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General studies changes proposed

By ANDREA AKINS
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Sidelines Staff Writers

Recommendations to revise the general studies program may have drastic effects on the department of health, physical education, recreation and safety if implemented, Guy Penny, HPERS department chairman, said.

One of the recommendations made to Robert Corlew, vice president for academic affairs, by the General Studies Committee was to reduce the number of required physical education activity course hours from four semester hours to two.

"Students are not getting what's

needed" unless they are acquainted with the aspects of physical fitness and the importance of maintaining their health, Penny said.

"We [the HPERS department] need to be heard and need to have a feeling that the health and physical education [emphasis] is important," Penny said.

"We feel it's important that our students get this [health] information," Penny said.

Enrollment for the teacher certification program of the HPERS department dropped over the past few years, Penny said. But he said the decline was caused by interest in other jobs with better pay.

"Students are going to where there are jobs," said Penny.

Whether some instructors' jobs in the HPERS department will become obsolete, should the revisions be approved, remains undetermined, David Walker, general studies committee chairman, said.

However, Robert Jones, associate vice president for academic affairs, said that in order to determine how the reduction would effect the present teaching staff — tenured staff in particular — "you'll have to sit down with enrollment data for several years running and draw up a hypothetical situation."

Jones said the university would

determine what size staff would be needed if the revision is approved by consulting George Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, for overall enrollment growth and average class size statistics.

Another recommendation made by the committee involved advising patterns of the University.

The committee recommended in a revision packet that a brochure be produced to inform students why certain courses are required, why some are optional, and why MTSU's general studies program is important, according to the proposal submitted to Corlew by last

year's committee chairman Edward Kimbrell. The revision states:

... the quality of advising ranges from reckless to caring. Some cases were made to drop the advisement totally, requiring all students to care for themselves. Others argued for computerized advisement procedures. The committee recommends another approach: delivery, for the first time, of high quality written materials on advisement and student options ... to be produced where students are told of the content of courses they may choose from and [so that] the text [would] abandon the common practice of speaking to our stu-

dents in terms of course numbers ... The committee strongly urges a brochure be written by the Office of Student Affairs to produce a highly readable ... brochure that is printed in sufficient copies to give students who either cannot see an adviser immediately or elects to abandon our advising system.

These brochures, targeted at new students, would possibly be handed out during registration and/or orientation, Walker said.

However, Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs, said that President Sam Ingram would have to approve the brochure recommendation before student affairs would become involved. LaLance said he was not aware of the committee's existence, or of its recommendations.

"It would be difficult to articulate something we haven't participated in," such as the selection of courses

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McWherter plans smooth transition



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Recently elected Governor-Elect Ned Ray McWherter raises his hand in victory during his victory party held at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom in Nashville Tuesday night.

By BILL RAWLINS
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gov.-elect Ned McWherter will move his staff to a state office Nov. 17, two months before he takes over for Republican Gov. Lamar Alexander, McWherter's campaign manager said Thursday.

Jim Hall, McWherter's campaign manager and head of his transition team, said this was decided at an hour-long meeting with Alexander's chief of staff, Lewis Lavine. It was the first meeting of the two camps since McWherter defeated former Gov. Winfield Dunn, a Republican, by 103,692 votes out of 1.2 million cast in Tuesday's general election.

Alexander was barred from seeking a third consecutive four-year term by the Tennessee Constitution.

McWherter and Alexander agreed over lunch Wednesday at the Executive Residence that there would be similar meetings at least once every two weeks until the Jan. 17 inauguration.

"There was full cooperation expressed by Mr. Lavine and I'm looking forward to working with the

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Howard Ross/Staff

Former Governor Winfield Dunn bows his head after his defeat in last Tuesday's gubernatorial election. Dunn's reception was held at the Vanderbilt Plaza in Nashville.

Bad checks cost MTSU \$28,000+

By ROSEMARY COLLINS
Sidelines Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee State University is currently trying to collect \$28,400 on insufficient checks written by 242 students, Dottie McCallie, bursar, said.

On September 15, the amount reached the highest total of the year when it soared to \$57,000. Last year at this time the amount was \$20,900, McCallie said.

Students are placed on a bad check list that is compiled by the business office and bookstore after they have written two bad checks. According to the list, there are currently 168 students listed including Associated Student Body President Troy Baxter.

"It was an accident," Baxter said. "The bank accidentally withdrew money out of my account. I am going to clear it up with the campus as soon as possible."

After receiving a bad check from a student, the business office sends two or three letters of notification to the person's address or post office box. If the matter is not resolved, then the business office turns the check over to a collection agency, McCallie said.

"We have used collection agencies in the past for students who were enrolled at MTSU," she said.

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University may change semester lengths

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

The Faculty Senate is currently studying two possible calendar changes for the new catalog, Robert Jones, associate vice president for academic affairs, said.

"The Academic Affairs Office received a resolution from the Faculty Senate requesting us to try and achieve a goal of a traditional 15-week semester in spring and fall," Jones said.

The goal is to achieve 2,250 minutes of total class time for both semesters, Jones said.

"Currently, we lose two or three sessions a semester off of Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes, and one or two off of Tuesday-Thursday

classes," Jones said.

One proposed method of achieving the goal is to add time to classes while shortening the semester to 13 and a half weeks. The other proposal is to add a few days to the beginning or end of each semester.

"After the proposal was submitted, Dean [Cliff] Gillespie [dean of admissions and records], in attempting to develop a calendar, got some information about the calendar Memphis State has adopted," Lon Nuell, Faculty Senate president, said.

"Gillespie got the information and sent it to [Robert] Corlew [vice president for academic affairs] who sent it to the faculty senate," Nuell said.

"Our calendar does not lend itself to the 2,250 minute total class time," Nuell said.

If the university adopts the Memphis State Calendar, it would add 10 minutes to TTh classes and five minutes to MWF classes.

The faculty and administrative reaction to this proposal has been mixed.

"I think I would prefer the Memphis State plan," Corlew said. "This is true for several reasons."

"With the semester being shorter it would enable teachers to complete the term earlier and have a day or so for study or paper grading," Corlew said. "It would also give a little time between the spring and summer sessions."

Jones said that he "really didn't care" which one was adopted but he added that the Memphis State plan would be easier to plan for.

