



Vivian Fitzgerald, Nashville sophomore, was selected as the MTSU Vet's Club Beauty at the Veterana's Club 14th Annual Talent Show Thursday night. Sharlena Phillips, Nashville senior, won the talent show with two of her original songs, intermingled with humorous comment. Richard Hughes, Nashville junior, placed second singing two soul numbers. (staff photo by John St. Clair)

House of Representatives To Rewrite Governing Laws

The House of Representatives Thursday passed a bill which, if passed in the Senate, will repeal the House by-laws and allow that body to revise the laws which govern the House.

Mike Jean, House pro-tem and introducer of the bill, said the present by-laws no longer

serve the needs of the House. "The by-laws are so outdated that the purpose still refers to the University as MTSC," Jean stated.

"By doing away with the by-laws, we would be able to write our own without the Senate concurring," Gillespie stated.

Rules Committee Makes ASB Obsolete: Livesay

Joey Livesay, junior senator, in a speech to a joint House and Senate meeting Thursday night declared that the creation of a Campus Rules Committee by President M.G. Scarlett has made the present organization of the ASB obsolete.

Livesay said the ASB has arrived at the point where on of its bills has no effect.

"All we (ASB government) can do is pass resolution and recommendations," the junior senator said. "Do we actually serve our purpose?"

Livesay contended that the All Campus Rules Committee has usurped powers originally held by the ASB. He said the committee, composed of five students and five faculty members, has simplified the process whereby campus clubs can gain recognition, changed co-ed rules and appeals judicial rulings.

"The committee completed an exhaustive study recently. They did in one semester what it would have taken student government five to 10 years to do," Livesay stated.

Livesay declared that the only thing that the ASB legislature could accomplish was matters of a minor nature. Livesay pointed out that not a single piece of productive legislation has been produced by the ASB legislature this year.

Cliff Gillespie, Speaker of the House, and Van Martin, Pres-

ident of the ASB, concurred with Livesay.

"Joey is not knocking the system but knocking the fact that we do not have something to do," Gillespie stated. "Our purpose and objectives need to be redefined."

"We have gotten to the point where we realize a large problem does exist, there needs to be some redefinition of purpose," Martin said.

Martin said the ASB no longer has the power to effect change. He further stated that the ASB has come to the realization that

many of the measures acted upon by the senate and house are of no consequence.

"Many of the items passed by the ASB have already been acted on by the President," Martin said. "All we are doing is giving our consent to measures proposed by the rules committee."

The ASB President said that he and Gillespie, along with other concerned persons, are looking into the possibility of a feasible change to the present situation.

Martin declined to elaborate.

'Underwear Excursion' Leaves Four on Report

From the mansions three they came, on one of the coldest nights that has been experienced this fall, a huge number of males dressed in dark. They were out to seek their fortune of lace under the high brick structures which contain the female participants of this university.

"Lace!" they yelled in unison. "We want lace!"

Some of the female students played the role of cheerleader as they exhorted the male participants on by yelling from their dormitories.

There were some 200 stu-

dents who participated in an "underwear excursion" Wednesday night. From these 200 males, four were extracted on charges of disorderly conduct.

On the following night, a decreasing number decided to test their fortune in even more inclement weather. This group was luckier in that no one was caught (although numerous rumors were spread around that some pictures were taken).

"We are concerned enough to urge students not to participate with these large crowds,"

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Bryant, Civil Rights Activist, Explains Fayette Unrest

Editor's Note: In an interview Thursday afternoon with five members of the SIDELINES staff, Becky Freeman, Jim Leonhirth, Bill Swain, Paulette Fox and David Word, Rev. Baxton Bryant, executive director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, answered questions concerning the racial unrest in Fayette County.

Bryant, an ordained Methodist minister and a recognized leader in the civil rights movement, said that the recent controversy in Somerville, the county seat, had been catalyzed by the Aug. 12 beating of a black woman and her two daughters by a white grocer and his teenage son.

To many members of the Fayette County black population the beating was the ultimate outrage in a long series of insults by the white minority. In the past several years black/white tension has intensified because economic progress in the black community has not been balanced with social recognition and political power.

Blacks met Aug. 14 to examine the incident and determine a course of action. An economic boycott of white businesses was decided upon. The black coalition issued seven preconditions for negotiation which include: restoration of all constitutional rights, especially those under the First Amendment to peacefully assemble and to protest grievances, and a statement by the leaders of the white community condemning the attack upon the black women.

Three months later the demands have not been met. The boycott continues.

Fox: What is the white attitude in Fayette County?

Bryant: The vocal attitude of the whites is very bad. Following the beating of a Negro woman and her two daughters by white men, I went to the sheriff, mayor, county judge, ministers for some vocal statement of law and order. No such statement was made. One minister even refused to visit the victims' house.

In Fayette county there is always some goodness in the white community, but it is paralyzed by the Klan mentality and racist attitude.

Freeman: How strong is the KKK in Fayette County?

Bryant: Very strong. Of course the Klan has changed, it now masquerades in the White Citizen's Councils. They had a meeting in a barn that was supposed to have drawn over 2,000 people. This was early in the confrontation. There are 9,000 whites in Fayette County. Of the 27,000 citizens of Fayette County, sixty-nine per cent are black.

Fox: How many blacks are there in administrative positions in Fayette County?

Bryant: There are no blacks in administrative positions responsibility. There was one black principal, but he resigned when the trouble started. There are only five Black magistrates with little power out of thirty-six. Most of the business is done in committee and brought out to the court. The magistrates can do little but say yes or no.

Freeman: How unified are the black people in Fayette County?

Bryant: I would say that ninety-five per cent of the blacks support what is going on. There are about ten per cent that are still "Toming" around. Many are not speaking out because of fear. They are having some internal problems of their own, but there is no disunity as far as what they think the issues are. In other words, it is not a group that would sell out to the whites.

Fox: How effective is the boycott?

Bryant: Ninety to ninety-five per cent effective in the black community. The police abuse of the pickets has put in the whites fear of being caught in the cross-fire. Two stores went out

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(staff photo by John St. Clair)

BAXTON BRYANT

Americans Believe in Equality Bryant Tells Relations Council

Rev. Baxton Bryant, executive director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations and a veteran of numerous civil rights marches, spoke to the Rutherford County chapter of the Council regarding his recent experiences in the student boycott in Memphis and in the Negro boycott of white merchants in Somerville.

