

Consultation

ASB Attorney General Joey Livesay consults with Roger Hardaway, former speaker of the house, during the Supreme Court hearing of election contests Tuesday afternoon.

Supreme Court ruling nullifies ASB elections

The Supreme Court ruled last night that recent ASB Senate and class officer elections are invalid due to rule violations by the Election Commission.

The crucial regulation specified that students must be classified according to their status in the fall semester.

The Election Commission classified students according to their spring semester standing, which meant that many who will be in one class next fall, had to vote in the elections for a higher class.

The case was brought by Jim Leonhirth, Murfreesboro sophomore, and Melanie Spain, Nashville sophomore, who complained their right to vote in junior class elections was denied.

ASB Attorney General Joey Livesay, representing Leonhirth and Miss Spain, produced testimony that previous ASB elections had used fall classifications.

Livesay called upon recent candidates who said they were not allowed to vote for themselves in ASB elections while their opponents were.

Bart Gordon, representing Election Commission chairman Charles Lea, argued that the classification rule applied only to academic standing, not to co-curricular activities.

He argued that the university for example, classifies students according to their number of hours for housing, car registration and meal ticket purposes, and that elections fall into the same non-academic category.

The former ASB president also contended that use of the spring list hurt no one candidate or student more than any other.

Gordon asserted that students wishing to vote in a different

election could have done so by obtaining permission from the dean of students, Robert LaLance, as stated in the student handbook.

Livesay countered with testimony by Melanie Spain, who stated she had gone to LaLance, and was advised by him to contest the election in court.

Gordon replied that LaLance had not actually refused to give her permission to vote in her class, and that she should have persisted in asking.

The verdict, read by acting Chief Justice Tom Long, stated that the commission had violated the classification rule, as well as the constitutional provision requiring that elections be conducted by law.

Lea, following the election, resigned as election commission chairman.

"I respect the decision of our court system," he stated. "However, I feel that the commission handled the election to the best of its ability."

"By taking office late in the year," he continued, "I had not gained the expertise necessary to hold a flawless election."

Lea added he believes no one can foresee all problems that inadvertently arise during elections. "Many times decisions have to be made and once these are made you must stick by them," he said.

Lea pledged to work for reform in the election laws, and to aid the government and student body in whatever way he could.

The other election commission members including Karen Northcutt, Altamont junior; Joe Carter, Murfreesboro senior and Mike West, Murfreesboro sophomore; resigned.

On campaign violations

Court finds Sands innocent

Bobby Sands, newly-elected president of the ASB, was found not guilty Tuesday afternoon by the ASB Supreme Court on two counts of campaign violations.

The violation charges were brought by Charley Jackson, unsuccessful candidate for the ASB executive post.

Jackson had charged Sands with using bulk mail to distribute campaign literature and with beginning his formal campaigning one day prior to the closing date for petition filing.

Both Sands and Jackson represented themselves before the Supreme Court which was composed of three justices. Chief Justice David Pound had been called out of town and Justice Melanie Spain was involved in another contest case.

Sands defended himself by saying that the letters were not formal campaign literature and were not sent through bulk mail

because, according to postal officials, bulk mail is at least 200 letters and he sent about 50.

He further explained that each candidate was allowed one mailing, although only one other candidate used the opportunity.

The ASB president also stated that the literature was not formal campaign material because the letters contained salutations, closing signatures and were sent to specific organizations and individuals.

Jackson countered with the assertion that although the mailing was only sent to about 50 organizations, each of the organizations contains a sufficient number of members to put the distribution of the letter over 200.

He reiterated his charge that the mailing was made on March 23, one day prior to the closing of the filing period. Sands indicated that he had received the approval of the election commis-

sion in this action.

Following an hour's deliberation, the court charged the election commission to establish definite guidelines so that similar problems would not arise in the future.

In its decisions, the court said that Sands was not guilty because his mailing had been under the figure for bulk mail established by the post office and because the election commission had approved his March 23 mailing.

Peace workers protest war

By Tony Pendergrass

As preparations for the big march and rally on the 24th go into the final hours, action in the Spring Peace Offensive has spread throughout the city, and workers have intensified their efforts.

Vietnam Veterans Against the War continue to dominate headlines. This morning 110 were arrested in a protest at the Supreme Court where they demanded a session to rule the war unconstitutional. Eleven were arrested yesterday in a similar move.

Chief Justice Burger yesterday denied Veterans permission to camp on the Mall during their week-long stay here, but indications from the Justice Department today are that the veterans will not be removed. They camped out last night on the Mall without incident.

Throughout the week, veterans have been staging mock attack and destroy missions at different points in the city—yesterday at the Capitol building and today at the Justice Department. Reaction to their activities has been mixed.

Leaders from nine different student groups held a joint press conference this morning at St. Mark's Episcopal Church a few blocks from the Capitol Building. The spokesmen for the various groups outlined their strategies for the next few weeks and reiterated their individual approaches to end the war now.

Also speaking at the conference were Debby Bustin of the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC), Frank Voehm of the Young Socialist Alliance, David Johnson of the Association of Student Governments, Barry Holtzclaw of the U. S. Student Press Association, Matty Berkelhammer of the Young Worker's Liberation

Editor's Note: This story is the first in a series of direct coverage from Washington, D.C., of the Spring Offensive moratorium activities by SIDELINES on-the-scene reporters. This story was telephoned in at press time yesterday afternoon by Special Reporter Tony Pendergrass who is working in coordination with the SMC News Service in Washington.

League, Bill Sloan of the College Young Democrats, and Kyle Neilson of the SMC News Service.

John O'Brien of the SMC Gay Task Force and Ken Miliner of the Black Mobilization Committee were also present but did not speak.

A speaker representing the National Peace Action Committee and Law Students Against the War was also present but he was not identified.

U. S. Representative Bella Abzug (D-N.Y.) addressed the group. She admitted that it was true that "Congress has been fiddling while the Nation is burning," but stated that "the situation is beginning to change." Congressional hearings on the war will resume on Monday.

In response to a question about how many people are expected to participate, Debby Bustin of the SMC stated that such estimates are comparable to the war totals on nightly television reports.

"The numbers game is dehumanizing," she said. "It is not just numbers we are stressing but the fact that there are more kinds of people involved."

Nevertheless, SMC logistics based on confirmed transportation arrangements indicate at least

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Officials set tentative date for senate, class races

New elections for ASB Senate and class officers have been tentatively set for Thursday, May 6, by President-elect Bobby Sands, acting Supreme Court Justice Tom Long, and Attorney General Joey Livesay.

The new elections were made necessary by yesterday's Supreme Court decision, which nullified the earlier elections because of a rule violation by the Election Commission.