Nuell said that he thought the faculty would "come up a draw" when they vote.

The Faculty senate sent out a questionnaire asking the faculty what they thought about the proposed changes.

"I would guess they would be slightly in favor of adding days," Nuell added.

President Sam Ingram said that he "has not had an opportunity to look at either proposal," but he would probably follow the advice of the Academic Affairs Office.

Joel Hauser, a business depart-

ment faculty member who has spoken out against the Memphis State plan, disagreed with Nuell.

"There is no data to show that the [Memphis State] plan is a better plan," Hauser said. "The attention span [of the students] clearly diminishes after that length of time."

"I think people will use the lessons they have and just fill in the

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Organizations should use House or 'lose it': Baxter

By CONNIE CASS
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Associated Student Body President Troy Baxter told members of the Presidents' Club last night that if they fail to use the House of Representatives they may lose it.

"For some years now the House has not been utilized by the organizations," Baxter told more than 50 presidents and advisers representing campus organizations. "I guess the message I'm giving you is use it or lose it."

Baxter said 16 of the 111 registered organizations were represented at the last House meeting.

The ASB Constitution states that a quorum of the House must be present to do business at House meetings. A quorum in the House is defined by the Constitution as a majority of the representatives, with each registered student or

ganization appointing one representative.

"We cannot get business through without a quorum," Baxter said.

Although the Constitution requires a quorum to conduct business, it does not name a specific officer who is responsible for checking to see if a quorum is present. The ASB has traditionally proceeded with business without a House majority, as long as no one present calls for a quorum count, Baxter said after the meeting.

However, calls for a quorum prevented last year's ASB from passing their budget within the constitutional time limit, Baxter said.

And the potential for anyone to call for a quorum and thereby prevent the house from conducting business is always present, he said.

However, a bill which would change the ASB constitution to re-

quire organizations to appoint a representative within six weeks of the first day of classes, or forfeit their seat in the House, has been passed by the House and Senate. That bill will be presented to Baxter, and he may either veto it, sign it or pass it on to Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance without his signature. LaLance has final veto power over all ASB bills.

"I don't know yet if I'll sign that bill," Baxter said. He added that it is likely that only about 16 organizations would name representatives before the deadline.

"I don't think that 16 organizations can represent what everyone on campus thinks," Baxter said. "But I think the senators elected by the student body will represent those students."

Baxter told the Presidents' Club that he would prefer not to take

steps to dissolve the House unless he felt those actions were necessary.

"There is legislation out there, and it has been brought to my desk, to abolish the House and make the ASB a unicameral body," he said. "I would rather not have to do that."

Baxter urged the presidents to make sure their representatives attend the next House meeting.

"Please, folks, use it [the House of Representatives]," he said.

After the meeting, Baxter said the attendance at the next House meeting would help him decide what action to take.

"If I'm led to believe by the next house meeting that this system won't work, I might be led to start persuading the student body to vote for a unicameral system."

An amendment to abolish the

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Howard Ross/Staff

Georgia Dennis, assistant director of student programming, works on an exhibit for Saturday's family day festivities.

General Studies

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and course prerequisites, LaLance said.

"We [Student Affairs] try to be partners in the academic process with directors, department heads and instructors. It seems to me students that are diligent [will find that the university] has information in the catalog that gives a clear picture of what is to be done" to receive their particular degree, he said.

"It occurs to me that another printed document duplicating what's already in the catalog is not going to be the answer," LaLance said.

Corlew has returned the proposed revisions to the committee for further review.

"I feel this was done [by Corlew] simply to be sure the new committee members were aware" of the contents of the proposal and to single out areas for improvement, Jones said.

Corlew could not be reached for comment.

Jones said said the general studies program should be changed "slowly" because it is so complex, and also to insure that each academic school's dean shares the revisions with his or her faculty members.

The committee has 10 members, six of whom are new this semester.

The current general studies program requires 41 hours to complete. The program is divided into five areas.

Area I, The Analysis, Organization and Communication of Ideas, requires six hours of freshman composition English and one additional elective course.

If revised, it would still consist of nine semester hours, but the elective course would become Speech 220, Fundamentals of Speech. Under the proposal, an evaluative test for competency would be administered to students. Those that made a score of 60 percent or better would receive three hours credit and would not have to take the speech course.

Four courses would be added to the choices in Area II b.

MC 300, a new course; MC 321, Understanding Mass Media; MC 151, Introduction to Mass Communication; and MC 171, Media Writing, would be added to the choices if the revisions are accepted.

Area III, Social and Behavioral Issues, would remain untouched.

Area IV, Natural Science and Mathematics, would change from 11 hours to 15 or 16 hours if the revisions are accepted.

Twelve hours of natural science would be required in addition to three hours of mathematics and the completion of the computer literacy requirement.

Area V is the IPERS reduction.

The total number of general studies requirement hours would change from 41 to 43 or 44.

The committee says in its report that the new program would provide "increased rigor and development of stronger competencies in literary, speaking and problem solving" while maintaining its former level of competence in the humanities, fine arts and social behavioral sciences.

McWherter

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governor's office and the various cabinet level officers as we proceed through the process of transition," Hall told a reporter.

State law calls for a newly elected governor to occupy a state office until he is inaugurated so he can work with the outgoing chief executive to pave the way for a change of administration.

"There's an office waiting, complete with telephones, in the State Office Building," Alexander's press secretary, John Parish, said.

Lavine said he agreed to put Hall and his team in touch with any member of the administration whom the Democrats desire. Hall is joined on the transition team by Billy Stair and Katy Varney, administrative aides in the Legislature before they began work in the McWherter campaign, and J.W. Luna, field director for the campaign.

Baxter

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House would have to be approved by two-thirds of the students voting in a referendum on the issue.

Baxter also discussed a plan for raising scholarship funds to commemorate MTSU's 75th anniversary.

"At least we can say that we were involved in the diamond anniversary, and we started something," Baxter said. He asked that each organization plan a fund-raiser to raise money for leadership / academic performance scholarships. The money would be administered by the MTSU Foundation, he said.

MTSU currently offers 20 leadership / performance scholarships, which pay the recipients' tuition for four years. Memphis State University offers 100 similar scholarships, Baxter said.