Bryant said that he had a profound faith that the majority of Americans still believe in justice and equality and that these ideals are there "but they are tied to structures." He warned that "unless we are able to take some shortcuts and deliver to the needs of the poor today, we've lost."

He assured the council that the vehicle for justice is often a slow process but frequently problems surface that demand immediate resolution. Bryant cautioned that we must streamline our processes "and deliver what we have in our hearts. . . (because) there are elements that won't wait."

Regarding his own personal involvement in the economic boycott in Somerville, the civil rights veteran related specific incidents which indicated his essential non-violent philosophy toward civil confronta-

tion. He explained that the gut issues at stake in the town of Somerville, and throughout the country, is proportionate Black representation in all facets of politics and the insistence on higher quality of law enforcement.

During a march in Somerville, Bryant was jailed and later charged with inciting to riot. He said that while he was in jail he really became aware of what a beautiful treasure freedom is. "Freedom is the most precious thing that we have."

Speaking specifically about the Memphis boycott, he supported the demonstrating students and said that the essential point of protest is that although black students comprise 54% of the enrollment, there is not one black principal nor one black administrator in City public schools.

Anticipating objections to having students miss needed classes in protest, he remarked "What's wrong with taking one year off, if 300 years have not contributed enough to their self-determination?"

Commenting on a related subject he said that "the greatest educational process that a

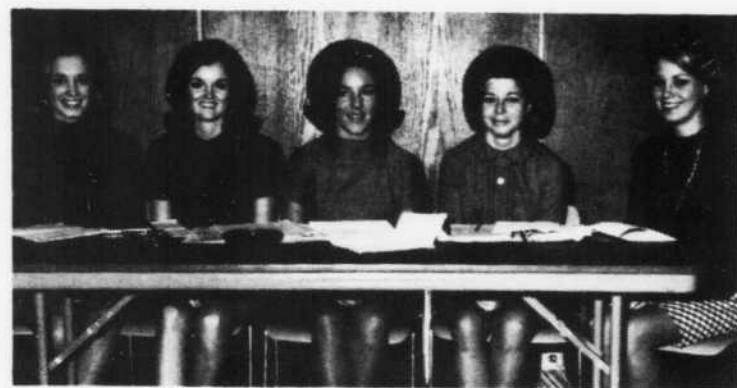
student can experience is to become involved in the ideas and issues that are part of then and now."

Commenting on the treatment of persons under arrest, he stated that a police official has "no right to start punishing. . . (the accused) before they are proven guilty."

Following Baxton Bryant's remarks, Thomas Van Dervort, president of the (local) Council, said that we can "draw upon the courage that Baxton and the people of Fayette County have demonstrated to us."

He stated that the problems confronting Rutherford County are serious but more subtle due to urban sophistication. He cited the tutorial program operating in Murfreesboro as an example of a grassroots endeavor. Currently 75 people, predominately young adults, are assisting culturally deprived children on a one-to-one basis.

Van Dervort invited older adults to participate in the tutorial program. Such effort, he added, "doesn't solve the problems (black-white relations), but it starts the process whereby these problems are solved."



Recently elected members of the Panhellenic Council, representing all of the Middle Tennessee State University sororities are from left to right--Linda Gilliland, ASB House of Representatives member, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, from Madison; Debby Kernan, treasurer, Delta Zeta Sorority, from Nashville; Jan Williams, President, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, from Hartsville; Linda Johnson, secretary, Kappa Delta Sorority, from Lawrenceburg; Linda Underwood, second vice-president, Chi Omega Sorority, from Paris; and not pictured first vice-president is Beebe Bryant of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, from Nashville.

Inclement Weather Hampers MTSU Second Moratorium

Rain, snow and below freezing temperatures dampened the second Vietnam Moratorium last week at MTSU.

While war protestors -- including some of the leaders of the MTSU movement -- were marching through the streets of Washington, the local moratorium was conducted at a table in the post office area of the University Center. Several discussion sessions and the showing of two Vietnamese

films helped carry out the theme "30 days, 410 dead."

Several members of the Vietnam Moratorium committee manned the table distributing literature on the history of the U.S. involvement in South East Asia and black arm bands.

Several of the leaders of the local Vietnam Moratorium Committee were not here for the campus protest. They left Murfreesboro Thursday to participate in the nation-wide protest march on Washington during the weekend.



Nine senior ROTC cadets at MTSU have been designated as Distinguished Military Cadets for 1969-70 by Colonel Vern Reaugh, PMS at the University. A Distinguished Military Cadet is chosen on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, interest in military science and one who has demonstrated leadership ability.

From left, first row are: Ernest Ghee, Murfreesboro; Eliote Dawson, Murfreesboro; George Foust, Ashland City; Steve Mathias, McMinnville; and Ron Nichols, Goodlettsville. Second row from left: Mike Bell, Shelbyville; Tony Wehster, Greenbrier; and Dough Gaither, Auburndown; and Colonel Vern Reaugh. Michael Gowan of Chattanooga was not present when the photo was made.

Fayette Unrest . . .

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of business last week which makes seven altogether.

Fox: Are these stores out of business permanently?

Bryant: We don't know their motivation, but their stock is gone and the stores are empty.

Swain: Somerville's economy has depended upon Federal Funds. Since these funds are now being reduced, won't the boycott be harmful to the entire community?

Bryant: We will never win a victory through negotiation with the mentality in Fayette County. The blacks want very simple things -- just American democracy, fair opportunity. But there is no way the community can deliver the demands to them; and I hope they don't try... If the blacks got too much in negotiation, knowing the mentality of the black community, they'd say, "These white folks are wonderful. They've been so good to us. We can't go out and fight them and put them out of office after all they've done."

The real build-up in the black community is on the federal court redistricting the county and calling for immediate election of the magistrates. The magistrates hold the purse strings, and also elect the superintendant and appoint the school board.

Word: How long do you think it will be before there is a black government put into power in Fayette County?

Bryant: I hope before Easter, as far as a governing body. Of course, the elected constitutional offices will not be affected until next election. But under this last Supreme Court decision, when they redistrict, they will also declare unconstitutional the school board and government created by an unconstitutional court. This will allow for an election of new officials.

Word: Do you think there will be a mass exodus of whites?

