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Candidates debate campus conditions

by Lisa Marchesoni

ASB credibility and budget and campus conditions were the primary topics discussed by presidential candidates at a Sidelines sponsored debate yesterday in the University Center theatre.

The presidential candidates are David Dodd, Margaret Eastes, Cameron Kerr, Ken Marshall and Ron Volpe.

Dodd, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon

fraternity member, said, "The question is, who knows how to get the job done the best? You have to know how the system works.

"The students need to know what their rights are," Dodd said. "The average student doesn't know how to handle administrative bureaucracy. We need to cut the red tape and use bureaucracy," he said.

"We have to show results," Dodd said. "If good ideas are never

accomplished, they are not worth the paper you write them on," he said.

To solve the problem, "we are going to start in visitation, legal aid and an ombudsman council," Dodd said.

A planning session in the summer is needed to set priorities and to organize committees for the year, he said.

Margaret Eastes, a pre-law major, said that she would sponsor a petition to the Murfreesboro City Council for a red light at Third St. and N. Tennessee Blvd.

"I would like to see a reduction in the five-dollar fee for losing a room key," Eastes said.

"Every semester, we pay \$1.50 for a post office box," Eastes said. "Every day the office closes at 6 p.m."

"We need a planning session in the middle of the summer," she said.

Kerr, a Sigma Chi fraternity member, said "The way to get things done is to fight. The only way to get something done is to make your problem someone else's problem," he said.

"We will voice our opinions to the press and rally for support," Kerr said.

Marshall, a Navy veteran, said, "The reason we are not getting anything done is because there are too many politicians in ASB. They are all tied up with political double-talk," he said.

"We need a variety of people in

ASB with different majors and not just political science and economics majors," Marshall said.

"I would like to educate the students," Marshall said. The students could vote in a block and elect a governor who would listen to them."

Marshall said he is attempting to keep the campaign from "degenerating into a list of things we are going to do."

"I don't want to make a lot of promises I can't keep," he said.

Concerning the ASB budget, Marshall said, "At the time I started campaigning for president, I did not know the president got a scholarship. I proposed a constitutional amendment to trim the salaries and scholarships for ASB officers," he said.

Marshall said he would like to use the surplus money for projects proposed by the student population.

Ron Volpe, an independent candidate, said, "This whole thing is getting to be the same damn thing. It's time we did what we want to do," he said.

"This is our campus and it's time we got something done," Volpe said. "If we all went down to the Board of Regents we could get something done. If 200 people walked in there they would start to think," Volpe said.

"Let's open up the dorms," Volpe said, concerning coeducational dormitories. "We should be able to do it and do it right," he said.

"Let's have a riot if that's what it takes to get them to open up to us," Volpe said.

"If we get together and have some sit-ins, we can get something done," he said.

The money being used for homecoming should be used for partying, Volpe said. "If I'm elected there is going to be some rock and roll going on."

"This whole thing is getting to be a bunch of shit," Volpe said, calling for more intelligent questions from the audience.



Sam Baggett, Murfreesboro senior, questions speaker candidates in yesterday's Sidelines debate about the use of ASB funds. (See page two)

Supreme Court strikes down voting rules

by Lisa Marchesoni

Students voting in ASB elections today and tomorrow will not be required to sign their names to a write-in ballot and can vote for any number of candidates in the senatorial races, according to a definitive ruling by the ASB Supreme Court last week.

The election commission had earlier ruled that each voter must sign his name on a write-in ballot and vote for at least three senatorial candidates in order to have a "valid" ballot.

Former Atty. Gen. Gary Sadler contested the legality of the election commission rulings. The supreme court upheld Sadler by a 3-2 vote.

Students voting in the election today and tomorrow must present a valid ID before they vote, said Bill Bennett, election commissioner.

Each voter must sign the poll-book and their social security number, Bennett said.

If a voter wants to write-in a name, he will be given a paper

ballot. Otherwise he will be given a computerized ballot.

Candidates must remove all signs and file their expenditures within 24 hours of the end of voting hours, Bennett said.

"The election results will not be certified until the election commission receives this information," Bennett said.

The offices of ASB president, speaker of the senate, speaker of the house, and 15 senatorial positions will be filled in the election.

Candidates for president are David Dodd, Margaret Eastes, Ken Marshall, Cameron Kerr, and Ron Volpe.

Joe Coleman and Terry Thomas are candidates for speaker of the senate. Thomas is a write-in candidate.