Each scholarship costs the MTSU Foundation \$15,000, he said.

Baxter said each organization that raised money for the scholarships would have its name engraved on a plaque to be displayed on campus.

Baxter also read a finalized list of the winners of Homecoming Week competitions and apologized for the delay in distributing trophies, some of which are still in the ASB office.

Bad

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"It's a big problem [bad checks] and costs the University a lot of money."

"There is no way to put a dollar amount on what it costs the University, but we have a full-time worker who does nothing except send out letters of notification," McCallie said.

"If a student writes a bad check at registration, then the registration is invalid, and he or she has 14 days to clear up the matter. If the matter is not taken care of within the 14 days, the student is dismissed from classes and removed from campus," she said.

University

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best they can," Hauser said. "Somewhere, there is going to be a shortfall in the learning experience."

The administration does not agree with Hauser about the student attention span.

"We have longer classes in the summer and no one complains," Nuell said.

Jones also mentioned the summer classes in defense of the Memphis State proposal.

"I think the students will be able to maintain their attention spans," Jones said. "Summer classes are quite long. I don't know if 10 minutes would make that much difference."

"Some classes meet two hours and forty minutes," he added. "I don't think it will really make that much difference."

Students will have the opportunity to give input into which plan they prefer, Corlew said.

"I think student preference would have importance and significance," Corlew said.

Jones and Nuell also said that the students' preference would be asked for.

The Faculty Senate committee dealing with the change will be meeting on the calendar change today at 10 a.m. in the Faculty Senate Lounge, Room 100 of the James Union Building.

Faculty and staff members are treated somewhat differently for issuing insufficient checks. They not only lose their check cashing privileges, but money also can be withheld from their payroll.

"We could also deduct payment from student workers, but we never have," McCallie said.

According to *Rescue*, the MTSU student handbook, a "student is subject to disciplinary sanction for failure to meet financial responsibilities to the institution promptly including, but not limited to, knowingly passing a worthless check or money order in payment to the institution...."

Campus Capsule

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: All submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 4:30 p.m. Friday for Tuesday publication or 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for Friday publication. All submissions are printed on a space available basis, and may be edited by *Sidelines* for clarity and brevity. *Sidelines* cannot guarantee submissions will be published.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship has a free supper every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for anyone interested. Join us for supper, fellowship and singing in a home-like atmosphere.

Japan Center Continuing Education is offering a class on Japanese paper folding. Classes are scheduled to begin on Nov. 24 and run through Dec. 8. The class will be held on Monday nights from 5-6 p.m.

Crisis Intervention Center offers a 24-hour hotline for people who need help in time of crisis. If you need help or would like to serve as a crisis volunteer call toll-free 1-244-7444 or 1-255-HELP.

A bloodmobile will be coming to the Chamber of Commerce/Lions Club Building in Cannonburg Village from noon-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14.

Stress Management Seminar will be offered by the psychology department Nov. 12 and 19 from 3-4 p.m. in Room 206 of Peck Hall. Drs. West, Heritage and Tang of the psychology department will be conducting the seminar which is free.

Any MTSU student interested in being a public address announcer for the 1986 Blue Raider baseball season, contact coach Steve Peterson in Murphy Center, office 174, ext. 2961.

Raidettes are needed for the 1987 Blue Raider baseball season. Interested MTSU female students should contact coach Ronnie Vaughn at ext. 2643 Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.

The Muslim Student Association will be presenting a lecture on "The Quran, the Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls" by Mohammed Youself, Islamic scholar, Wednesday November 12 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 107 of Peck Hall. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

The Speakers Bureau of Martin Marietta Energy System will be speaking on robotics in Room 100 of the Davis Science Building on Tuesday, November 11 at 8 p.m. The lecture is presented by the Ideas and Issues Committee and is free and open to the public.



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Homecoming winners announced

By CONNIE CASS

Sidelines Editor in Chief

There are still a "handful" of Homecoming trophies left in the Associated Student Body office, ASB President Troy Baxter said last night.

Baxter announced the official winners of the Homecoming Week activities during a Presidents' Club meeting last night.

All of the winning organizations have been contacted and told that their trophies are now available, Baxter said after the meeting.

He said confusion over the actual winners of some of the events and the delay in announcing all the winners were the result of "simple human error."

"We placed Omega Phi Alpha and some other organizations in the wrong categories," Baxter said. "Someone caught it in the middle of the week, but word did not get out because we were so busy with Homecoming Week."

Baxter announced the Greek winners during the Homecoming game but did not announce the winners in the open, men's and women's divisions.

Baxter said he had planned to announce all of the winners of each division in the Spirit Competition during the Homecoming game, but he cut his announcement short when band director Joseph Smith, who scheduled the timetable for the game, directed the band to begin playing.

"When his band began playing, I shut up," Baxter said.

Baxter said he put trophies remaining after the game in the Blue Raider room. Baxter said the room was then locked, and he could not get the trophies out for another two weeks.

Any organization that has not picked up its trophy yet can pick it up in the ASB office.

The following is a list of the official winners of Homecoming Week:

- CHILI COOK-OFF**

Greek Division

1. Kappa Delta

2. Delta Tau Delta

Hall Division

1. Cummings Hall — I Hall

2. Felder Hall — Gore Hall

Business Division
1. Trotters

2. Ajas-Turner

FIGHT SONG

Greek Division

Male:

1. Sigma Phi Epsilon

2. Kappa Alpha

3. Sigma Alpha Epsilon

- Female:

1. Alpha Delta Pi

2. Alpha Omicron Pi

3. Delta Zeta

Open Division

1. Pi Sigma Epsilon

2. Wesley Foundation

3. Omega Phi Alpha

Hall Division

Male:

1. Gore Hall

Female:

1. Felder Hall

ACTIVITIES DAY

Greek Division

Male:

1. Kappa Sigma

2. Kappa Alpha

3. Pike

Female:

1. Chi Omega

2. Alpha Omega Pi

3. Alpha Delta Pi — Delta Zeta

Open Division

1. Pi Sigma Epsilon

2. Wesley Foundation

3. Omega Phi Alpha

Hall Division

Male:
1. H Hall

2. Gore Hall

3. Gracy Hall

Female:

1. High Rise

2. Lady Blues

3. Felder Hall

BANNER COMPETITION

Greek Division

Male:

1. Sigma Alpha Epsilon

2. Delta Tau Delta

3. Kappa Sigma

Female:

1. Chi Omega

2. Alpha Alpha Pi

3. Alpha Omega Pi

Open Division

1. Omega Phi Alpha

2. Pi Sigma Epsilon

Hall Division

1. Wood Hall

2. Reynolds Hall

Sims Hall

3. H Hall

J and K Apartments

PARADE COMPETITION

Greek Division

Male:
1. Kappa Sigma

2. Sigma Alpha Epsilon

3. Delta Tau Delta

Female:

1. Alpha Delta Pi

2. Kappa Delta

3. Chi Omega

Open Division

1. Wesley Foundation

2. MonShay Hall

3. Sidelines

SPIRIT COMPETITION

Greek Division

Male:

1. Kappa Sigma

2. Kappa Alpha

3. Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Female:

1. Alpha Delta Pi

2. Chi Omega

3. Alpha Omicron Pi

Open Division

1. Pi Sigma Epsilon

2. Omega Phi Alpha


Hall Division

Male:

1. Gore Hall

Female:

1. Felder Hall



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The Student Publications Committee is now accepting applications for Sidelines Editor in Chief Spring 1987

Candidates must be full time, graduate or undergraduate students of MTSU, registered for course work at the time of application and during the Spring 1987. Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 at the time of application.

Applications are available in Room 306 of the James Union Building. Applicants must provide a transcript and at least three letters of recommendation in addition to the application form.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 4 P.M. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

For more information, contact Jackie Solomon, Student Publications Coordinator at MTSU extension 2338 or 2815.

Editorials

HPERS program shouldn't change

A recommendation to Robert Corlew made by the MTSU committee on general studies is headed in the right direction, but it may have negative effects on some students.

The committee recommended that the required physical activities courses here at MTSU be cut from four semester hours to two semester hours.

One aspect of that recommendation which may not be in the best interest of the school is the effect it will have on several faculty members.

The recommendation may result in the dismissal of faculty members in the HPERS department and the narrowing of the range of activities courses offered.

The possible loss of faculty members is reason enough not to approve the recommendations. If there is not a demand for the classes to be taught and the faculty members are dismissed, the health department at MTSU will obviously suffer.

This recommendation will also effect students, especially those who plan to major in health or physical education, by cutting the choice of courses. With a very limited course selection to choose from, many students who planned or wanted to attend MTSU will seek other institutions to attend.

While these effects are merely hypothetical and may even seem in the distant future, the possibility remains. And no faculty member's job or student's career is worth risking simply because certain people evidently feel that these courses are not helpful to students.

If this recommendation is passed, the next step would be to drop the requirements for HPERS courses. At MTSU, two semester hours are required in the undergraduate program. Enrollment in HPERS courses would probably become "recommended."

Students who do not wish to take HPERS courses should have an open mind about the situation and try to see the other side of the picture. Certain students make better grades in HPERS courses because they can relate better to the topic of the course and find the subjects more stimulating to them.

The entire recommendation should be closely evaluated with input from students, faculty and administrators before any decision is made.

CARLTON WINFREY
Editorial Editor



PE requirements a waste of time

Sidelines would like to congratulate the General Studies Committee on their proposal to cut the physical education activities course requirement from four hours to two hours.

The change is one long overdue and needed.

After all, how much can one semester hour of bowling or badminton help someone in their future life? This is true unless the person is going to be a professional bowler or badminton player — and you do not need a college degree to do that.

Guy Penny, HPERS department chairman, was right when he said "students are not getting what's needed" unless they are acquainted with the aspects of physical fitness and the importance of maintaining their health.

However, *Sidelines* seriously doubts if bowling will help us to learn the aspects of maintaining our health.

One two-hour course entitled "Effective Living" accomplishes just what Dr. Penny desires without forcing the students to take classes they do not need nor want to take. This class provides valuable health information — but is a handball class really that important?

The two hours currently needed (we say two because most students take effective living to satisfy the other two hours of the requirement) are a waste of time.

But *Sidelines* does not believe that the courses should not be offered. If students feel they want to take these courses for whatever reason — from upping the ole grade point average to learning how to maintain their physical health or developing new athletic skills — they should be able to.

But students should not be required to shell out \$44 per credit hour (or \$138 for out-of-state students) to learn roller skating or rock climbing if they do not wish to. Someone who wishes to pursue these interests will find them widely available outside the university community.

And students who do not already regularly engage in a healthy exercise routine will probably not change their habits just because they have completed a semester hour of scuba diving.

Letters to the Editor

Cartoon message ambiguous

Dear Editor,

The news story entitled "Black Alabama sorority pledges first Caucasian" and editorial "Greeks, others should end discrimination" in *Sidelines*, Tuesday, Oct. 26 edition, are certainly newsworthy in that they describe and explain a situation that should get attention. However, the relevance of the cartoon on the editorial page "The Zeta Phi Beta 1986 Pledge line" is questionable.

The cartoon presented is linked with a serious editorial piece, and it exploits the value of that editorial. Readers expect the insertion of a cartoon to enhance the ideological

theme of the article. This cartoon however, does not add to the article or heighten the message. For example, in the cartoon the white pledgee is laughing and pointing at herself. Why is she laughing? Why is she pointing at herself? She seems to be making fun of herself. Is she making fun of the Zeta Phi Beta pledge line, or of Zeta Phi Beta? Why are the black pledges not laughing?

The caption, apart from identifying the actors and the occasion, does not mirror the ideological theme of the editorial. It is the linking of the cartoon to the editorial that destroys the message.

The expressive meanings of the characters are ambiguous and are

not resolved by the caption. Instead, the cartoon takes on an interpretation of its own — the white pledgee is making fun of the situation — an interpretation connotatively amplified by the cartoon.

This situation is not a laughing matter.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
Box 586

All men are not bad

Dear Editor,

Cheers to Reed Ridley for his letter to the editor (Oct. 31) opposing "Bobby Ray's" opinion on pornography!