The May 6 elections are scheduled one week after a Supreme Court hearing of charges by Roger Hardaway.

Hardaway's case, if upheld, would invalidate not only the Senate and class officer elections,

but the ASB presidency and speakerships as well.

Long stressed that the new election concerns only senators and class officers. It is not known now whether the top three posts will be added to the ballot he declared, since this depends on the outcome of Hardaway's case.

Ballots for the new elections will remain precisely as they were in the earlier contest—no names may be added or removed.

Livesay, as attorney general, was designated by the Supreme Court to administer the new elections.

Ron Sellers, Cleveland junior, has been named assistant to the attorney general by Livesay, in order to help oversee the impending contest.

Black protests at Central cause suspensions

About 75-80 black students at Murfreesboro's Central High School are suspended following a sit-in strike that closed the school at 10 a.m. Wednesday and their subsequent failure to return to regular classes on Thursday.

The sit-in and Thursday's class boycott, according to Central principal John M. Swafford, were to protest the outcome of Tuesday afternoon's election of Central cheerleaders for the academic year 1971-72. "They (the black students) did not like the fact that they didn't get but one cheerleader, so they had a sit-in strike -- and I might add, a very peaceful one -- then left campus," Swafford explained, adding that the majority of the dismissed students "just went home."

Among the approximately 40 students who tried out for cheerleader, Swafford explained, three were black. Joan Scales, the one Negro who was elected by the committee of both black and white faculty members, senior athletes and other student leaders, also served on the cheeringsquad this year.

Swafford pointed out that with blacks numbering about 200-250 in a student body of nearly 2200, the ratio of one black in ten cheerleaders is fair. However, Preston M. Scales, publicity chairman for the high school's Black Student Union, argued in the Nashville Tennessean Thursday that at least one-third of Central's athletes are black and cheerleaders should be proportioned likewise.

David Hartful, president of the high school BSU and worker at the High-Rise cafeteria on campus, could not be reached for comment Thursday. He and the other three high school workers at High-Rise called in sick, according to the cafeteria manager.

Explaining the black position, Stanley Frazier, a Central sophomore who was in classes as usual Thursday, commented, "We just sort of felt left out of things. We (black students) are just starting to try to participate in things at Central," he explained. "We also had candidates for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer in the student body

By Wanda Ensor

elections, but it didn't do any good."

Frazier added that whether the striking students will return to classes "all depends on whether they (school officials) decide to put more black cheerleaders on the squad." He added that the protesting students did not, to his knowledge, plan any massive demonstration. Most of them are just staying home and enjoying the "holiday," he indicated.

In explaining Wednesday morning's action, Swafford stressed that he "did NOT turn down their (the black students') requests. We just didn't tell them at that time what would be done about the (cheerleading) situation. We tried to explain that things just aren't done on the spur of the moment like that. And we asked them to consider, talk and compromise." The CHS principal added that officials are still willing to "try to work something out" with the dissatisfied students.

Swafford said black students had also presented other "minor grievances." "They want 'equal' representation in all areas of school without having to be elected like other students," he commented. "We have been talking about things like that for a time, but this was the first

DEMAND," the principal explained.

He further commented that, until the sit-in Wednesday, CHS experienced no more racial tension than is normal. "You just can't get 2200 people under one roof without causing some tension," he stated.

CHS was built for about 1600 students, according to Swafford, and is packed with twice that number. The overcrowded situation will continue until fall 1972, when two new county high schools now under construction are scheduled for completion, he added.

The student protest, Swafford believes, may be attributed to a mixture of overcrowdedness, cheerleader tension, pressures resulting from the meetings earlier this week to discuss poor inmate treatment at the county workhouse, and the black boycott of local merchants. "Of course

it's difficult for all young students to adjust with so many different pressures on them. I believe it's a sign of the times that they are in," he said.

He added that school offices and classrooms were not locked to protect white students during the sit-in, as popular rumor has reported. "There was no reason to lock anything," he emphasized. "It was a very orderly demonstration; it was not violent and did not threaten to get violent. It was only very noisy -- but that would happen anytime you get that many people in so small a place."

CHS was totally integrated only four years ago, but had black students attending about seven years prior to that time, the official said.

He pointed out that black students, in expressing their grievances, were entirely peaceful and made no threats. Classes were

dismissed for the day Wednesday, he explained, because "there were 150-200 kids jammed up in the lobby. They weren't going to class and other students couldn't get through to go to their classes either. They (the blacks) were determined to sit there all day, and since we couldn't carry on school with all that, we just left."

Those students who have been suspended will be readmitted to classes only after they return with their parents to the school office, Swafford indicated.

A similar incident involving racial proportioning of cheerleaders arose at MTSU earlier this year. Discussion which began at the first meeting of the Human Relations Committee in October led to the passage of student government bills allowing the election of two additional cheerleaders, both black, to the MTSU squad.

Rules committee seeks student ideas

The All-Campus Rules Committee, which examines and evaluates all school regulations, has opened hearings on student complaints and suggestions, according to committee chairman Martha Chambers.

The HPER major stated that any student with ideas for improving the university's written or implied rules should contact the committee at once.

The committee, she continued, will scrutinize all rules, and if they discover an area where

such rules are deficient or no longer workable, make recommendations to President M.G. Scarlett.

Miss Chambers explained that all student requests and grievances will be processed by one of the following subcommittees:

Subcommittee I is concerned with disciplinary procedures and regulations.

Subcommittee II evaluates the standards of conduct for women students and social activities. Subcommittee III studies the

standards of conduct for male students and student organizations, including fraternities and sororities.

Students wishing to make their views known may do so by contacting the chairman of the appropriate subcommittee, Miss Chambers explained.

Subcommittee chairmen are Gerald Edwards, Box 7124, Subcommittee I; Beth Purser, Box 7933, Subcommittee II; and Joey Livesay, Box 5997, Subcommittee III.

Peace workers protest . . .

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450,000 should be present for Saturday's march.

More than 1,000 busses and trains have been organized by regional centers to get people here. In addition, mule trains, carpools, hitch hikers, and others coming on their own initiative have begun to filter in and should reach a head by Saturday morning.

The march is scheduled to assemble at the Elipse at 10 a.m. progressing down Pennsylvania Ave. past the White House at noon and reaching the capitol steps by 2 p.m. for the rally itself.

Labor, veterans, women, blacks, Gays, and various other interest groups have joined forces with student organizations. Washington, Maryland, and Virginia residents have opened their homes to students with some families furnishing food and shelter for 30 to 40 people.

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, Indiana Sen. Vance Hartke, and Mrs. Coretta Scott King are among the national leaders who will address Saturday's rally.