Bryant: No, if they have no place to go. There is something about an affinity between the land and the people. That is the tragedy of the whole affair.

'Underwear Excursion' . .

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specifically 'panty raids', declared Dean LaLance, Dean of Men. "These people are jeopardizing their student status."

According to LaLance, panty raids are not considered a part of the college activity. LaLance explained further that as long as students are not out of hand and are abiding with the purpose of the university, that they are not out of conduct.

"Witnesses to these two excursions noted that there was no excess of disorder applied by these crowds," stated LaLance.

Four boys were charged with disorderly conduct during the Wednesday night episode. Disciplinary action has not been taken as of yet but will be taken within the next week, according to LaLance.

"There was enough participation in this within the last week, that we press the student body not to get out of order." LaLance spoke further. "Individuals have gone too far by pulling on doors, knocking on windows, and frightening the girls in the dorms."

"Actions such as these can cause academic failures because of the distractions they bring," stated Dean Samuel McLean, Director of Housing. According to McLean, this is the first panty raid he has been aware of over the past two years.

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Committee Set Up To Study Curriculum

ASB Speaker of the House of Representatives Cliff Gillespie said in an interview Friday that "plans are now in the mill to set up a committee to re-evaluate the courses in the MTSU curriculum."

Gillespie said he felt it would be in the best interest of everyone involved, students and faculty, that the committee be formed and start its evaluation as soon as possible.

Gillespie said that in his opinion, it should not be necessary for a student, who wishes to make his career education administration, to be forced to take biological science or physical education as a requirement for graduation.

Gillespie used himself as an example when he said that he was taking courses now which deal with what is happening in the world today. He said

that these courses are much more pertinent to his major than courses dealing with what happened in 1914.

When questioned about the effect this committee's findings would have on the curriculum, Gillespie said that study which may be made may not yield results that will be realized by the students presently enrolled in MTSU, but it may have far reaching effects which may, at some future date, allow other MTSU students to have more freedom to follow their own interests.

Army Brings Four M Exhibit Here Nov. 21

The U.S. Army will display an exhibit entitled "Outline for Progress" in the basement of the UC the week of Nov. 21.

The exhibit is built around four themes: Mission, Management, Motivation and Modernization. The exhibit, commonly known as the "Four M's", was formulated by Army Chief of Staff General William Westmoreland.

The exhibit consists of modules containing pictures and a story illustration each of the four themes. Special efforts will give the visitor to the exhibit an opportunity to partici-

pate in the decisions which must be made to implement the "Four M's", according to an advanced press release.

Accompanying the exhibit will be two experienced soldiers who will answer questions of visitors.

The exhibit uses pictures, art work, copy and special audience participation devices to help visitors learn more about the Army and how it deals with technological, political, and social changes as well as military objectives, according to the release.



New Army exhibit, "The Four M's" will be on Campus Nov. 21-26.

MUSIC MAN Opens Nov. 19-22



As MUSIC MAN enters the last days of rehearsal, the 60-member cast polishes lines, songs and dancing for their Wednesday night opening. Below, in the orchestra pit, the musicians practice the Meredith Wilson score. Backstage, the production crew puts last-minute touches to costumes, sets and lighting. The production begins at 8 p.m. nightly through Saturday. MTSU students are admitted free.

District VI Intercollegiate Meet To Be Held Here

District VI's intercollegiate debate tournament, with representatives from seven states, will be held at MTSU this year.

The tournament, which is scheduled for March 20-22 in the University Center, includes representatives from universities in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

"This is the most significant honor to come to MTSU in debate, or perhaps in any competitive activity," believes David Walker, director of debate. "It would be somewhat similar to MTSU's hosting the Sugar Bowl in football."

"Only the best schools in the southeast will be represented," he continued. "We hope, this year, we will qualify to go on to the national tournament." He explained that the top four teams from the contest here will go on to national competition in Houston next April.

Some of those competing in last year's District VI tournament included teams from the University of Alabama, Stanford, Auburn, the University of Georgia, Emory, the University of Florida, University of Miami, University of South Carolina, University of North Carolina, Wake Forest, University of Kentucky, Memphis State, University of Tennessee and MTSU.

According to Walker, last year was the first year that MTSU participated in this tournament.

Next week the debate squad travels to Wake Forest.

Eleven New Members Enter Sigma Club

Eleven new members were initiated into the Sigma Club, men's honorary scholastic society, Wednesday, Nov. 12, according to Andy Womack, club president.

Those initiated into the club were: Ernest Toombs, Smyrna senior; Bill Davidson, McMinnville senior; George Freeman, Murfreesboro senior; Stephen Cox, Murfreesboro senior; Jack McQueen, Murfreesboro senior; Dan Elrod, Murfreesboro senior; Roger Hardaway, Tulsa junior; Sammy Sells, Shelbyville junior; Bart Gordon, Murfreesboro senior; Sonny Reese, Huntsville, Ala., senior and Gerald Glasscock, Allons senior.

The Sigma Club, founded on the MTSU campus in 1929, recognizes junior and senior men with a 3.0 grade-point average for their exceptional scholarship and character.

What's Up

MONDAY, NOV. 17
3:15 p.m.--CUBE Workshop, UC 324
5 p.m.--Fellowship Club, UC 324 ABC
6:30 p.m.--Kappa Delta Pi, SUB 302B
6:30 p.m.--Biology Club, NS 100
6:30 p.m.--Home Ec Club, Home Ec Building
7 p.m.--CUBE, UC 324
8 p.m.--Inter - Dormitory Council, UC

TUESDAY, NOV. 18
11 a.m.--Vet's Club, UC 322
2 p.m.--Dames Club Rehearsal, UC Theatre
3:15 p.m.--CUBE Workshop, UC 324
3:30 p.m.--Soccer Practice, East side, Jones Field
5 p.m.--Tau Omicron, UC 322
5:30 p.m.--Supreme Court, UC 310
7 p.m.--Gamma Epsilon, OM 320
7:30 p.m.--CUBE Film "Minorities Have Made America Great", UC Theatre
7:30 p.m.--Alpha Kappa Psi, UC 308
8 p.m.--Young Democrats, UC 324 C

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19
3:15 p.m.--Dames Club, UC Theatre
3:30 p.m.--Soccer Practice, East side, Jones Field
5:30 p.m.--Dorm Council, UC 308
6 p.m.--Triton Club, Pool
7 p.m.--Weightlifting Club, UC 322BC
7 p.m.--Psychology Club, UC 322
7 p.m.--CUBE, UC 324
7:30 p.m.--Circle K, UC 312
8 p.m.--"Music Man", DA Theatre

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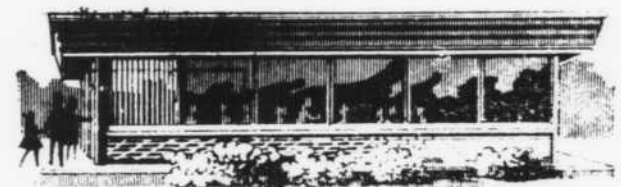
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Editorials

Time For A Change In ASB Structure ?