Double cheers to the fact Mr. Ridley is male and still acknowledges pornography's nega-

tive effect on society (and especially females). It's nice to know there are some men left who realize "cheap thrills" can be an expensive detriment to others. I say "some men" because "Bobby Ray" is obviously too concerned with seeking self pleasure to practice being a real man with concern for others.

I enjoyed the Bobby Ray column regarding southern girls' attributes because I myself am southern. However, if he enjoys being an "active participant" instead of a "spectator" in rapes and other perversities, I can only pray he is never attracted to my southern charm!

Donna West
Box 4549

Dworak's view questioned

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Dale Dworak's Backroom Forum in *Sidelines* Nov. 4 issue. Several points need to be made relative to his comments.

First, South Africa has not "acquired the status of the latest cause." It has been a cause for over sixty years.

Secondly, apartheid is not "used to keep control of blacks." It is used to oppress, subjugate, torture and

murder. It is used against blacks not just in South Africa but against blacks in Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Angola — the entire lower end of the continent in which the whites have the upper hand in economics and technology. South Africa has been an aggressor against its neighbors for many years.

The white fight for "their" land has a long history of relocation and confiscation relative to the land of blacks. It began the moment the Boers stepped foot on African soil. Saying that the Afrikaners "are home" now does not negate the fact that black Africans were "home" all along.

The "one important question" relative to South Africa is not who will survive the hate there, but who will survive the white animosity for non-whites everywhere? People like Dworak keep this animosity alive.

Kathy Brady
Box 5273

Apartheid program needed

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my thanks to Kappa Alpha Psi for a very informative program on South Africa on Wednesday, Nov. 5. The choice of panelists was excellent and provided interesting and varied points of view. Informal programs of this nature are badly needed and appreciated by students who want to stay well informed.

Keep up the good work, we need more of this! Next time, however, please let more people know about it!

J. Massaquoi
Box 60

Mr. Estes missed my point

Dear Editor,

Mr. Estes' letter was quiet amusing. In reply to it though, I would like to ask Mr. Estes if he actually read the article or just reacted on hear say?

First of all, my name is Ridley, not Ripley (it was clearly spelled out).

Secondly, my main objection was to Mr. Bennett's poor taste and attempt at levity, not the constitutional value of censorship. The Constitution protects freedom of speech, yet there are laws against slander and libel. If you take on absolute interpretation of the Bill of Rights, then these laws against libel and slander would be censorship to. I don't think so though. I am a RIM student and therefore very much against censorship. The Meese commission is trying to keep a band situation from getting worse. It's trying to protect you, not infringe on your freedom (like libel laws are designed to do).

Police departments have started to link some of the faces on the "missing" list to those in some of the pornography tapes they have confiscated nationwide.

I am merely saying that tapes of violent crimes should be banned. If you feel a video tape of an actual rape should be protected by the Bill of Rights, then we differ in opinions, but thank you for your feedback. Because as long as we talk nationally then things can be accomplished.

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Collegiate Concerns

Study says colleges more concerned with credentials than quality education



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Account

Sewanee professor gets cataract grant

A University of the South chemistry professor has received a \$38,260 research grant to study the causes of senile or old-age cataracts.

Professor Jeff Tassin will conduct a two-year study to investigate the cause of cataracts, a clouding of the lens of the eye or of its surrounding membrane that obstructs the passage of light.

The study will be funded by the National Institute of Health.

As reported in *The Tennessean*

Med school suit winner on medical staff

Allan Bakke, who claimed reverse discrimination 13 years ago when his application for medical school was passed over for minority applicants, is a practicing anesthesiologist.

Bakke, 45, who had his case in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1978, finished a four-year residency in anesthesiology at Mayo Graduate School in June and went on staff Aug. 11 at Olmsted Medical Group.

Bakke had tried to get into medical school since 1973 while working as an engineer at Ames Research Center in Sunnyvale, Calif. After taking several pre-med courses, he applied to the California Medical School at Davis in 1973 but his application was rejected for two years.

Bakke sued, claiming he would have been admitted if 16 of the school's 100 slots had not been earmarked for minority students, many with lower test scores than his. The Supreme Court's decision approved affirmative action, but rejected rigid quotas based solely on race, making Bakke the first person to score a major victory over the federal government's 21-year-old affirmative action program.

As reported in *The Tennessean*

Boston University to honor Zulu chief

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the leader of South Africa's 6-million-member Zulu tribe, will receive an honorary degree from Boston University, officials said.

Boston University President John R. Silber is expected to present the degree at a convocation Nov. 17, as part of the school's World Leaders Forum, school officials have confirmed.

Buthelezi has opposed economic sanctions against South Africa on the grounds that they would harm black workers, a position also taken by Silber.

As reported in *The Tennessean*

Research affected by tax reform law

The tax reform act President Reagan signed into law last week should encourage companies to fund more basic research at universities and other institutions, according to the Coalition for the Advancement of Industrial Technology.

Vanderbilt University is a member of CAIT, an organization of institutions and businesses formed specifically to lobby for tax law changes that would promote their interests.

"The new basic research tax credit should establish a clear preference for university research," Ken Kay, CAIT executive director, said in a letter to university officials. "We are confident that the new credit can help stimulate additional company spending for contract research with universities."

As reported in *The Vanderbilt Register*

WASHINGTON (AP) — A scathing report card from the Carnegie Foundation is certain to intensify pressure on the nation's colleges to improve the way they teach undergraduates.

The quality of college teaching has been largely ignored in the debate that has raged in the 1980s over how to improve U.S. high schools, the report says.

But the book-length critique released over the weekend by Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, could help turn the reform spotlight onto the campuses.

Boyer, former U.S. commissioner of education, said the nation's 2,100 four-year colleges are "a troubled institution."

"Driven by careerism and overshadowed by graduate and professional education, many of the nation's colleges and universities are more successful in credentialing than in providing a quality education," Boyer concluded.

His report, "College: The Undergraduate Experience in America," is based on a three-year, \$1 million study that included surveys of thousands of faculty and students and first-hand inspections of 29 campuses.

It calls on colleges to prize good teaching and get away from the publish-or-perish syndrome, which Boyer said in an interview has spawned "a system of third-rate articles in third-rate journals."