Training centers have been holding sessions to teach parade marshalls the best ways to keep the activities peaceful. Also, provisions for medical attention, housing, legal assistance and other necessities have been made.

Certainly no one can say what the outcome of the Spring Peace Demonstrations will be. Student officials are cheered by the large turnout and the diversity of involvement but are not predicting what the President will do.

The general spirit seems to be that 73 percent of the American people can't be wrong, but then someone pointed out at the conference that we did elect Nixon. Nevertheless, this weekend young people will again take to the

streets in the high hopes of closing the pages of what they consider a shameful chapter of their nation's history.

Spokesmen point out that these two weeks will not be the end of the new peace effort. "May Day" is scheduled here for May 1 and local and regional rallies are planned for May 5. After that the plans will depend on the response of the White House, the Congress, the Supreme Court, and ultimately, that elusive silent majority.

Last year's march on Washington brought between 300,000 - 500,000 protesters to the capital city to show their displeasure with the war policies. In the interim, there has occurred the Laos incursion and the Calley trial.

SIDELINES regrets unclear reference

The SIDELINES regrets the statement which appeared in the 11th paragraph in the April 20 story on page 2 titled "Offices at Stake," which lacked attribution. The statement should have read: "Charles Jackson, unsuccessful ASB presidential candidate, has challenged the outcome of this election on the grounds that his opponent, Bobby Sands, violated the comprehensive election act by sending bulk election material through campus mail."

ADPi captures Derby awards

Alpha Delta Pi sorority captured the trophy for the largest number of over-all points during last week's Derby Week events, which were sponsored by Sigma Chi fraternity.

Delta Zeta sorority placed second in the competition. They won the first day event of Derby Week by having the best decorated derby.

Alpha Gamma Delta won the spirit trophy. This award was based upon the spirit shown by girls with their chants and songs. Chi Omega was awarded second place in this area.

The winners of all of the Derby Week events were named last Saturday night at a dance at the Rutherford County Agricultural Center.

President M. G. Scarlett, and the junior class cordially invite all MTSU students, faculty, and administrative staff to attend the Presidential Ball on Saturday, May First, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy One, in the Student Union Building at 8:00 p.m. Music will be presented by the Phi Mu Alpha Stage Band.



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Ransom Harry Ransom discusses the Central Intelligence Agency with participants of International Week.

Talks launch International Week

Opening the first International Week the political science department presented three speakers with widely varied interests. American policy towards Africa in 1969 and 1971 is exemplary of the policies for the seventies according to the deputy assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. Beverly Carter Jr., commented Tuesday evening that policy toward the emerging continent will differ only in details.

Policy goals

Three goals in American policy toward Africa are "peace, justice and development," according to Carter. He commented that these aims "reflect the desire of the Africans themselves as well as the United States. He further termed our foreign policy in Africa as one of restraint.

He noted that successful American foreign policy demands the support of the people of this country. The diplomat noted that American policy towards the civil war in Biafra was strongly influenced by students.

He indicated that the United States came as close to recognition of the rebel regime as it could without actually taking an official action.

The former publisher indicated that this action would have been "in the worst interests of the

Africans because it would promote the beginning fragmentation," contrary to the efforts of the Organization of African Unity.

Carter further observed that "the United States is at present the second largest contributor to African development and is employing an important role in African affairs by discouraging outside nations from interfering in internal tribal struggles."

Inger Hysloef, program development officer for the Agency for International Development of the Department of State accompanied Carter to the University. Tuesday and Wednesday, she spoke informally to classes and students explaining the functions of the A.I.D. and getting student views on its scholarship programs for foreign students.

Hull lecturer

Cordell Hull lecturer, Salo Engel, yesterday examined the problem of the United Nations reform. He concluded that the veto power, a controversial aspect of the Security Council, aids the process of peaceful reconciliation of differences between the major powers.

Engel stated that the veto is only a symptom of the basic problem of disagreement between the big powers. Engel reiterated that eliminating the basic disagreements between the "Big Five" should be the basic concern of reformers.

Noting that the Soviet Union had used the veto more often than any of the other permanent members of the Security Council, he explained that the United States had not found it necessary to use

this power as frequently because it was more able to influence other members to simply be absent at such votes rather than actually casting a negative vote.

Other problems that the University of Tennessee professor noted were the relative powerlessness of the United Nations in security forces. "After 23 years few of the armed forces promised to United Nations have materialized."

He noted "they don't have either political or judicial review in the United Nations. The International Court can deal only with decisions referred to it, and their decisions refer only to the specific case.

He also concluded that the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations can both adopt different interpretations of the charter.

The political scientists further noted that advisory opinions given to different organs of the UN "do not lead to a binding decision."

Also included in the events was a lecture on "Thailand Today" by geography professor Helen Smith.

Her presentation included slides of the Thai landmarks and countryside.

Tritons to perform

Members of the Triton Club will present their annual water show April 28-30 at 8 p.m. in the campus pool, according to Bertha Christburg, sponsor of the swimming club.

Ransom blasts spy system

By Becky Freeman

The American intelligence establishment is out of control Harry Ransom contended Tuesday. The Vanderbilt political scientist noted that while intelligence establishments are a modern governmental necessity they are also "potential polluters of democratic values."

Ransom warned that the intelligence organizations have "within our governmental system power without responsibility."

He contended that these agencies are far more influential in developing foreign policy than Congress and can be more powerful than the president.

"The President is the potential prisoner of the intelligence system," warned Ransom. He explained that the President's picture of the outside world is shaped in part by this intelligence establishment.

"He is a potential prisoner if he is insensible to this danger," the expert of the Central Intelligence Agency stated. He indicated that these intelligence agencies could easily supply the chief executive with incorrect information.

Ransom cited the Cambodian invasion last spring and the raid on a deserted North Vietnamese prisoner of war camp as examples of dangerous policies made on the basis of false information supplied by these organizations.

He also blamed the Vietnam war on major intelligence blunders.

"Intelligence misinterpreted the nature of the Viet Cong," he continued, "so the President and Congress were persuaded to believe that impossible objectives could be achieved."

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ligence organizations have "within our governmental system power without responsibility."

He continued that the intelligence agencies are far more influential in developing foreign policy than Congress and can be more powerful than the President.

"The intelligence system is not effectively accountable to the government," he further stated.

The chairman of the Vanderbilt political science department suggested that Congress should organize a joint congressional committee to study the intelligence services. He further recommended that the President, as well as Congress, the press, and scholars should become actively interested in this organ of the government.

Ransom noted that President Nixon had recently undertaken a secret study of the CIA to determine if he is getting accurate information.