Senator Joey Livesay came before a joint session of the ASB House and Senate last Thursday with a statement of a problem.

"The creation of a Campus Rules Committee by President Scarlett has made the present organization of the ASB obsolete," said Livesay.

The address by the junior senator may be the start of one of the most intensive studies of student government which could lead to one of the most important actions by the ASB.

A quick look at the ASB in relation to the overall campus picture reveals that MTSU has become a committee university. This has become an advantage to MTSU especially when students have representation on every policy-making university committee.

The seat of student representation and power lies within the structure of these committees. For, as Livesay pointed out, the ASB legislature could only accomplish matters of a minor nature. As this year indicates the ASB has not produced a single piece of productive legislation. The student government has only been able to pass resolutions and recommendations which are sent to President Scarlett, which are then put into a committee composed of students and faculty members.

The SIDELINES feels that the ASB is not to be looked down upon for becoming "obsolete," but is to be commended for recognizing the problem and initiating action that may eventually change the entire structure of student government in order to alleviate the problem.

A great change may be in making as the days of flower bills and big name entertainment have given away to students participating in the actual making of major university policy.

A Case of Dean Brutality

The recent "panty raids" on the MTSU campus appear to have brought a new connotation into the theories of law enforcement.

That being DEAN BRUTALITY.

The "Student Handbook" states that the Dean of Men has the authority to terminate the gathering and ask the students to disperse in a disturbance such as the "panty raids."

The students involved should have dispersed when approached by the dean, but they did not. Consequently the Dean of Men used flying tackles typical of other OVC football teams to capture several students and obtain their ID's.

We do not approve of violence whether it comes from students or university officials, and in this case we certainly do not approval of DEAN BRUTALITY.

By Michael Goforth

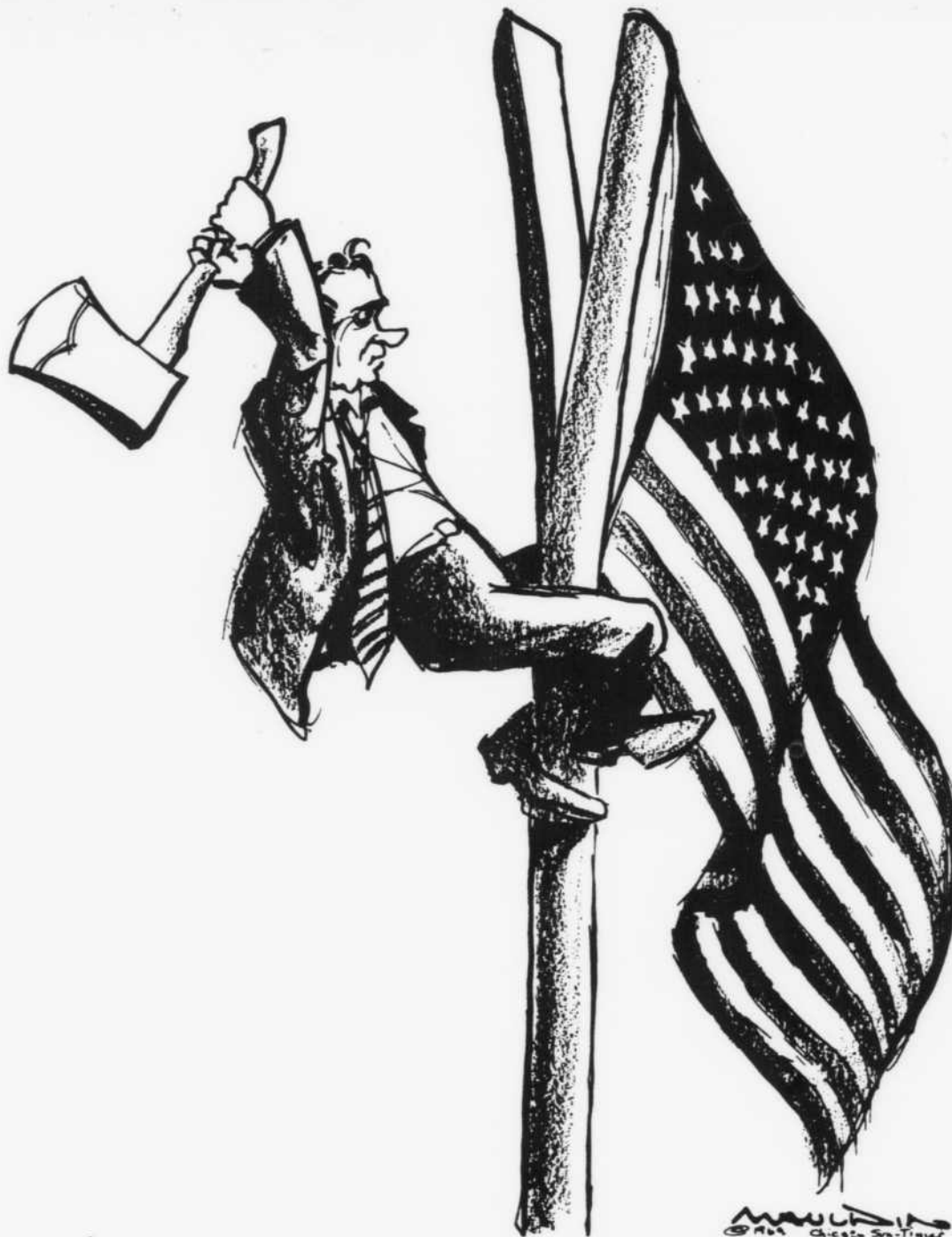
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Mankiewicz and Braden

How Generation Gap Serves Nixon

BY FRANK MANKIEWICZ AND TOM BRADEN

WASHINGTON--If George Gallup is right in his recent measurement of what Americans dislike most, it follows that President Richard Nixon is one of the smartest politicians ever to grace the White House.