Candidates for speaker of the house are Karen Butner and Donnie Chambers.

Senatorial candidates in the graduate class are Mark Coleman and Steve Cox.

Senior senator candidates include Jessica Fail, Cindy Kissel-

burg, Jean Marbury, Lynn Myers and Patsy Neely.

Junior candidates include Sheila Judd, Betty Kittrell and James Sontany.

Sophomore candidates include Betty Barnes, Leshia Batson, Sarah Brotze, Richard Langford and Jim Stutts.

Dormitory students will vote at the polls located at one of the following locations: High Rise East; High Rise West; the lobby of Wood and Felder Halls; the Monohan, Reynolds, Schardt complex; the Miss Mary, McHenry, Lyon, and Rutledge complex; Smith Hall; the area of Gracy, Judd, Sims and Beasley Halls; and the area of H,I,J,K and married student housing.

Dormitory polls will operate from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. both election days. Dormitory students must vote in their own dorm complex.

Polls at the UC and Old Main will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days.

Assembly restricts coed dormitories

Nashville (AP)- The Tennessee Senate sent to Gov. Winfield Dunn last night a bill to restrict the use of coeducational dormitories at state colleges and universities. The measure does not, however, ban them outright as once proposed.

By approving House amendments, the Senate-passed measure allows male and female students to be housed in the same dormitory, but only the entrance and sitting rooms can be shared.



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Speaker candidates denounce ASB past

by Lisa Marchesoni and Richard Edmondson

Candidates for speaker of the senate and speaker of the house indicated in a Sidelines debate yesterday that ASB's past record reflects inefficient government.

Senate speaker candidates are Joe Coleman and Terry Thomas. Thomas is a write-in candidate.

Candidates for speaker of the house are Karen Butner and Donnie Chambers.

"A representative of ASB should be present to act as a witness any-time a search and seizure is made on this campus," Thomas said. "Then, the student will have the ASB representative to insure the search is done legally," Thomas said.

Coleman said, "I'll stand up to the administration for what I believe in and what the students believe in. We need to establish better relations with the administration."

However, when asked to name the vice-president of student affairs, Coleman answered incorrectly, "Dean Paul Cantrell."

Butner said, "It's the job of each person in the house to talk to people about what their problems are."

Sam Baggett, a Murfreesboro senior, said that he was "amazed that \$4,800 of the \$11,000 ASB budget was spent on scholarships and salaries."

"Out of student fee, I didn't get my 35 cents worth," Baggett said.

Coleman said the budget was "justified if the job was done right." I will still work just as hard if I am not paid, he said.

Thomas said that if the scholarship is not used, the money is returned to the general fund. "In the cost-benefit analysis, I earned \$100 a semester as secretary of student mobilization. At times, I spent 14 hours a day in the ASB office," Thomas said.

Chambers, when asked why he voted against admitting Sidelines reporters to the All Campus Rules Committee meeting, said, "I would be for letting Sidelines reporters into the meetings if they didn't quote the people. I don't see why quotes are important. It's not important who said what."

Butner and Chambers agreed that a proportional system of representation would be similar to the present senate structure.

"The system would become a popularity contest," Chambers said. "I can name names of people who ran for the senate that put up signs and lost and people who didn't put up signs and won," he said.

Coleman and Thomas differ on the question of a unicameral legislature.

"I disagree with unicameralism because you will not have total representation," Coleman said.

Thomas said, "Some students who belong to several clubs are more represented than those who belong to no clubs."

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Messier: British, U.N. caused Middle East conflict

by Michael Gigandet

Deliberate variations in British foreign policy and "unacceptable" proposals by the United Nations caused the Middle East conflict, Ronald Messier, assistant professor of history, said Thursday night.

Messier spoke at the first session of a seminar on the Middle East conflict. The second and final session of the seminar will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 324 of the University Center.

British documents concerning Arab countries "were well thought out" and meant to contain "vague commitments" so that the British could get as much help as possible against the Turks in World War I, Messier said.

The U.N. proposal to partition Palestine did not reflect exact proportions of the population or privately owned land, he said.

Messier said the British gave up their mandate over Palestine "to relieve themselves of the burden

of reconciliation of the Jews and Arabs."

During his hour-long lecture Messier outlined the historical origins of the Middle Eastern conflict since the conception of Zionism in 1897.

The second part of the seminar will be conducted by B. I. Naddy of Columbia State Community College and Anis Salib of MTSU.