Attacking CIA Director Ric-

hard Helm's insistence in the April 15 issue of the New York Times that the nation must to a degree "take it on faith that we the men in the CIA are honorable men," Ransom concluded that this suggestion was contradictory to the principles of constitutional government -- a system of checks and balances.

The Princeton graduate predicted that the future would hold more disclosures of scandal in past CIA actions and in the area of domestic intelligence spying.

He concluded, "We have only seen the tip of the iceberg."

Ransom's speech was co-sponsored by the political science department and the International Relations Club as part of International Week.

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High school students are more aware of their rights. Autocratic regulations such as school dress codes are becoming obsolete. Unquestioning obedience to school officials is no longer an automatic response. Students are beginning to think for themselves and to question parents, teachers and civic leaders.

High school people want to be able to respect their educators and they demand fair treatment.

When black and white students at the local Murfreesboro Central High School pressed officials with black grievances Wednesday, the school was closed.

The students complained that discrimination against black students is exhibited by instructors, citing as examples teachers who refused to allow students to attend a Martin Luther King memorial in the school auditorium. The black students say they want an end to the discrimination, more say in how the school is run, as well as redress of such grievances as lack of sufficient black representation on the cheerleading squad.

The job of teaching, never an easy one, is becoming an increasing delicate task of maintaining educational standards for students while respecting their legal and civil rights as well as balancing parental, administrative and student pressures.

If Tennesseans continue to pay as little for education on all levels as they do, to suppress progressive trends and to repress student demands for an honest education and fair treatment, they may find themselves wondering what happened to the creative enthusiasm of their high school constituents.

National Perspective

Busing to achieve Southern integration

In historic action Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of busing as a means to achieve racial balance. The decision of the court was historic on two counts. On the one hand, it reaffirmed the 1954 decision of Brown v. Board of Education to end the dual education system in the South.

Secondly, it gave an insight into the attitudes of the Burger court in regard to civil rights in the South. The decision will certainly make no friends of those who were the targets of the "Southern strategy."

The decision's import will be compounded by the fact that the Supreme Court has failed to act on a case concerning "de facto segregation" in the North.

Justices Burger and Blackmore, Nixon court appointments, joined with the other justices in the unanimous decision, with Burger writing the opinion in the four cases heard. Such actions must certainly unnerve Haynesworth and Carswell supporters.

Although the ruling has been made, it will be difficult to bring about enforcement. The Brown case was heard 17 years ago and there is still far from complete compliance.

Certainly states which have passed or attempted to pass anti-busing laws will attempt to stay implementation as long as possible.

The court, in its action, broad-

By Jim Leonhirth

ened the power of federal district courts in drawing desegregation guidelines if the local school systems fail to provide them adequately.

By its decision, the court also gave a setback to the entire "neighborhood school concept" which the Nixon administration had supported.

This setback may stir some congressman to propose a federal anti-busing amendment to reverse the court's decision. This type of action would probably also delay implementation.

Hopefully, the court will take some definite action against all segregation, de jure or de facto, so that desegregation will become not merely a Southern but also a national necessity.

Tragically, however, the fight for an end to segregation, as all other human rights matters, must be fought in a thousand sectors before the promise of 1954 is fulfilled.

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Letters to the editor

Faculty, students should practice restraint

To the Editor:

There has been much commotion on the campus recently about the Young Socialist Alliance.

In my opinion most people who have expressed themselves publicly on the question have done so without adequately informing themselves.

I have qualms about further discussing this subject. Too much attention has been devoted to it already, and perhaps it should be allowed naturally to expire without further furor. There are, however, if I may employ the expression without flinching, some larger "principles" involved which, in my opinion, have not received adequate notice.

In discussing them I do not want to be understood as personally attacking anyone, but rather as dealing with an issue that goes back at least ten years on this campus, and probably longer.

In particular I want to affirm, in advance, my respect and admiration, generally, for the leadership given by Professor Roy Clark, current local chapter president of the American Association of University Professors, to various campus organizations over the years.

Such groups as the YSA will probably seek partnership in our academic community in the future, however, and I think that the stands recently taken on the question of their eligibility by the

AAUP chapter and by other people and organizations may deserve reconsideration.

The ideal of academic freedom should, indeed, be cherished by all who teach, study, and work here at MTSU. However, the long-term welfare, perhaps even the survival, of the university as an effective rational force in a chaotic world is, in my opinion, equally important.

Unfortunately, the current climate of public opinion is ripe for a campus witch-hunt or, at least, a legislative investigation followed by a cut in appropriations. Anyone who lived through the era of Joe McCarthy can sense this in the wind.

In this context it does not seem very intelligent to me to confuse prudence with cowardice, nor to equate defiance with courage.

Those who have the responsibility to act in such imbroglios as that involving the YSA are not always faced with simple choices.

Civil libertarians are constantly involved in such arguments as the perennial struggle between those who uphold with great vigor the "right of the public to know," on one hand, and those who with equal fervor support, on the other hand, the right of the accused in court to a trial unprejudiced by sensationalistic press coverage.

Too often in such cases the "liberal" viewpoint becomes narrow and dogmatic on one side or the other, and "liberals" will not fail, at times, to adopt the techniques of their ideological enemies.

I am sorry to say that I believe this has happened too often on this campus. Many academic people seem to believe that if they can pack a small meeting with a majority vote, their group at once becomes the final authority on a given question, and that this group may then proceed, without further regard for the sincere (if misguided) doubts or qualms of others to ride roughshod over the minority.

This approach, which its practitioners misname "democracy," has been employed in faculty and in student meetings by "liberals" and "conservatives" alike ever since I arrived on this campus almost ten years ago. It is a fruitless and shortsighted approach which defeats itself. Battles are won, but the war is inevitably lost.

The minority of the moment becomes at first frustrated, then alienated, and eventually bitterness divides the group into contending factions. Often membership suffers a sudden decline as members resign.

The AAUP chapter at MTSU, for example, has lost over the years the active participation of many of our finest professors, men and women representing a wide variety of social, ideological, and intellectual viewpoints, because business has too often been conducted in this heavy-handed fashion. I think that few would deny that student organi-

zations have often failed, in part, for the same reason.

I realize that it is "Un-American" to challenge the expediency of such procedures. For they are "democratic" in the sense of upholding the principle of majority rule; they do employ established rules of parliamentary procedure; and they do satisfy, moreover, the inherent academic instinct for blind adherence to form (if not always accompanied by a concern with substance).

Nevertheless I cannot refrain from a fleeting (and probably futile) wish that some humane feeling, and some sense of "adequate respect to the opinions" of others, might yet be exhibited, from time to time, by the leaders of whatever factions temporarily hold controlling power in our various campus organizations.