For he has succeeded in linking his opposition with what Gallup has determined to be the second most despised group in America -- that is, student demonstrators.

According to Gallup, student demonstrators rank just behind Communists as "most harmful to the country," and by a margin of only three points. Far behind are such ancient American objects of hate as religious infidels, prostitutes and homosexuals.

Student demonstrators are not, of course, a large proportion of the American population. As a percentage of the American vote, they rank with vegetarians and calendar reformers. So the President has risked nothing in permitting Vice President Spiro Agnew to pour it on them with invective which has not been heard from a Vice President since Mr. Nixon occupied the post.

But that is not the point. What Mr. Nixon has accomplished is far more important than the mere assumption of a stance in opposition to the second-most-disapproved-of faction.

The President must have known that men like George McGovern, the peace force's most active and prestigious member, would feel compelled to rush in against the dictates of student politics. He must have known that if he let McCarthy risk the threat of violence -- so actively touted by the Justice Department -- rather than see the young be taken over by McGovern and Charles Goodell.

Indeed, the President must have known that the vast majority of the marching students abhor the thought of violence as much as he does. But he also knew that the mere presence of militant SDS Weathermen, and others who want to

produce newspaper and TV pictures of teen-age girls being slugged by cops, would serve to give a coloration of violence even if there were none.

The key to the President's strategy is in the story of his Nov. 3 speech. At least three drafts were submitted for his approval. Even with Mr. Nixon's known penchant for working out his own speeches on the long yellow tablets which have always been his traveling companions, his advisers never doubted that at least some of the ideas in the drafts would be incorporated in the final version.

Not so. The President's speech was his own. But most important, it did not even give a passing nod to the principal ideas incorporated in those drafts.

These were large concessions to the young. Two drafts proposed a form of cease-fire -- the third used the phrase "cease-fire," coupling it with the proviso that it would take effect only if the enemy agreed in advance. There was also a promise that no draftees would be sent to Vietnam.

All were discarded. Instead, in a mere two sentences, the President promised -- in language carefully disguised as tough -- to get out of Vietnam as fast as he could. The rest of the speech was warmed-over Cold War rhetoric which Mr. Nixon knows by heart and which, through long exposure, middle-aged Americans have come to accept as standard political doctrines.

And so we shall get the combat troops out of Vietnam -- but slowly, and with the possibility that unforeseen events may make us stay. In any event, there will be no admission of wrong, no obeisance to the moral standard which the young of America believe we have let fall.

Ten, even five years from now the President might not be able to get by with this. But the generation gap is on his side, and he is playing it in such a way that his opposition is in real danger of being viewed -- in Gallup's phrase -- as "most harmful to the country."

Lerner: Beyond The Moratoria

Nixon Fighting For Prestige, Authority

BY MAX LERNER

Here is a young, first-term congressman from Illinois talking of the Mexican war and President James Polk; "I more than suspect that the President is deeply conscious of being wrong -- that he feels the blood of this war, like the blood of Abel, is crying to heaven against him." The time was 1848, the young congressman was Abe Lincoln. One hundred and twenty years later, in another and similar war, our young people -- in and out of Congress -- no longer refer to the Bible, but the feeling of the moratorium talkers and walkers is much the same.

Another and earlier witness, this one the elder William Pitt. In the last year of his life, in 1777, attacking the government's policy on the American Revolution, he said: "My Lords, you cannot conquer America... You may swell every expense and every effort, pile and accumulate every assistance... Your efforts are forever vain and impotent... If I were an American, as I am an Englishman, while a foreign troop was landed in my country, I never would lay down my arms -- never -- never -- never."

The parallel with the Vietnamese war isn't tight one except on two scores: the presence of foreign (American) troops on Vietnam's soil and the impossibility of winning a military victory there. If our young people today cared about the past and history, they could find both in Lincoln and Pitt some redoubtable ammunition for their stand against the war.

Agnew Speeches

The moratoria, current and to come, are girded with these arguments, and they present the Administration with the question of how to meet the demonstrations. The report of Milton Eisenhower's Commission on Violence contrasted what happened in Chicago last year with the way the counter-inauguration was handled in Washington in January of this year.

I don't like confrontations, whether on the street or on the campus. There are other and better forms of antiwar protests. But the health of the American democracy should survive this testing as well and perhaps be better off because of it. If the Nixon Administration uses the common sense it used during the inauguration, and if the New Mobe leaders stay cool, the moratoria will be a gleaming chapter for the history books.

One trouble with the moratorium method is that it has nowhere to go but up. Each month the protest will have to outdo its predecessor, in numbers and drama, or suffer the stigma of weakening and waning. Thus, there is an escalation principle built into it at exactly the point when President Nixon says he is winding down the war and has a plan for ending it.

Can the moratorium and New Mobe leaders meet the "flexible response" of the President's plan with a flexible response of their own? If they can, they can sustain the succession of monthly protests without the built-in escalation. If not, the country may grow restive at the mounting tension, and Vice President Agnew may escalate his rhetoric right through the roof.

Violence Report

Agnew's impassioned speeches are a calculated Administration effort to evoke a patriotic mood to counter the antipatriotism of the more extreme antiwar groups ("Ho, ho, Ho Chi Minh -- The Viet Cong is bound to win"). Antipatriotism is not new in radical movements. It was a deliberate tactic among French Socialists before World War I and has been in use ever since. If Richard Nixon is to win time for his brand of negotiating for peace, he must hang onto the patriotic potential among Americans by the skin of his teeth.

My own feeling is that we can get out of this war best by pushing for a standstill agreement, for a truth-in-place; and if that doesn't work, then by an openly scheduled withdrawal to end at a definite time. Beyond the moratoria and the peace there are long-range forces eroding the kind of patriotism that cannot envision a military withdrawal without victory, eroding also the national will to police the world's trouble-spots.

In the struggle between the President and the antiwar forces, it is not the presidential power that is being threatened. The President's power is there -- as Commander in Chief and as the "sole agent" of foreign policy. What is at stake is the effectiveness of this President's power in this particular situation, for power is not effective without authority and prestige. You don't have to agree with the President to recognize how hard a fight he is putting up for that prestige and authority.