It also calls for curtailing big-time sports to cure academic abuses; requiring all college seniors to write a thesis and defend it orally; and ending at most colleges the practice of forcing applicants to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test or American College Test. Boyer said most colleges are not really selective and do not need the multiple-choice test scores.

He also roundly criticized the trend away from liberal arts and

education and toward narrow career training for the nation's 5 million undergraduates.

Many of his criticisms echo points that William J. Bennett has made during his 20 months as U.S. secretary of education, including his recent controversial address at Harvard University. In that speech, Bennett said colleges are "pious, self-congratulatory and suffused with the aura of moral superiority."

Bennett's speech was greeted with outrage from college presidents such as Harvard's Derek Bok and Princeton University's William Bowen, as well as Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education.

But the initial reaction to Boyer's critique was one of effusive praise. Bok has scheduled a symposium at Harvard on Nov. 12-13 to discuss the recommendations.

And Atwell issued a statement saying, "We in higher education are profoundly grateful to the Carnegie

Foundation and to its president — for his searching examination of the challenges facing undergraduate education."

It "comprehensively documents serious problems that have concerned the community for some time," Atwell said.

Boyer said in an interview that colleges have been more successful than high schools in fending off criticism, but he believes they are now ready to mend some of their ways.

As for the hostile reaction to Bennett's remarks, Boyer noted that the Reagan official also had accused college faculties of being biased against conservatives and he has derided college lobbyists as money-grubbers.

"There is a feeling that [Bennett] is engaged in this not for the improvement of the college, but because its good politics," said Boyer, a former Carter administration official.

Cannibals rarely targeted missionaries, study finds

By JAN GEHORSAM

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Contrary to myth, savage tribes rarely seized Christian missionaries on impulse and ate them, according to a University of Pennsylvania researcher.

Bound by complex taboos, cannibals were much more circumspect as they tried to serve their gods and feed their souls, says Peggy Reeves Sanday, author of a new study, "Divine Hunger, Cannibalism as a Cultural System."

Dead relatives or enemy captives were much more likely fare, she says. Sampling other people, especially for the sake of a meal, was considered the "ultimate anti-social act," sometimes punishable by death.

"The taboo comes with who you eat and how you eat them," she says.

"You couldn't just eat anybody."

Sanday, a Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania, culled her findings from centuries of reports by missionaries, tribesmen and travelers.

She found that a meal of human

flesh almost always had cultural and spiritual significance, and was not just a matter of nutrition.

Often the cooking was accompanied by singing and other ceremony, and was deeply intertwined into the society's sense of death and reproduction, she says.

Of the 37 case studies that she examined, most came from North America and the Pacific Islands, followed by Africa and South America.

In the majority of cases, the victims were enemies, slaves or victims captured in warfare who were eaten to avenge other deaths and to bodily incorporate their foes' power, often with their gods' approval.

The Aztecs believed that cannibalism and sacrifice gave mankind its only access to the gods, and to the animating forces of the universe.

The Aztecs thought the gods would strike against them unless

they were appeased by the most superior of foods, human flesh, Sanday writes.

"The flowing of blood was equivalent to the motion of the world," Sanday writes. "Without it, all would come to an end."

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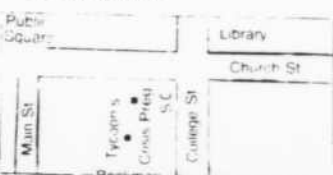
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Search for president centers on Malloy

CHICAGO (AP) — A theologian nicknamed "Monk" who played basketball for the University of Notre Dame will succeed the retiring Rev. Theodore Hesburgh as president of the school, a newspaper reported.

The Rev. Edward A. Malloy, 45, associate provost at the Roman Catholic school and a specialist in ethics, will be nominated and confirmed Nov. 14 by the board of trustees, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Sunday, quoting unidentified sources close to the university and the board.

Malloy, a native of Washington, D.C., and an ordained priest of the

Holy Cross order since 1970, is among five clergy candidates identified by the board as finalists for the job, the newspaper said.

Hesburgh, 69, is completing his 35th year as head of the 9,500-member school in South Bend, Ind.

He will serve as a fund-raiser and goodwill ambassador for the school, the *Tribune* said.

Board chairman Andrew McKenna, a Chicago businessman, denied that the committee screening candidates had settled on a name to propose to the board. The panel was to meet in Chicago again, the *Tribune* said.

The newspaper said Malloy,

reached at his office, refused to comment, saying he and the four other finalists had agreed not to grant interviews.

Sunday's *Chicago Sun-Times* identified the other finalists as the Rev. Ernest Bartell, a member of the Notre Dame economics faculty and director of the Kellogg Institute of International Studies; the Rev. E. William Beauchamp, executive assistant to Hesburgh; the Rev. Michael McCafferty, a lawyer, priest and associate professor in Notre Dame's law school; and the Rev. David Tyson, vice president of student affairs and an associate professor of management.

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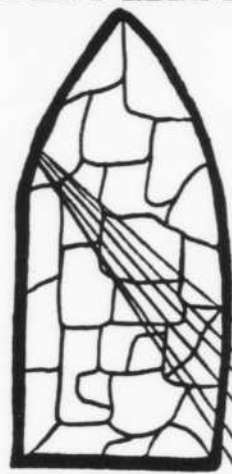
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Art / Entertainment

Bands highlight 'Party Weekend'

By LARISSA KEILICH
Sidelines Staff Writer

A concert featuring the Blind Farmers From Hell and Guadalcanal Diary was the highlight of the annual "Party Weekend" in Seawannee, Tenn.

Many MTSU students made it to the event held last weekend in Cravens Hall on the campus of the University of the South.

It all started around 10 p.m., when The Farmers (from nearby Lascassas, Tenn.) took the stage and opened with their own special version of Lefty Frizzell's "Shine, Shine, and Shower (and Buff My Duke)." They played a set approximately 45 minutes long, which included their outstanding original songs "Love Dawgs," "With A Kiss," "100 Pounds Of Spring Steel and Rawhide," "Hershey's Kisses," "I'm Big," "Jailhouse Blues," and

"Breakdown." The Farmers, as usual, played an action-packed, energetic show, which the MTSU students as well as the Seawannee crowd greatly enjoyed.