There is, I think, a great deal to be said for the manner in which the League of Women Voters arrives at official positions on issues, by reaching a "consensus" rather than simply an absolute majority of the views of its members, a step which theoretically follows months of patient acquisition of information, and careful analysis of that information, relating to a given topic.

Would that professors and students at MTSU might show equal sober restraint. For although it may be therapeutic to stand unyieldingly on "moral principle" and to shout defiance into the wind (and may, indeed, even require a kind of short-term courage to do so, although not necessarily much staying power), it is unfortunate that sometimes the wind blows back and injures bystanders when it does. It is then possible, I suppose, to disclaim responsibility for the consequences of hasty actions born of moral outrage by declaring: "Let the chips fall where they may." Too often, however, those chips fall hard and sharp, and I, for one, cannot see much "moral principle" involved in helping to precipitate their fall onto a crowd of bystanders. Let us, by all means, praise "moral principles," but let us also advocate and practice "moral restraint." Norman Ferris
Professor of History
Box 187

Americans want peace, now

To the Editor:

On April 24, several thousand students, workers, ministers, businessmen, veterans and public officials will meet in Washington, D. C. to March for Peace.

The March is being coordinated by several peace groups across the country in the hopes that a public display of dissatisfaction by a cross section of Americans will sway the executive and legislative branch of government to bring about an immediate cessation of American involvement in Vietnam and Indochina.

These groups call, too, for an end to the draft and the reorganization of national priorities. Several students from MTSU have made plans to go to Washington.

We believe Americans are interested in peace, now. Why? This last weekend, we (the undersigned) stood outside the gymnasium at Vanderbilt during the Impact Symposium and asked passers-by for contributions to help us to purchase bus tickets to and from Washington.

In a little over four hours, we were able to collect a sufficient amount to cover at least three bus fares.

This amount was contributed to significantly by older people, many businessmen. We were shocked at their willingness to give money to us to go to Washington. One business out of Nash-

ville pledged \$200 to send other students.

As we write this letter, we have not yet contacted him (as he said it would be Wednesday when he would be available). If these people are willing to aid in the struggle for peace, America must surely be re-examining itself.

Why are we going to Washington? We are tired of a war that we believe to be imperialistic, racist in nature, and contrary to the democratic ideals of liberty and freedom.

We are tired of the American political system that has (in the past) prevented our enfranchisement, and traditionally has failed to produce candidates that are in favor of peace and care for their fellowman.

We are in effect casting a vote of no confidence in the Nixon administration's foreign and domestic policy. We feel that one cannot end a war by escalating combat, and by continuing to send soldiers to fight.

We believe that our government is perpetrating the myth of two Vietnams by the so-called "Vietnamization" of the South. We understand that no meaningful settlement can be achieved as long as we refuse to recognize "one Vietnam for the Vietnamese."

We believe the right of self-

determination for the Vietnamese people is the most crucial matter at stake -- a right that the American people have deprived for so long.

We believe the March to be a peaceful and orderly way of dissent against the government. It is our right as citizens. We will be angry citizens, though, if the government turns its eyes away from us. We believe it is the duty of the elected officials of this nation to respond with sincerity and action to our plans.

We have written this letter so that others may know about the March for Peace, and may possibly try to attend. We also wished to tell why we are going because undoubtedly some are apathetic, and still others may become polarized by the results of the March.

Regardless of public attitudes toward the March (not yet knowing the reaction), we consider ourselves to be patriotic Americans, and our presence in Washington, the exercise of fundamental American rights.

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Our Man Hoppe

'All the news that's good, we print'

Vice President Agnew is sore at the press. Again.

What rekindled Mr. Agnew's wrath was a New York Times' headline saying a Gallup Poll showed 12 percent of the American citizenry would rather live in another country.

Obviously, said Mr. Agnew, this means that 88 percent of us prefer living in America. And why, he wanted to know, couldn't these nattering nabobs of negativism headline that exciting news instead?

Quite right. The trouble here is that Mr. Agnew simply reads the wrong newspapers. He should cancel his subscription to the Times and take instead the Euphoria (Kansas) Gazette.

It was the only paper in the country, as far as is known, which ran banner headlines that day saying "MOST AMERICANS WON'T FLEE AMERICA."

The Euphoria Gazette is edited by that sage newsman, Bill Clark. Its motto is, "All the news that's good, we print." And its positive outlook would warm the cockles of Mr. Agnew's positive heart.

For example, every time unemployment climbs

By Arthur Hoppe

another notch, Editor Clark headlines the story: "Administration Policies Bring More Leisure Time to Millions of Americans."

In the story, Mr. Clark carefully divides the total number of hours worked by the number of workers, employed and unemployed. Then he triumphantly points out the average American works only 34.2 hours per week -- "one of the lowest figures in the world." And furthermore, he says, it's getting lower every year lately.

On inflation, Mr. Clark usually begins his articles: "The Administration today released figures indicating that workers are now enjoying the highest wages in history while happy manufacturers are getting twice the prices for their goods as they did ten years ago."

The Euphoria Gazette is perhaps at its best in its coverage of Southeast Asia. At the end of the Laos incursion, its front-page account read: "Allied forces launched a massive, lightning thrust back into South Vietnam today. The rapidity of the maneuver caught the enemy by surprise."

But Mr. Agnew would also enjoy the human interest stories. Typical is this picture caption: "Mr. and Mrs. Smiley Glad (above) wave