Letters

Moratorium & Greeks

Knowles Questions Methods, Results of Viet Protestors

Editor:

May I be so humble as to congratulate the three gentlemen who corresponded letters to the SIDELINES on Nov. 13, 1969. I decline to indulge in any form of personal accusations or mockery. I refuse to imply that my fellow colleagues here at Middle Tennessee State University are mentally incompetent, nor will I borrow phrases from another student. The healthy airing of these attitudes by these gentlemen are not to be condemned, but questioned even to the point of sharp criticism. I do not attack your "rights" (which were granted to all citizens by the blood of our forefathers), only your methods and resulting activities. My purpose here is not to semantically argue whether or not we should be in Vietnam. That could be debated, at length, without any worth results. Should we go to the moon again? Should we have gone the first time? Many questions are debatable! I wish to provoke thought about your own actions -- are they responsible or not?

The very vivid reality of the situation is that our country is involved in an unpopular war! War is not a tender thing, nor is it usually popular with the citizens -- excepting a few idiots! War is an economic waste, both in lives lost and materials spent. We must learn to accept the fact that war is something which has beset mankind, like a parasite. We will have war, and we will not like it!

What is "Right" is NOT always best! An immediate and massive withdrawal of all American troops from South Vietnam would be pure lunacy! Such action would not bring about a reasonable settlement of the Vietnam War. If we were so very wrong into going into the Vietnam war without lengthy thought, would it not follow that we could be wrong in pulling out without

lengthy thought?? Two wrongs here would serve neither nation with any degree of happiness, and the humane aspect of leaving thousands to the prey of the communist troops would be horrible. The only other alternative to immediate withdrawal is that of a gradual, systematic withdrawal with some honor and dignity. For these reasons our country needs unity, support for our leaders, and a fine appreciation of our established way of life and government.

We may full-well live in a colonial-imperialistic country! Actually I fail to see the masses complaining about their imperialistic manners. As a result of wars (WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War) we are free, protected, and live a standard of living beyond the imagination of millions of people. We will remain strong and free so long as we have agreement, support, and understanding. But we must painfully place ourselves above personal emotions and desires if America is to remain solid.

What is it, that you (the opposers to the administration) want of this society? Out of War? Sure! Who doesn't? If the war is to be ended soon, and a new attitude of government is to come about; it will not be done by wearing a black arm band (color of the Viet Cong, by the way), or by wandering around useless in the streets. Only mature, responsible men and women with affirmative attitudes about supporting our Government will bring about a decent society. Then and only then can our government formulate constructive policies.

Personally, like most Americans, I like my country and its Constitutional form of governmental control. America's status exists because our fathers fought and died in wars, and now our friends and brothers carry on that struggle. Freedom is the most costly of all our human rights and the protection of that freedom is a painful

business.

Lastly, a quote from a speech given by a man with a beard -- Abraham Lincoln.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."
Abe Lincoln, speech, Springfield, Ill., June 17, 1858

Paul H. Knowles

Edstrom Takes Pride In Being MTSU Greek

Editor:

I am a member of Alpha Tau Omega Colony. We are a new and young fraternity to MTSU yet we have pride and are interested in MTSU and also we have pride for the other Greeks. Greeks should not be condemned for having pride.

Greeks like to work for the better of this school, is this wrong? We are condemned for the so called "Block Vote." We vote for the people we know and the people we know that will work for the school. The only thing wrong with Greek interest in MTSU is maybe we care too much if that is possible.

As for the case in question, the office of Jr. Senator. Well, both Davis and Beasley are interested and would work for MTSU, yet also they are from different fraternities. It seems to me that that would tend to split the so called "Block Vote."

Why try to throw dirt on such a good subject as pride and interest in MTSU? The Greek system is growing and so is MTSU, so let's try to get more interest and pride working and bury old rivalries.

Ric Edstrom
c/o ATO Colony

The Peeled Eye



with Gary Davenport

Mediamen Vs. Coaching Staff

It's the only basketball game throughout the year that allows someone to fall on his face or miss the whole backboard without getting embarrassed. It's certainly a treat for an industrious sports editor like myself to get on the hardwood and experience some of the thrills and sometimes horrors I have to write about, and besides that, it's fun.

I'm referring to the Radio-Press-TV versus coaching staff basketball game which will be played at 6:30 tonight preceding the annual Blue-White game. The game of the year for guys like Jim Freeman and myself.

Last year proved quite an experience for this then brash young freshman. While being the school correspondent for the Nashville Banner was exciting in itself, it also gave me the opportunity to play in this event.

Coach Jimmy Earle, then the assistant of the team, started at center for the old-men and was a star all himself. One time took off down the court on a fast break and got tangled in my legs, and down we went. We actually got an ovation from the few fans present.

Little 5-10 (?) Dean Hayes sure was tough that night. There was nothing on or off the court that could stop him from his guard position.

For the eventual winners, Jim Freeman, then a sports writer for the Banner started at forward and put it all together for us. Tom Squires and Louie Gwin also were on hand for the action and suddenly I found myself starting, actually starting, mind you, on a basketball team.

We were outstanding. Everything we threw toward the hoop went in. Of course we didn't throw up much and only won by two points, but that doesn't count.

This year will be tough, for the mediamen that is--the oldmen went out and recruited some young men with talent and speed. Jim Finley,, George Catavoles, Don Newman, and Butch Clifton, to name a few.)

Freeman put it pretty good in his letter to me: If you've got a pulse rate you can play. We try hard, and besides, it's a lot of fun.

No Orange Bowl For Big Orange?

As I sat in the office Saturday afternoon listening to the third period of the Tennessee-Mississippi game, I felt sick. Here was the number three team in the nation getting demolished 31-0 and at the time of this writing there was no telling how it would end. It made me sick.

Archie Manning is certainly an outstanding quarterback, capable of throwing from any angle or position. He had no trouble against

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East Tennessee Captures Laurels With Thrilling 27-21 OVC Victory

Unbeaten and once-tied East Tennessee State won its first Ohio Valley Conference championship in history Saturday afternoon with a thrilling 27-21 ballgame over Middle Tennessee State before a chilly Buccaneer crowd. The only blemish on the Buc slate is a 10-10 tie against Murray, the team the Blue Raiders dropped for its only win of the season.