Naddy will present a lecture entitled "The Palestinian Refugees," and Salib will speak on "The Role of the United States in the Middle East Conflict."

The seminar was challenged last week in a petition circulated by Beech Grove senior Paul

Fischer and Murfreesboro sophomore Bill Mason.

The petitioners alleged that the seminar would not be objective and claimed that two of the three speakers have voiced support of Arab positions and the remaining speaker would be expected to do the same since he is an Arab.

It was asked that the session be billed as pro-Arab or balanced by the presence of an expert Israeli.

"They came to their conclusion ahead of the facts," Messier said. "I felt it was a rash decision on their part."

"There is no way it could be considered propaganda because we are not being paid by anyone to do

what we are doing," he said.

"As far as calling us lobbyists, they are wrong, because we are not trying to solicit action at all," Messier said.

"The purpose of the petition was to do something about the one-sided affair that would have occurred," Mason, co-ordinator of the petition, said. "It would have been ridiculous and self defeating to go to him in the first place because he has been publicly biased towards the Arabs."

"The first part of the seminar was more or less objective and pretty good," Mason said. "However, I feel it would not have been if not for the concern shown by the petition."

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Lecture to focus on science fiction

"Science Fiction: Literature or Science?" will be the topic of a free lecture by Raymond Seeger, professor of George Washington University in Washington, D.C., at 8 tonight in the New Science Building auditorium.

"This address will be of tremendous interest to the general public as well as to students who may be interested in hearing this famous science historian," Robert Prytula, assistant professor, said.

"His address is not to be confused with lectures by pseudo scientists or with some scientific fiction hypothesis," Prytula said.

The lecture is sponsored by Sigma Xi society and the Ideas and Issues Committee.

Seeger was involved in aerobalistic research and was the director of physics at the National Science Foundation from 1952-1957. He has taught at Presbyterian College, Johns Hopkins University, American University, the University of Maryland and the Franklin Institute.

Students may ask funds for fall

by Cindy Burns

Applications for fall financial aid may be obtained at the MTSU Student Financial Aid Office, Winston Wrenne, director of the office, said.

Any of the eight assistance programs existing at MTSU may be applied for through the office, but currently enrolled students have an advantage over freshmen and transfers, Wrenne said.

The National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) is available to students carrying at least 12 semester hours during the fall and spring semesters and at least eight hours during summer school. The money borrowed is due within nine months after leaving school, Wrenne said.

The MTSU Foundation makes small loans to students, he said. Repayment may be worked out between the student and the director of the student aid office with

no cancellation provisions.

The Guaranteed Loan Program is a state loan made from local banks with payment due within nine months and under certain conditions.

Work Scholarships involving a work obligation on the part of the student are available to cover registration cost.

Students applying for work scholarships must carry at least 15 semester hours, Wrenne said. Financial need is necessary unless the student was in the upper five percent of their high school graduating class.

Music scholarships provide jobs and scholarships for music students, and students desiring such aid must apply directly to the music department.

The College Work-Study Program is a federal program providing assistance through work performed by the student, Wrenne

said. Students work between 10 and 15 hours per week in one of the departments on campus and are paid once a month at the rate of \$1.60 per hour.

The Supplementary Opportunity Grant is a federal grant program for students of exceptional financial need. This grant must be matched by NDSL, the university, private scholarships or wages from campus jobs, Wrenne said.

Probably the most beneficial of any federal programs available to MTSU students is the Basic Education Opportunity Grant Program (BEDG) he said.

To qualify for the program the applicant must be a United States citizen attending school full-time or planning to enter a post-high school program. This has been extended to freshmen and sophomores with a maximum of \$800 available to the student, Wrenne said.

Conference to talk business education

"Business Education Ideas for Today and Tomorrow" will be the topic for the second annual business education, distributive education and office management conference at MTSU March 29-30.

The conference will be sponsored by the business education and office management department. About 20 teachers and office management personnel from Tennessee are expected to attend the event.

Speakers for the conference will include Charles Zoubek, editor of Gregg shorthand publications; John Rowe, University of North Dakota business education chairman; Peggy Keck, Western Kentucky State University associate professor; and Anne Mayes, supervisor of business education in Nashville schools.

Need summer work?

Interviews set for job seekers

Seven interview sessions in April for students interested in summer jobs have been set by the MTSU placement office.

Interviews will be held in room 210 of the Administration Building. Students are required to make appointments prior to the interview date.