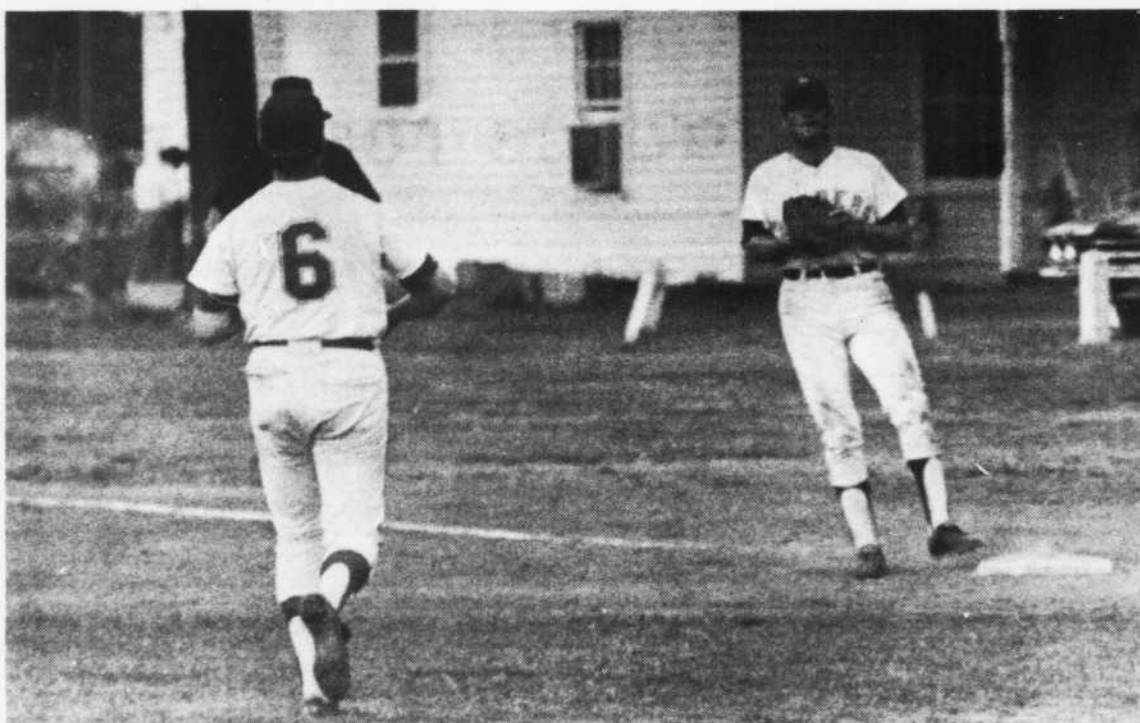
farewell to their friends as they prepare to depart on a round-the-world cruise. The Glads financed the trip from insurance funds on their house, which was swept away by a tornado last month. 'It was a real bonanza,' said the beaming Mrs. Glad. Not shown is her great aunt, Matilda Glad, who is still missing."

Other features in the Gazette include an obituary page which simply lists the names of all Euphoria residents still alive; complete coverage of every traffic accident that results in neither property damage nor personal injury; and a daily weather forecast of "Fair and Mild" -- no matter what.

But Mr. Agnew would undoubtedly be most pleased by the Gazette's editorial tribute to him on the day he attacked the press. Again.

"For 24 of the last 48 hours," it began, "Mr. Agnew has scrupulously avoided attacking the press. His restraint in not attacking the press for an entire day shows he realizes that the cornerstone of our democracy is a free and unfettered press, unthreatened by the second highest elected official in the land."

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Toss

Randy Bratton makes a toss to baseman Mike Townsend in the win over Western.

Murray wins in late inning

Middle Tennessee State went into the top of the ninth inning leading Murray State 6-4, but the Racers erupted for 10 runs in their half and had the 14-6 win in the second game of Division II of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Pitcher Gary 'Buckets' O'Bryan had the game going in his favor, retiring as many as 12-of-the-last 13 batters at one time, but the ace righthander got tired in the ninth and gave away a couple of runs. Relievers came in but couldn't put the fire out of the Racers' batters and they went down in what turned out to be a runaway.

Tennessee Tech had lost the first game of the double-elimination to Austin Peay and the Blue played the Eagles yesterday afternoon. (Results on page seven.)

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Hilltoppers crush Raiders

Western Kentucky, always one of the toughest teams in the Ohio Valley Conference, came to Blue Raider country Tuesday afternoon for a make-up doubleheader against "Lefty" Solomon's young diamondmen and started a hitting barrage that proved fatal as the Hilltoppers took an 18 to 1 victory in the initial game.

Solomon sent submariner Randy Bratton to the mound, however, and the powermen of the batting lineup got two runs in the first inning and the Blue had a 2 to 0 win.

The Hilltoppers, one of the better teams and one of the favorites in the Division I tournament which began yesterday, has had a good season this year and has always been tough on the Raider pitchers.

They didn't falter Tuesday either as they clobbered startled Terry Rowe and the other pitchers who tried to halt their bats for 18 hits. They scored three runs in the initial inning, eight in the second, and had four in the sixth inning to highlight their scoring.

Middle Tennessee was only able to tally one time, the score coming when they were behind 11 to zip.

In the second game, Bratton

got the nod even though he's had trouble all season in the early innings. Solomon had the confidence and it didn't fail as Bratton got two runs in the opening inning from Robichaud and company. Leadoff hitter Eddie Manson got a quick hit to start out the bottom of the first inning, and moments later Robichaud got on base with Mike Townsend singling and scoring him. Maurice came to the plate and promptly scored Robichaud for the second run of the inning and the final of the game.

Kessinger was the leading batter, going two-for-seven at the plate.

Harry Maurice leads the hitting this season, averaging .364 with 32 hits in 88 times at bat. He's had 20 runs batted in, six doubles, five triples, and three home runs.

Most important, he leads the squad in scoring, crossing the plate 24 times.

Kessinger is hitting at a .343 pace with 35 hits in 102 times at bat. He has 12 runs batted in, six doubles, three triples, and two home runs.

A .319 average is owned by Robichaud, who also has 13 runs batted in, five doubles, one triple, and two homers. The strong outfielder has scored 22 times.



Concern

First year coach 'Lefty' Solomon shows concern for his young ballclub during the action Tuesday against Western.

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I wish them all luck

I wish them luck. Tennessee State has applied for admittance into the Ohio Valley Conference, listing as their main reason because they're having trouble scheduling football games because of having no league affiliation. OVC Commissioner Art Guepe has stated that their admittance is one of the topics on the agenda today when the presidents of the schools meet for their annual spring conference. Guepe also states that he has papers from UT-Martin and Kentucky State. "We've got to think about what's good for this conference and a larger number would create additional problems." I doubt that they'll get in this year, since most of the Kentucky school won't like them in, any of them right now.

I wish them luck but by the showing of Bill Peck's football squad last season, a 6-3-1 record, and a fine spring practice, the team has a darkhorse chance at the OVC football crown if their quarterbacking is going at an even keel. Their chances will be a lot better if TSU and KSU aren't in the league, so I suspect MTSU will go against their admittance. UT-Martin has its granddaddy to get it games so they can wait. Peck might bring home a title if Western and Murray would go into another conference.

I wish them luck when they begin proceedings on the charges against Pistol Pete Maravich for drunken driving. He will appear before the Sarasota, Fla., judges after being booked on the charges Sunday night. Pete posted a \$300 bail and was released, sending Pistol free. I wish them luck in trying to find any pro athlete guilty of anything.

When they get in trouble, they seem to find some way everytime of getting out without damages. All they get from it is publicity, and bad publicity is better than none at all.

I wish all the teams and players luck in the Eastern Division of the American League as they go after the Baltimore Orioles and Brooks Robinson. They've shot out to a 1 1/2 game lead, but Washington is right on their heels and Boston is coming on strong for the first time in some season. The Orioles have won eight of their first

By Gary Davenport

11 games and have the pitching and batting going strong.