Next, Guadalcanal Diary (from Marietta, Ga.) performed, in promotion of their second LP, *Jamboree*. They began with a song called "Ghost On The Road," taken from their first LP, *Walking In The Shadow Of The Big Man*. Then they did a song called "Where Angels Fear To Tread," followed by some cuts from *Jamboree*: "Michael Rockefeller" and "Spirit Train," both of which take on an entirely new expression and feel from their earlier incarnations. Although "Spirit Train" was the first slow song they performed, immediately afterwards, they picked up the pace again with "Pillow Talk," which is an old song, and

then three more new ones from *Jamboree*: the title cut, "Please Stop Me," and "I See Moe," which was a high point in the show for many, due to its out-of-control pace and its humorous lyrical content. Next they did another new one not on *Jamboree* called "Shango," which seemed to remind many of R.E.M.

"Sleepers," "Pray For Rain," and "Why Do The Heathen Rage" were done exceptionally well, as was my all-time favorite Guadalcanal Diary song, "Trail of Tears." The show ended with three more from *Jamboree*: "Country Club Gun," "Dead Eyes," and of course, the bovinely blissful "Cattle Prod," which led to the demand for an encore. This consisted of the jazz-flavored "T.R.O.U.B.L.E." (during which lead singer Murray Attaway threw bread at the audience), and the band's first big alternative radio

"hit," "Watusi Rodeo." A second encore was called for, and the band did a cover of The Beatles' "I Feel Fine," and finally closed with "Kumbayah." A contagious mood of excitement and fulfillment swept the audience.

According to Gregory H. Wolf of WUTS FM 91.3, 1,250 tickets for this concert were sold; it was a definite sell-out and success for Cravens Hall, which has a capacity for only 700 people.

It was great to see so many MTSU students come out to Seawannee to see The Blind Farmers From Hell and Guadalcanal Diary — perhaps our own campus needs to get a clue from the success of The University of the South's "Party Weekend," which featured on its campus a show by two outstanding alternative rock bands.



The photographs of Karl Baden from Cambridge, Massachusetts will be on exhibit in the MTSU photographic gallery from Nov. 8 through Nov. 26. The photo gallery is located in the Learning Resources Center and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

Georgia University program teaches musicians business of music industry

ATLANTA (AP) — Artists just want to create art — one reason, says a musician-educator, that the history of American pop music is littered with great performers who ended up penniless because they couldn't do with their money what they did with a song.

Many young musicians today are learning the business of the entertainment industry, said Carter Thomas, chairman of the Commercial Music-Recording Department at Georgia State University.

The knowledge will enable the musicians either to get legitimate people to handle their finances or to have something to fall back on if they don't make it as a performer, he said.

"Artists do not want to deal with legalities," Thomas said. "But it's necessary for them to know who to get. You don't get the attorney who does your real estate or your will to do your music contracts."

Georgia State's commercial music program has grown from a "glorified high school situation" in 1975 to a full-fledged department

of the university with more than 200 students and a professional recording studio. It provides evidence of a heightened awareness among musicians that business smarts are important, he said.

Musicians, and entertainers in general, have traditionally let others take control of their business affairs, and many times these people have taken advantage of the artists' ignorance or indifference, Thomas said.

"It's unbelievable to see how these guys were ripped off," said Thomas, a performing musician since the early 1970s who has released an album of electronic music.

"It's now to the point where the business has matured," he said. "But there's still a lot of crooks."

The Georgia State program began in 1975 at the urging of the local chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. The original two-year program was shunned by the university's music department, according to Thomas.

"At the time, the fellow there didn't want to have anything to do with pop music," Thomas said.

The program, however, was embraced by the College of General Studies, and later moved to the College of Public and Urban Affairs where it has grown to a four-year program.

Thomas has been involved with the GSU program since 1980 and oversaw one of its greatest accomplishments — the acquisition last year of Studio One, the facility formerly owned by Atlanta Rhythm Section producer Buddy Buie.

The \$250,000 studio is being used to teach students how to conduct studio work in a professional environment, as well as continuing to serve the studio's regular clients.

The studio has spurred a lot of interest, both in and out of Georgia, in the GSU commercial music program, Thomas said.

"Enrollment is up 25 percent since we purchased the studio," he said. "We've had to put a cap [on enrollment]. We want quality, not quantity."

In addition to performing musicians who are attracted to the prog-

ram, the commercial music department has gained a good reputation for those interested in marketing, publishing, entertainment law and technology, Thomas said.

One anxiety for Thomas, though, is a concern that the program will turn out "too many MBA types" more interested in the bottom line than the back beat.

"I think we need sensitive, artistic people who use creativity above the numbers," Thomas said. "We want to teach marketing and sound business concepts, but yet the art of music is of utmost importance."

"It's a hard problem to tackle, but always the aesthetics have won," he said. "There are still labels producing the blues."

