 5 at 6 p.m.

The games postponed Friday, April 24 for Greek Week are rescheduled as follows: "A" league will play April 27 at 6 p.m. and "B" league will play April 28 at 4:45 p.m.

Those interested in participating in intramural tennis, mixed doubles division, should have their rosters in no later than today. There will be either a single or double elimination tournament, depending on the number of entries. The tournament will begin May 4.

Also, track entries are due tomorrow for the track meet to be held May 5. Track entries must be posted on official roster sheets which are available at the intramural office in the gym.

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Law Day Commemoration, District Judge Will Speak

Frank Gray, fourth federal district court judge, will speak here April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in room 322 of the University Center on law and student disturbances at a program sponsored by the Pre-Law Club in observance of Law Day U.S.A.

Gray has served on the federal district court since 1961. Prior to that he served as Mayor of Franklin, Tennessee from 1947 to 1961.

Following the judge's address a panel of Murfreesboro lawyers will answer questions from the audience about a career in law.

The Pre-Law Club will announce the winner of a \$300 scholarship given by the club to a junior or senior who plans a career in law. The money was raised by the club by a Sweetheart contest. Pamala Lovelace, Franklin freshman, won the contest by collecting the most votes which were contributions to the scholarship.

Law Day is a nationwide event to encourage respect and understanding for law and its place in American life. The theme of the year's Law Day is "Law--Bridge to Justice."

Bonanza Charges IFC For Damage From Party

By Jill Woodworth

and taken, and an employee's jacket taken.

The manager added that the jacket has been recovered. However, a switch key to the employee's motorcycle was in the jacket pocket and was bent necessitating the replacement of the ignition.

Jimmy Neely, Sigma Chi fraternity IFC representative, stated that "it is not unfair for the IFC to have to pay because it was an IFC-Panhellenic Party and the responsibility of the Greeks."

Neely explained that the party was crashed by non-Greeks who wandered into the fraternity party out of curiosity.

"As far as we are concerned," he added, "nobody was aware that the damages were taking place."

Burgeson concurred with Neely stating that he does not feel that all the party participants were involved in the destruction.

The manager expressed his contention, however, that the attitude of some of the attendants was not responsible. It is the principle of the incident, he added, that will influence him in deciding whether Bonanza can host other fraternity parties in the future.

"I enjoy having the kids here and it's good business for the place," Burgeson qualified, "as long as they act like they have any respect for themselves or me or my place."

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