Both teams were out to prove dominance in the defensive departments, of which ETSU leads the league, during the first period of action. Neither squad could cross the coveted-goal line, but the

second stan proved slightly different.

ETSU put 14 points on the board and the Raiders finished with seven, but the Blue struck first. Led by the much-improved Bill Griffith, the fighting Blue marched the length of the field to send Tommy Beene over from the one to take an early lead.

It seemed to inspire the unbeaten Bucs, however, as they took the kickoff and went 70-yards in 14 plays, capped by a Mike Young dive from the four. Minutes later they did it again, this time on a Larry Graham-to-Pat Hauser pass which Hauser took 60-long yards for a score.

The third period proved as fortunate for the home team, putting 13 more points on the board and almost assuring itself of the title. But the hustling Blue Raiders, under the first year tutorage of Don Fuoss, weren't giving up all year, a trademark they've exhibited all year.

In the early moments of the fourth quarter, Griffith got the offense clicking and drove 69 yards in only nine plays for a score, made by a Reuben Justice sneak from the two-yard line.

Finally, in the wanning minutes of the final stanza they began to move again and scored with less than two minutes left in the game on a Tommy Beene



Justice

plunge from the one. Nares 'hoobua kicked all three extra points, but the Blue were dropped to its eighth loss of the season against one win. East Tennessee upped its record to 8-0-1, with an encounter next weekend against Austin Peay.

The Raiders will take a week break before meeting arch-rival Tennessee Tech Thanksgiving day at the Horace Jones field.

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Middle Tennessee 0 7 0 14--21

Concern Expressed

By Director Ruffner

by Terry Horn

As the intramural football program draws to a close, intramural directors are now turning their attention to other programs.

Joe Ruffner, one of the intramural directors, however, expressed concern over the lack of initiative and leadership in the dormitories in forming teams. Although participation and interest has been good, he said, communication with the student body can be much better with more team and individual participation.

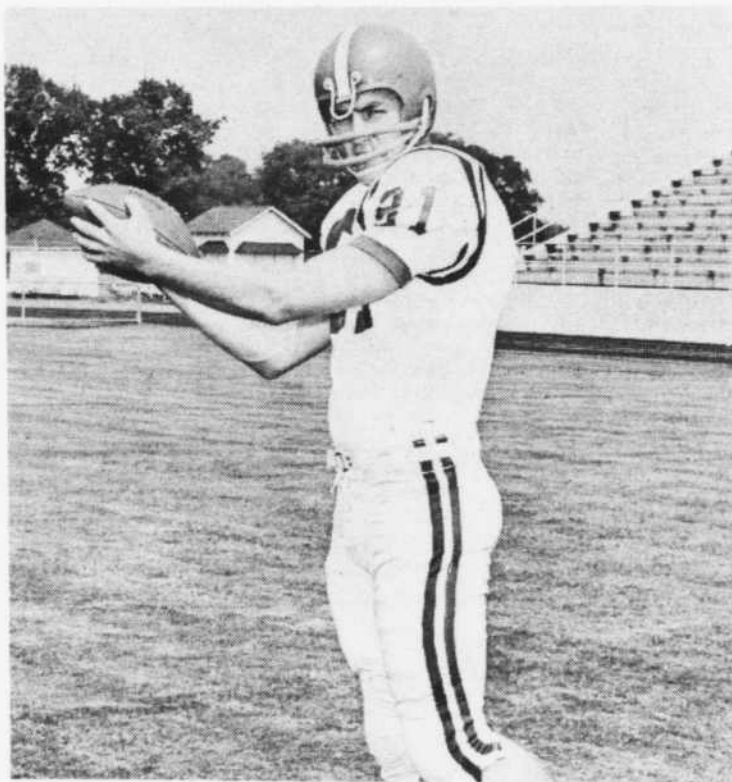
He added, that a new gym would soon be built and except for a few classes, the present one will be used solely for intramural programs.

When this occurs, it is hoped the intramural program will be built up to a greater level, Ruffner commented. Ruffner expressed definite ambitions and high hopes for what can be done to improve the program. "It is the students' program, not mine," he said.

If an individual does not like one sport, he may play in another. The idea is to encourage as many participants as possible. Team sports include football, basketball, softball, volleyball, track and swimming. Individual and dual sports consist of tennis, golf, hole-in-one, billiards, badminton, and ping-pong.

Trophies are presented to the first and second place winners in each event. An all-year championship trophy, dependent on a team's showing in various sports, is also conducted based on a point system.

All students that are regularly enrolled in MTSU, except those on varsity squads, are allowed to participate in the activities, he said.



Tommy Beene



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M.G. Scarlet presented Tennessee State service pins to four members of the staff at MTSU this week. From left, Miss Marguerite Harrison, for 40 years a teacher in the Campus School; Miss Mary Frances Snell for 30 years a teacher in the Campus School; Wilmouth Bowdoin, 20 years as a professor of education and former dean of the School of Education; and Richard Messick, who served as heating and steam distribution foreman until his retirement April 18. Pins were presented earlier to Floyd Travis, ground maintenance supervisor and James DeJarnett, electrical foreman. Travis has completed 41 years active service and DeJarnett 21 years of service.

Little International Slated for December

Imagine chasing a greased pig, trying to milk a goat, or being in a tug-of-war knowing that you may be pulled through a four foot deep pit of mud.

These contests will take place at the Little International which will be held in December on the campus farm.

Little International is an annual event sponsored by the MTSU chapter of the Block and Bridle Club. According to Robert Garrigus, the club's junior sponsor, this event is unique. No other school in the area has an event of this type. The Little International was started during the fall semester of 1967, "to give the club members something to do," said the junior sponsor.

At the first Little International, there was a cattle show and various contests between the fraternities and sororities. Last year the club increased outside participation in the event by adding an "old time country ham show." The hams were donated to the club with the donor of the winning ham receiving \$100. The hams were then auctioned off with the money going to the club.

In the cattle show, showmanship is judged with the winners in each class receiving a ribbon. The grand champion winner of the show will have his name engraved on a trophy which stays on display in the lobby of the Agriculture Building. The winner also receives a permanent trophy donated by the Tennessee Hereford and Polled Hereford Cattle Associations. For the first time, the grand champion winner will receive a \$25 cash award. The calves that the students show are from the school herd.

In the contests between the fraternities and sororities, trophies will be awarded to the winners. These trophies are on a rotating basis. If one of the trophies is won three years in a row, it will be permanently kept by the winner.