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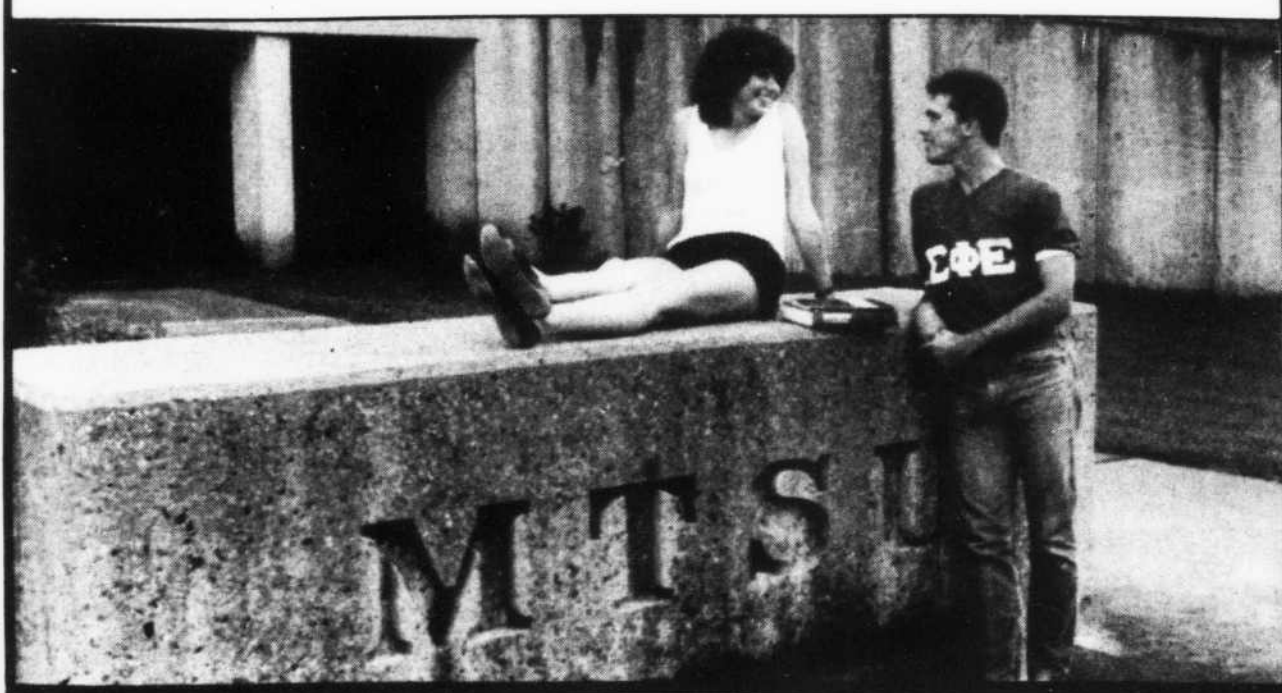
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Sports

Battle of quarterbacks expected

By ANDY REED

Sidelines Sports Writer

Saturday's battle between MTSU and Morehead State will be between two teams going in opposite directions with two of the most exciting quarterbacks in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"Marvelous" Marvin Collier, fresh from being named OVC Offensive Player of the Week after personally accounting for five touchdowns in last week's 49-14 thrashing of Youngstown State, will direct the Blue Raider offense while "Amazing" Adrian Breen will pilot the Eagles' attack in the 1:30 p.m. encounter at Horace Jones Field.

The teams are deadlocked in a three-way tie for fourth place in the

OVC with 2-2 records, just a game behind co-leaders Akron, Eastern Kentucky and Murray State.

But despite that, the Raiders are considered to have the momentum behind them as they have won three in a row to rebound from a horrendous start to a 4-4 overall record.

Morehead, the preseason pick to finish last in the eight-team conference, was the surprise of the league with six straight victories to open the season and was ranked third in NCAA Division I-AA before a two-game losing streak threw the Eagles back into the pack.

"Our job is simple. Every game is a must game," said Blue Raider coach Boots Donnelly. "It should be an awful good game to watch."

Especially if you like offensive football. Breen leads the conference in passing (150-for-241, 1,706 yards and 13 touchdowns) as well as in total offense, averaging 227.9 yards per game. As a team, the Eagles are second in the conference offensively, averaging 356.8 yards per outing.

MTSU — after back-to-back 40-point-plus performances — has rebounded from its early-season miseries to average 25.3 points and 298.4 yards per game.

Collier, who has been hampered by a shoulder injury since the third game of the season, ran for 126 yards and three scores while passing for 142 yards and two TDs.

Both are ranked in the top 14 nationally in passing proficiency.

Breen is 14th while Collier is 10th. Collier is 52-for-92 passing for 706 yards and five touchdowns with only one interception.

"Morehead is wide open, and I mean wide open offensively," said Donnelly, noting that the Eagles will line up in almost every formation imaginable, including the shotgun and the wishbone.

Breen is supported by all-purpose running back D.D. Harrison (535 yards rushing and 190 receiving). Receiver Steve Collins has caught 18 balls for 285 yards and four touchdowns.

"We're going to have to stop their running game," Donnelly said. "I don't think you can stop Morehead's throwing game."

Defensively, both squads rank in the middle of the pack. The Raiders are fourth with 330.4 yards allowed per game while the Eagles give up 358.6. But that doesn't mean Morehead isn't aggressive.

"They're far more aggressive defensively and offensively than we've ever seen them," Donnelly said.

Morehead's Tony Sargent leads the league in tackles for loss with 14 for 76 yards.



Blue Raider Melinda Sandy (blue) attempts to block a pass from Trevecca's Annette Winkle while Jackie Dale provides block coverage. The Raiders downed Trevecca in three games Monday night.

Time Out

Beverly Keel

Sidelines

Sports Editor



MTSU President Sam Ingram decided to conduct a quick, one-week search for the new women's head basketball coach earlier this week.

Ingram said a coach should be chosen by the end of next week.

This decision was made after assistant basketball coach Diane Cummings and Ingram discussed the problems that would arise from having only an interim coach this year. With players Kim Webb, Janet Ross and Kay Wilbanks leaving after this season, the upcoming recruiting year will be vital to the success of the next several years. A head coach hired now will stabilize the recruiting end of this coaching situation.

But instead of naming Cummings as the head coach Monday, athletic officials decided on this quick search. This search is probably more of a formality than anything else. It seems that an official recommended this over appointing

Cummings only logical choice for women's head coach

Cummings immediately.

But instead of leaving the basketball team hanging one more week, Cummings should have been named head coach four days ago.

The season will begin in about three weeks, and practice has been going since the first of October. Now is not the time to bring in a new face to have to learn the school, players and game strategies. It isn't fair to the seniors to jeopardize their last year with an unknown who hasn't been tried and true, like Cummings has.

Cummings has been with the basketball team for five years, and has often acted as a head coach during the past two years when coach Larry Joe Inman was away, according to a basketball player.

Cummings has been with Webb, Ross and Wilbanks since they were freshmen, and she knows their strengths and weaknesses. It is too late to bring someone else in with a completely different set of

theories and plays.

The importance of quickness in this decision has been stressed from the beginning. But in this rush, you have to stop and think what kind of coach we would be getting three weeks before the season opener. Most qualified applicants will already be working with their own team. Therefore, the number of applicants will be small, and probably many of them are not really qualified to jump into coaching a conference championship team.

If the applicant chosen is presently coaching another team, leaving that team three weeks before the opener, it is likely this coach would also leave the Blue Raiders in the same bind a few years down the road. That chance should not be taken with a championship team.

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Workshop

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