The scheduled interviews include:

— April 1, YMCA Camp Ocoee, near Cleveland (counselors, trip director, waterfront director, nurse)

— April 2, Wilton Corporation, Winchester (plant accountant, line supervisor and inspector)

— April 3, National Life and Accident Insurance Company, Nashville (sales and sales management)

— April 4, Gordan County Schools (elementary special education, elementary librarian, high school librarian, high school math, assistant football and basketball coach)

— April 8, Jewel Company (route drivers)

— April 9, Cumberland Valley Girl Scout Council, Nashville (counselors)

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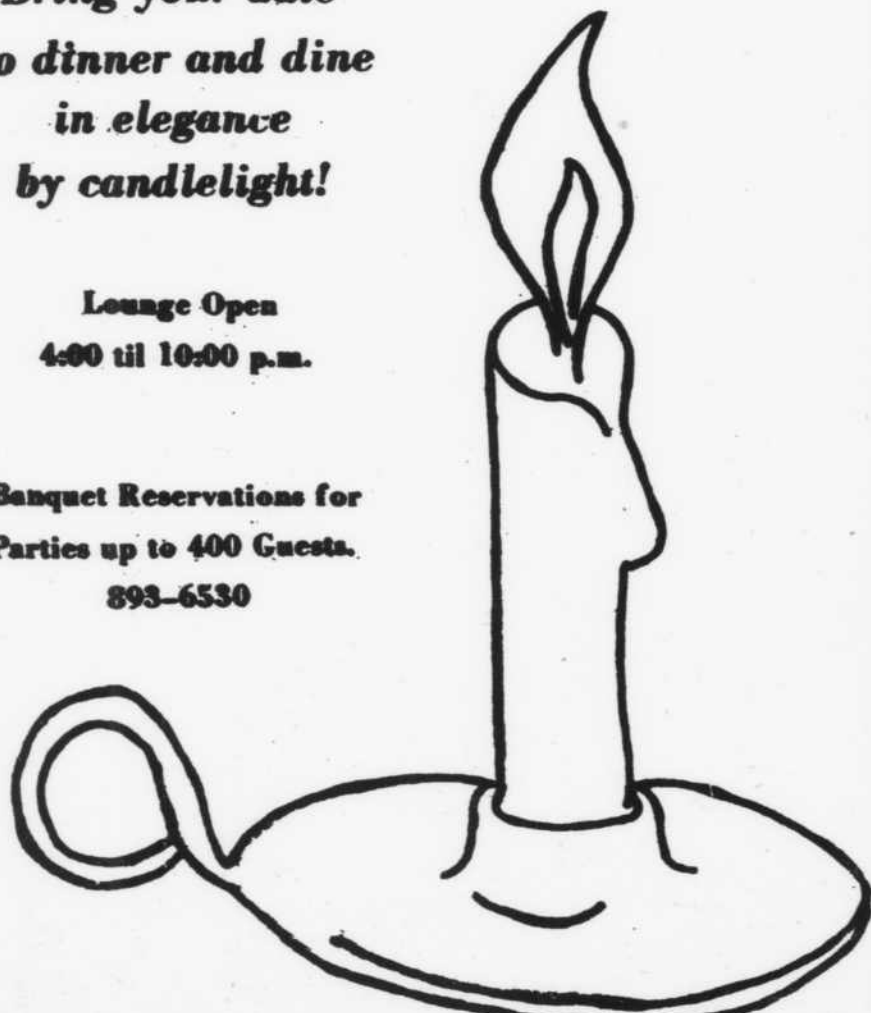
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"This is going to be a fairly good contest if the weather holds," said Charles Wolfe, MTSU English professor and a contest judge. "As always, the best music will be from the different groups scattered on the grounds."

Cash prizes are offered winners in senior fiddler (60 years and up), junior fiddler (59 years and under), old time banjo, bluegrass banjo, old time band, bluegrass band, guitar, mandolin, harmonica, buck-lancing, and folksinging competitions.

Contestants must pay a \$2 registration fee.

"Fiddlin' will be the roughest competition," Wolfe said. "The rest are pretty open."

Exhibitors may show arts and crafts free, but must supply a table.

Jam sessions for anyone wishing to play will continue until 11.

Registration for competition is 8-10 a.m. Saturday. Eliminations

begin at 10, and final competition starts at 7 p.m.

Admission Saturday is \$1.50, but children under 12 are admitted free with parents. Jam sessions Friday night are also free.