"The various contests this year will be much the same as those held at the past Little Internationals," said Jimmy Akers, co-chairman of the event.

There will be a cattle show this year as in the past. Also, many of the same contests will be held between the fraternities and sororities. There

Connie O'Connell, Chattanooga junior, will appear on WSIX Television's Barbara Moore Show tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Connie will join Barbara in an hour of music and conversation.

By Danny Smith

will be a greased pig chasing contest in which both fraternities and sororities can take part. Other events for the girls will include a goat catching and a goat milking contest. The boys will again take part in the tug-of-war which always creates quite a bit of rivalry between the teams.

The activities of the day will end with a Western "jumpie" dance in the gym. This dance will feature a band playing music for all types of dancing. The gym will be decorated like a Western dance hall with a bar set up to serve refreshments.

"The only thing that will not take place at the Little International this year will be the Old Time Country Ham Show which will be held at a later date," said Garrigus.

Committee Takes Second Stadium Seating Survey

The faculty student committee now studying the seating arrangement in the MSTU stadium for the 1970 season will conduct another poll of student opinion next Thursday.

There are presently five sections being considered for use as the student section next year. Students will receive a questionnaire in their mail boxes which are to be marked according to first choice, second choice etc.

The questionnaires will then be placed in ASB ballot boxes located in the post office area. Student representatives from the committee will be stationed at the ballot boxes to answer questions and explain the alternatives pertaining to the student seating.

The five options are:

1. end zone to end zone, top section of the new side (5650 seats)
2. end zone to end zone, bottom section of the new side (4,480 seats)
3. end zone to near forty yard line, top and bottom sections of the new side (4,265 seats)
4. end zone to far forty yard line, top and bottom of the new side (5,800 seats)
5. entire East side (4,180 seats)

ROTC Commissions Hit 20-Year High

WASHINGTON--A total of 16,306 second lieutenants were commissioned through the Army ROTC program during Fiscal Year (FY) 1969, representing the largest ROTC output in the past 20 years.

Approximately 17,500 college students are projected for ROTC commissions during FY 1970.

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the Volunteers, all they could do was sit around watching. They'll (Tennessee) drop in the standings and in the opinion of this writer, any chances of playing Penn State or anybody else in the Orange Bowl are diminished.

The officials of this Bowl are tired of massacres. I still like the Big Orange, don't get me wrong. Bobby Scott is from the same neck-of-the-woods as myself, and Steve Carroll lived down the street from me for six years. We were real good friends, spending a lot of time together.

But friends or no friends, I wouldn't have liked to see him after that game. It made me sick.

Salt Into Wounds?

It's rubbing salt into already burning wounds, but Don Fuoss' initial gridiron team now has a 1-8 record, with one game left with arch-rival Tennessee Tech, our annual turkey-day opponent.

While nothing can be done about the already heart-breaking losses, a win against the "trade school" would help brighten an already disastrous year. The big gun for the Golden Eagles, however, is the hard running tailback Larry Schreiber, who became the fourth leading rusher in the history of football this weekend by gaining 219 yards against Austin Peay. He now has a total of 4,421 on 887 carries over his four-year career.

He's tough. Bo Elliott and David Phillips, Austin Peay's linebackers that have held runners in check all year, were unable to stop him, but Western Kentucky held him to less than 130 yards when it beat Tech 42-0. But then less than 130 ain't too-o-o-o-o bad.

Last year the Eagles took a 7-3 win over the Blue in a game played in mud, and rain, and worse than that, Cookeville. (It's not one of the booming cities for a University.)

Mistake Made ---Now Corrected

Ken Riley, listed in the Monday SIDELINES as being out last season due to disciplinary action, was incorrect. Riley, one of the standouts his freshman year, missed the 68-69 campaign due to a knee injury he suffered before the season began. The sports department regrets this mistake and is happy to correct it.

All-OVC Team To Be Announced

For the first time, to my knowledge, the sports department will announce an All-Ohio Valley Conference team. While it is hoped this selection will be printed before the league makes its announcement, we must wait until after the Tech game to select. Since the paper will not be published the Thursday of the game, due to a holiday, and also the Monday following the holiday, the SIDELINES' ALL-OVC Team might be late. Bear with us, we're trying hard. If anyone has a nominee they would like to see on this team, send your selections to Gary Davenport, Sports Editor, SIDELINES, Box 42 through campus mail.

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Theodore C. Bigger, professor of agriculture at MTSU is shown with the cup won at a contest of Soil Conservation Judging by the Student Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America at MTSU. Seated with Biggers are the newly installed officers. They are from left: Dwight Hancock, Auburntown, president; Ralph Robbins, Livingston, vice-president; Herbert Lester, Lascassas, secretary; Pettus Read, Rockvale, treasurer; Douglas Fears, Murfreesboro, publicity officer and Paul Swecker, Woodstock, Virginia, ASB representative. Shown in the background are other members of the MTSU Soil Conservation Society.

35 Appear in Who's Who

Thirty-five MTSU students have been selected to appear in the publication of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The January 1970 graduates selected are Linda Anne Brown, Virginia (Brown) Chatman, Patsy (Bearden) Dickson, Linda Marie Judd, Billie (Borling) Lee, David Ronald Owens, Robert Wayne Young, and Emmett W. Toombs, Sr.

Chosen from the May 1970 graduates were Cheryl Rhea Bible, Danny Leroy Barker, James David Charlton, Summa Jane (Maupin) Clark, Stephen Douglas Cox, Brenda June Elmore, Kennon Dale Evans, Anne Deery Ford, Ernest Lee Ghee, Jr., George Clifford Gillespie, James Parker Goodman, Susan Dianne (Pope) Guthrie, Phillip Lynn Huddleston, Linda Joyce Johnson, John

Henry Jones, Andrea Sue Lindsey, Judy Faye Linville, David Vance Martin, Joyce Ann (Jackson) Moore, Carla Jean Neal, Sarah Marie Smith, Emma Marie Smythia, Burl Douglas Young, Jr. and John Elliot Zumbro.

Those who will be graduating in August 1970 and will appear in this edition of the publication include James Louis Moore, Jr., James Edwin Swain and James L. Taylor.



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Ann Yetmar (left) and Margie Brown were chosen to represent the freshman class this year as class favorites.



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