I wish the Senators luck in their drive toward the pennant and their drive toward keeping Curt Flood, Denny McLain, and Ted Williams all happy and working together instead of as individuals. They're in second place in their division but playing steady ball right now.

I wish St. Louis and the Giants all the luck in the world and considering their drives toward the pennants the last few years, they'll need all they can get even this early in the season. Both are good clubs but haven't gotten it all together in some time. And what about Willie "Say Hey" Mays?

I wish him luck, but Tom Garrison ought to fall and break his leg three feet from the line so he won't break Homer Huffman's 880 record in the Banner Relays. By falling, he can still crawl across in plenty of time to win and the record will stay Huffman's. The record is 1:56.0 and Garrison should run that fast easily. His only problem will be a lack of competition. He holds the NIL records in both the quarter and half-mile and is a sure bet for the NIL Trackman of the year.

I wish them luck in Washington in their endeavors to ban closed-circuit telecasts of major sports events. James B. Pearson, Republican Senator from Kansas has proposed the bill stating that the promoters make money while evading the sports fans across the nation.

The problem arose over the recent Joe Frazier-Cassius Clay fight in which no more than 1% of America saw the fight because of the closed circuit promoters control of the fight. Some couldn't get \$30 for the tickets, while others simply couldn't get to places to witness the fight. People see the control carrying over into the World Series, Kentucky Derby, and other big time television sports. I hope the bill passes; I want to watch the NBA playoffs till I'm 99.

Raider tennis squad routs Vanderbilt 5-4

Tennis coach Buck Bouldin took his netters to Nashville Tuesday afternoon not knowing what to expect, but Eustace Kigongo and Company quickly set the veterans mind at ease as he won his match and the Raiders won a 5-4 victory.

Kigongo, the freshman star from Kampala, Uganda, lost the first set 4-6, but jumped back to take the other sets by 7-5, 6-3 scores. Kigongo, one of the top rated players in Africa, has had trouble getting used to the bounce of the ball on the asphalt courts, has settled down and is a prime pick at the crown in the upcoming Ohio Valley Conference meet.

Charles Beckham, the senior from Atlanta, was dropped in straight sets by 6-4, 6-2 decisions. Beckham, playing number two this season and playing consistently, has won many titles in Georgia, Florida, and the Carolinas. He was the runner-up in the number five singles last season in the OVC meet.

Lee Mayo got by his number three man with but a little trouble, taking the match 6-4, 7-5. Mayo who has won many major tournaments in Nashville and Tennessee, is a junior and was the runner-up winner in the 1969 TIC meet for number three singles.

Jerry Borosko was beaten by a 6-3, 8-6 count after winning the opening set by a 7-5 margin. As the score indicates, he was tough until the final volley. Borosko is a sophomore from New

York and won the Western New York 21-and-under championship last year. He has won the Niagara County Men's title and had a perfect 11-0 mark last year at Erie Community College.

Terry Havens went down to defeat in the number five singles, losing by a 6-2, 7-5 count. Havens is a sophomore from England and is playing regularly for the first time. He was believed to be the number six man at the start of the season but has improved and has moved up a notch.

Paul Adler, the consistent number six player, won the first set against his opponent 6-3 but was the victim of a 6-0 set by opponent Scott Shaw.

Adler is a freshman from Ft. Lauderdale and was ranked 21st in the Florida 18-year-old rankings last season. He has lost but a few matches this year.

Doubles saw the number one team of Kigongo and Borosko win the first set by an easy 6-3 count, but fought hard in the second set, only to lose 7-5. They won the deciding set by a 6-4 margin and had another point toward the team title.

Beckham and Mayo put the finishing touches on the victory with their 6-2, 6-3 win. This point made the score 5-3, with the only remaining number three doubles point left. Roger Webb and Todd Harris lost this match 6-2, 6-2.

The netters will play East Tennessee in Cookeville Friday and Tennessee Tech Saturday.

Tech cuts Raiders from tourney

Mike Townsend hit his second home run of the day Thursday but it went for naught as Tennessee Tech eliminated Lefty Solomon's Blue Raiders from the Division II double elimination tournament by winning 5-3 on the sunny, windy Clarksville field.

The Raiders were going strong behind the fireball pitching of ace Jim Gilliam, but he delivered a fat pitch in the fourth inning that resulted in a grand-slam home run and an eventual loss.

Townsend's clout, his second counting his two-run homer against Murray in an earlier game, came in the sixth inning and got the team of Solomon's back in the ball game. His clobber over the left-centerfield fence came after Ed Robichaud had gotten on first on a single.

Gilliam, who had pitched a few innings in relief against the Racers, was pitching a near flawless game until the fourth, when he gave up a few hits and a walk to load the bases setting up the home run by Eric Brown.

Tech's pitcher began tiring in the late innings, when MTSU got

a few on base, but their reliever, Mike Price, came in and retired all eight batters he faced to douse the flame of any Raider hopes.

Solomon will return to friendly grounds Tuesday for a pair against Tennessee State, then go to Lipscomb Wednesday and will en-

ertain Murray for two May 1 before going back to Austin Peay for a doubleheader May 3.

The squad will have games remaining against Western Kentucky (May 5), Belmont (May 7), Tennessee Tech (May 8), and Vanderbilt (May 10).

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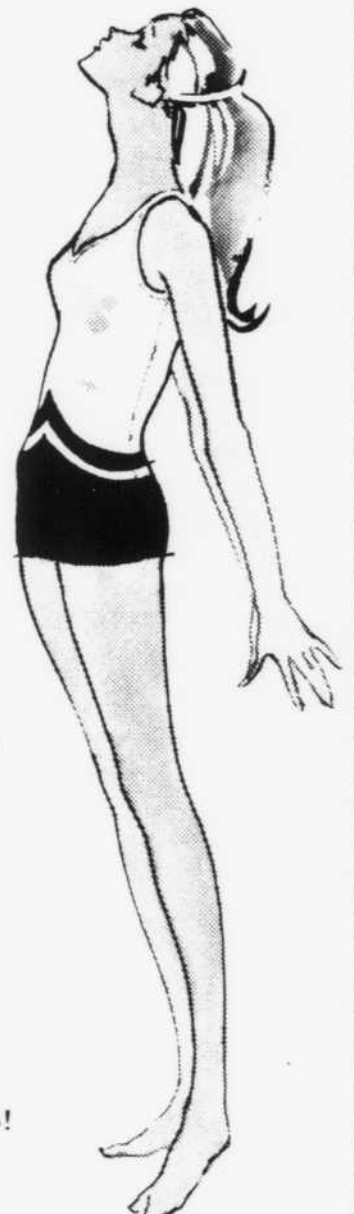
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Circle K, K-Mates raise money to assist research center

The key word is involvement; the motivation is the empathy felt for 3000 severely disturbed Tennessee children. Members of two campus service organizations, K-Mates and Circle K, will publicize this demanding need and conduct a fund raising drive Saturday, April 24 to support Tennessee's Walden House, an intensive treatment and research center for severely disturbed or autistic children.