I don't know how long it will last,"

Wolfe said. "These conventions usually are over about midnight."

Contestants may play any tune, Wolfe said, but it must be in old-fashioned style.

"The convention is loosely structured," Wolfe said, "and we are

hoping for some good playing."

"We hope people will come—not with a desperate need to win—but just to play and trade songs," he said.

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Dodd, Thomas can make ASB work

The voting today and tomorrow could well determine the future of student government on this campus.

It will determine if the coming year will prove to be the last gasp of a dying organization or the hallmark of an ASB--revitalized, strengthened and at last in touch with the student body at large.

Next year's leadership will make the difference. The person who leads ASB will determine, by his action or inaction, whether or not ASB will even be worth another election. By his leadership, he will decide if ASB can work for the individual as any government should, or whether student government on this campus can be nothing but a pitiful, sour experiment.

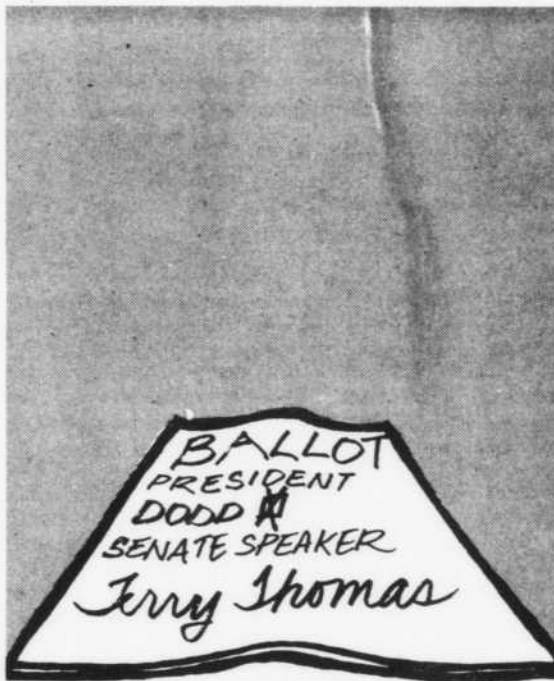
The next ASB president will face working within a system where students wallow in apathy and administrators sit in political jobs. He will be forced to milk every last drop of concern and effort out of his peers and every possible bit of cooperation out of the administration.

We believe David Dodd can meet that challenge. We believe he will make that effort.

Dodd has experience and leadership ability. He has displayed the strength sorely needed to achieve a successful administration. Dodd has shown concern for the individual student and his problems, while not losing sight of over-all ASB objectives that will benefit each of us.

He has logical answers to the questions that face us. He has solid proposals on methods to make ASB, perhaps against the will of others, work for the people it purports to represent. He can be tough when the occasion demands it, yet he sees the merit in compromising if by doing so the students' good can be served.

Vote for David Dodd.



Just as the executive branch of ASB must be rejuvenated, so must the legislative branch.

If student government can be saved, it is imperative that all branches of ASB work together for real change. They cannot fight each other like jealous children as they have this year.

The senate, unlike the house of representatives, has the potential to develop into a viable force. That potential can be realized only if senate leadership is ready to work intelligently for student interests.

Terry Thomas, write-in candidate for speaker of the senate, can, we believe, provide that intelligent leadership.

Thomas is aware of the problems confronting ASB. He is aware that the senate can be an active body or a stumbling block, as it was this year when his opponent was speaker pro tem.

Thomas is aware of the personalities who make up the ASB and university administration. His opponent, obviously, is not. Thomas is in the vanguard of those who say ASB must change. His opponent, a veteran of two years in the senate, can only claim support of legislation for homecoming and against efforts to give the students a new, vibrant constitution.

Thomas has gone out and worked with individual students in an effort to solve their problems. His opponent, sadly, can claim no such record of continuing concern.

Thomas is not tied in with any dominant Greek or social faction as is his opponent. Thomas owes no favors and will be supported in his election efforts only by those people who believe that change must come now.

With the guidance of Terry Thomas, the ASB Senate just might be more than a tired re-run of this year's legislative inactivity and apathy.

Readers' views

To the editor:

I think before the state legislature really tries to legislate the morality of others, they should first consider their own moral behavior. Before the voters of this state accept this legislation, maybe they should know how some of our fine legislators "carry on" while they are "working" in Nashville.

Having lived both in a coed dorm and an all female dorm at a state university, my personal moral standards never changed from one to the other. A person will choose his own personal behavior regardless of the type of dorm he lives in, be it at a state institution or even a church school.

I also worked in Nashville and was closely associated with some of the legislators during that time. I can truthfully say that my morality was never put to a greater test. Having no documented evidence, I would not want to call any names or make any accusations, but my personal experience is enough to make me question the authority of some to legislate the morals of others.

Perhaps it would be wise for the legislators to remember that if I, as a free person, choose to go to bed with someone, I can do it as easily in one bed as I can another, whether it be on campus or in a motel, and no matter how hard they may try to legislate my freedom of choice, there will always

be a bed available somewhere. Or maybe they are just angry because more of us have not chosen to share our beds with them.

Name withheld by request

To the editor:

I am writing in connection with the petition, circulated by Mr. Fischer and Mr. Mason, protesting the seminar on "The Basics of the Middle East Conflict." I am one of the sponsors and speakers of the seminar.

I agree with Dr. Corlew that a seminar does not have to explore "all aspects of a particular topic." A two-session seminar can hardly be expected to do that on a topic of this nature.

Although the petition was written before the first session of the

seminar, it openly accuses the sponsors and speakers of engaging in "a thinly veiled propaganda session", a "rally, a partisan session, a lobbying attempt".

We are not "propagandists" since none of us is paid and the idea of the seminar is entirely ours; we are not "lobbyists" since we do not solicit action but understanding; the Arab element in the seminar is not "veiled" since the title of the announcement clearly says "Association of Arab-American University Graduates".

Dr. Messier, who spoke last Thursday on the "Basic History of the Middle East Conflict" is the right person to speak on his topic since he holds a Ph.D. in it from the University of Michigan and is the professor of Middle East His-

tory in MTSU. If he has, at one time or another, expressed his views, it is because like most of us he is concerned about the moral issues involved.

Dr. B.I. Naddy and I are natives of Palestine. While neither of us is an expert in history or political science, both of us have always been concerned observers and students of the topics we shall speak about. Our Palestinian-Arab background and our long residence in the U.S. give us some advantage in understanding the issues. Indeed, we both have strong anti-Zionist opinions, but in this we have the distinguished company of such great historians like Arnold Toynbee, philosophers like Bertrand Russell, Jewish-American writers like Moshe Menuhin, Alfred Lilienthal, Rabbi Elmer Berger, and a member of the Israeli Knesset, Uri Avnery. What we say in the seminar, however, should be judged by its authenticity if it is presented as a fact and by its logic if it is an opinion. Furthermore, the program of the seminar has ample time for questions and its announcement clearly says, "Everyone is invited to come and participate in the open discussion".

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He clowned his way through 'college'

by Rhonda McMillion

Have you ever suffered from "Ringling Rot?"

Joe Banker, former circus clown, has, and he is most willing to tell anyone what it is and how



Joe Banker

one gets it.

Clowns in the circus, according to Banker, sometimes arrive at the point where they cannot be serious anymore. Thus, they have contracted "Ringling Rot."

Banker, an MTSU freshman

from Kingston, finished a one-year road trip in January with Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus. His interest in entertainment springs from an intense desire to make people happy.

"Most comedians use foul or dirty material to get people to laugh. I wanted to bring happiness to others with clean humor. Being a circus clown seemed like a good way to do this," Banker remarked.

He was informed of Ringling Brothers clown college by a friend and immediately applied for admission to the school, located in Venice, Fla.

Banker considers himself very fortunate to have been accepted because of 2,500 applicants, only 40 were allowed to attend the eight-week training session.

"One day of courses in clown college is like a nine-hour physical education class," Banker recalled. The day begins at 8 a.m. and instruction lasts until 6 p.m.

The starting point in a clown's training is juggling, Banker said. From there the students move to acrobatics, gymnastics, mime, pantomime, clowning classes, make-up classes and even unicy-

cle riding.

After the eight weeks of training, Banker signed a contract with the blue unit of Ringling Brothers, which travels to all parts of the United States and Canada.

"Out of the 30 men and 10 women in my class, only 20 received contracts from Ringling," Banker said. "Some of the others went to other circuses, but I was lucky."

When Banker saw where he was to live for a year, however, he wondered just how lucky he really was. The circus travels by train, and Banker's compartment was a room three feet wide and five feet long.

"It was a struggle to live in such a small amount of space, but I even did my own cooking," he laughed.