"The progress being made at Walden House was brought to our attention," said Judy Blankenship, K-Mate president. "More important," the Nashville sophomore continued, "we saw the number of children in our own state needing such a program as the one offered at Walden House. As responsible groups designed to serve, we have found a cause well worth our time and efforts."

Glint of hope

Currently, 21 children are enrolled in Walden House, according to program director, David G. Morgan. These children, once destined to a hopeless life of institutionalization, have been given a glint of hope. Funds supplied by Autistic Children of Tennessee, Inc., a nonprofit body of parents, mental health professionals, and friends, keep this hope alive through speeches, donations and money-raising campaigns.

The causes of severe emotional disturbance remain for the most part unknown, Morgan related. Whether it's chemical, or neurological, or whether certain areas of the brain have been

damaged, remains to be established, he continued. For this reason, Morgan explained, his project is and will remain for some time an experimental school.

Modification

The program in seeking behavior modification, is based on the belief that all behavior is learned. When the child learns appropriate behavior, he is reinforced with candy, cereal, and other tidbits. Undesirable behavior, Morgan related, is extinguished by ignoring it, holding back material reinforcement, and sometimes, enforcing a mild physical punishment.

Progress has been made using these simple but time consuming techniques, and one concerned, interested parent, Edward A. Knob, strives to tell and demonstrate this success any chance he gets. As founding president of ACT Inc., the prominent Nashvillean was instrumental in getting the Walden House program on its feet.

Tantrums

Chris, Knob's son, showed a sudden deviant behavior at the age of 26 months. He began having violent temper tantrums, nightmares, and displaying extreme self-destructive tendencies. Doctors first diagnosed the cause of the behavior as a pressure causing brain tumor. Subsequent tests, however, showed no neurological imbalance.

Conditions worsened. Chris ripped his own clothes and bed

sheets to shreds, beat his head on the wall, and demolished his room furnishings. Getting less than three hours of sleep a night, and spending anxious, troubled days, the Knobs continued to seek answers.

A battery of tests run at Nashville's Vanderbilt University Hospital concluded that Chris was autistic; he was given a hopeless prognosis. The Knobs were urged to institutionalize Chris and forget he existed.

Still dissatisfied, Knob took Chris to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. After a week of tests, the doctors concluded that Chris was mentally retarded with approximate intelligence quotient (IQ) of 40. Disheartened but not convinced, the Knobs returned home.

Not retardates

Morgan admitted that similarly, many autistic children are diagnosed and treated as retardates. The bizarre behavior and communication failure, he implied, makes it hard to distinguish between retardation and psychosis.

"Fortunately," Knob informed, "we didn't stop and accept this diagnosis as final." Many parents however, he said, do, and institutionalize their children. Knob estimated that 25 percent of the children institutionalized in Tennessee today are not retarded but rather emotionally disturbed.

As a last resort, Knob enrolled his child in a new experimental program for autistic children based on B.F. Skinner's techniques and directed by be-

havior modifier David Morgan.

Knob related that specialists that worked with Chris had not attained in three years the progress seen through 30 minutes of prompting, shaping and reinforcement given in the new program.

Trials have been many, program continuance has been hard to attain, and the work has been long. Yet, Knob has helped achieve and has seen progress. His child, once labeled a vegetable, may become a productive Tennessee citizen one day. Within the next two years Chris should be able to enter the public school system.

Knob urges all Tennesseans to understand this grave problem

and lend to its solution through letters to congressmen, supporting funds, volunteer work at Walden House, or through any individual channels open to them.

Echoing this appeal, Gary Keyt, Circle K president, expressed the hope that students and Murfreesboro citizens alike will support the upcoming drive for Walden House children on April 24.

In the words of an enthusiastic volunteer, "What could be more gratifying than a comprehensive conversation, a walk to the door, volal greetings and a thank-you from Chris? I experienced this and will work fervently for this cause and the progress I observed."

Student leaders in state name Sands as chairman

Bobby Sands, ASB President-elect, was selected SUSGA state chairman by the student government officers of 14 Tennessee schools attending the annual Southern Universities Student Government Association in Atlanta this past week-end.

Sands stated, "It is my hope that by bringing this office to MTSU we may provide a more effective and active student government for not only our campus, but others throughout the state. The key to our success in Atlanta is due to the efforts of the delegation who campaigned tirelessly to return MTSU to its

rightful place as a leader in Tennessee student governments," Sands continued.

As part of the duties as SUSGA state chairman Sands and MTSU will play host to the annual "SUSGA State Conference" which is usually held during the winter months, and is attended by student government representatives from across the state.

Joey Livesay, Nashville senior served as SUSGA state chairman in 1969-70. The state conference was held on the MTSU campus in 1970 when Livesay served as state chairman.

Sands is also scheduled to attend a meeting of Tennessee student body presidents at Tennessee Tech May 7-8. The meeting is being sponsored by Governor Winfield Dunn.

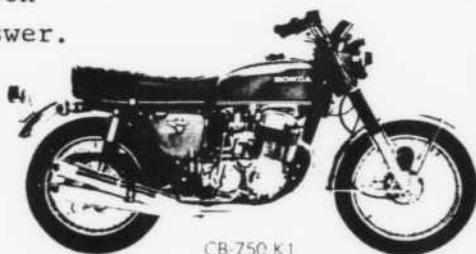
Sands led a nine-member MTSU delegation which included Martha Driver, Speaker of the Senate elect; Kathy Keel, Speaker of the House elect; ASB Senators Tommy Francis, Ron Fryar, John Dunnivant, and Mary Marlin. Charles Holt, a junior Senator-elect was also a member of the delegation.

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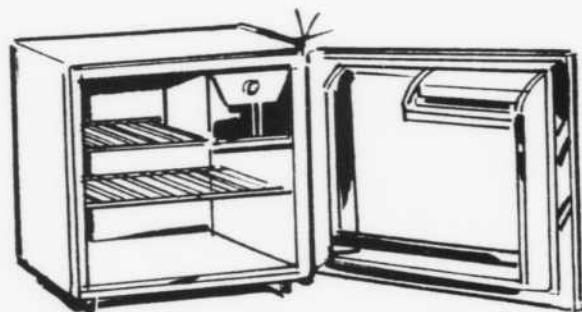
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