Despite the difficult traveling, Banker said he learned a lot about circus people and performers in general.

"The most important thing I learned was to always compliment performers when they have done a good job and not cut them down if they have not," he said. "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything."

Most of the performers were East Europeans, and although there was a language barrier, Banker said he made great friends. He learned to appreciate his own country more from talking to and traveling with the people from other nations.

His friends from Communist (continued on page 9)

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Candidates quit race for council

Two candidates for the Murfreesboro City Council dropped out of contention this week, leaving seven people in the race to fill the three seats up for election.

Bill Carey, owner of a local realty company, decided to leave the contest late Thursday afternoon. Carey said he could not devote the time necessary to wage an effective campaign.

Tom Rainey, an employee of a Nashville freight company, dropped out of contention Saturday, citing "personal reasons" for his decision.

Population Institute offers grants

Internships offering grants up to \$600 plus travel and research expenses are open to students interested in working on population growth and environmental issues.

Deadline for applications is April 30. They may be obtained by writing to the Population Institute Intern Program, 110 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C., 20002.

Students who participate in the program will pursue solutions to

problems in unlimited population growth by working closely with state legislatures on such issues as land use planning, David Baker, director of Population Institute in Washington, D.C., said.

Applicants may be either graduate or undergraduate students who have experience and interest in population and related fields, proven research and writing ability, academic standing and interests related to the particular

needs of this program, Baker said.

Baker said the project is designed to produce results on the administrative and legislative levels.

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River explorers to plan trip

Those interested in the geological float trip down Utah's San Juan River at intersession will meet at 3 p.m. today in room 320 of Old Main.

It is of primary importance that all persons already signed up for the trip attend today's meeting to receive new information and finalize plans, William Kohland, MTSU geologist and coordinator of the expedition, said.

A projected total of \$160 per person should cover the entire ten-day trip, including the three days on the river.

Those who want three hours of upper-division credit in geology will have to pay tuition in addition.

Anyone interested in the trip who cannot attend today's meeting should contact Kohland in OM303A as soon as possible.

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The MTSU Rodeo Club will sponsor a "classic rodeo" at 7:30 p.m. April 5-6 at the Rutherford County Agriculture Center. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for non-students.

Persons wishing to vote in the Rutherford County Democratic and Republican primaries of May 2 should register to vote at the election commission before 4:30 p.m. April 3.

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Clown remembers life in circus

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countries told him America is the only place they want to live, and they let him know they wanted to stay here. Many cannot, he said, because their visas and contracts prevent it.

In addition to learning about East Europeans, Banker gained knowledge of the million-dollar business of the circus. The organization, he said, wants only a body with a costume and face while caring little for the individual.

"The managers are super nice at contract time, but any other time you have a complaint, the ultimate answer will be, 'Well, that's circus,' " Banker mused.

But although the circus may be an impersonal organization, the joy it brings to spectators cannot be surpassed. The show contains five production numbers: the grand opening, the aerial ballet, the elephant number, and the spectacle and the finale.

During these numbers and in the clown act, Banker has had some wild and dangerous experiences. He recalled the time he fell off an elephant and couldn't work for more than a week. A less serious incident occurred when he was knocked out by what was supposed to be a fake slap in his face.

"The audience is seldom aware of the mistakes and unplanned parts of the show," Banker said.

He doesn't appear to be missing the glamor of circus life now, but he said that despite of the danger of getting "Ringling Rot," he would consider going back.

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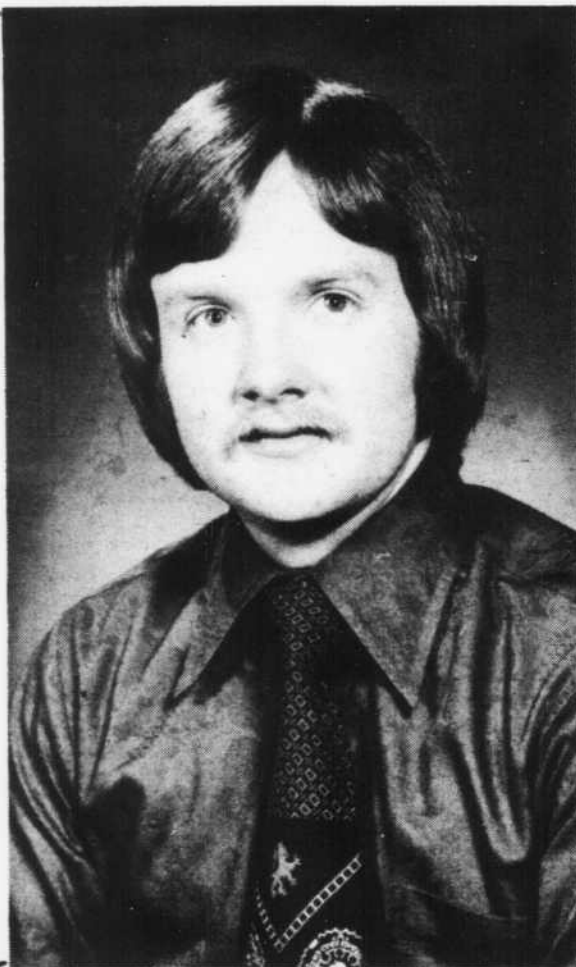
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Netters, 8-0, win pair

by Tom Wood

Exploring the unbeaten trail is what this season has been for tennis coach Larry Castle and his squad.

Only two weeks away from Ohio Valley Conference competition, the Raiders, 8-0 on the year, gained a pair of victories this past weekend from Miami of Ohio University and the Nashville Racket Club.

After squeaking by Miami-Ohio with a 5-4 win and walking by the Racket Club 7-2, the Raiders play host to Shorter College, Berea College, and Murray State over the March 29-30 weekend.

MTSU split six single matches with Wally Norwich, Lassee Durchman, and Doug Miedaner

capturing the wins, before taking two of three doubles matches.

A Bob Butterfield-Clyde Smithwick combo out-pointed the Dendall-Donholm team 6-2, 6-4 while the Lassee Durchman-Peetri Pihko duo defeated Milo Mandel and Bill Wardrop of Miami-Ohio 6-4, 6-4.

"The emergence of Durchman and Pihko as outstanding players has bolstered our hopes for an OVC championship," Castle said. "They have a great future with the Raiders."

Castle rates Austin Peay as top dog in the OVC, but also puts MTSU and Western Kentucky right behind as the top contenders.

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Dwaine Copeland

MTSU wins track meet

Double wins by Tommy Haynes, Keith Cromartie and Dwaine Copeland paced the Raider track team to victories over Eastern Kentucky and East Tennessee here Saturday.

In the Ohio Valley Conference tri-meet, the Big Blue led with 76 points, followed by EKV and ETSU with 57 and 47, respectively.

Haynes, the Raiders' All-American, took wins in the triple and long jumps with leaps of 25 feet, 3/4 inches and 51 feet, 2 1/2 inches, respectively.

Cromartie out-distanced the field in the 120-high and 440-yard intermediate hurdles. He stopped long enough to take second in the javelin with a throw of 157 feet, 10 inches.

An MTSU footballer, Copeland made his opponents eat the dust in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes. The "Roadrunner" came in with times of 9.9 seconds and 22.1 seconds, respectively.

High jumper Jesse Agnew gave his best performance of the year in his specialty to take first place by clearing 6 feet, 7 inches.

Greg Lintner threw the shot 52 feet, 1 inch to capture first place for coach Dean Hayes' crew, and Harrison Salami took first place honors in the discuss for the Raiders with a toss of 149 feet, 11 inches.

John Johnson turned in a 48.4 clocking to reap the 440-yard dash harvest for the Big Blue, and MTSU's mile relay team broke the tape at 41.6 seconds to finish first.

Soccer club sweeps

Vandy, Peabody 3-2

MTSU's International Soccer Club captured two wins recently over Peabody College and Vanderbilt University.

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Raiders do Wright wrong twice

by Reid Andrews

MTSU's Blue Raider baseball team swept Wright University in a doubleheader 5-3 and 9-4 here Saturday.

In the opener, Gary Matthews recorded his third victory of the season against no defeats by tossing a six hitter and striking out eight. The 20-year old senior southpaw from Memphis has fanned 41 batters in 23 innings.

In the nightcap, catcher Scott Sain slammed a two run homer and Billy Joe Mahaffey threw a six hitter to help in the Raider victory.

Vanderbilt handed the Raiders two defeats in a twinbill Friday 7-1 and 5-4.

Vandy's Rick Duncan slammed a game-winning 360-foot homer in the nightcap, after Vandy won the opener with the aid of three Raider errors.

The Raiders outit the Commodores 7-4 and 9-4 respectively, but MTSU pitchers gave up 15 walks in the doubleheader.

Sain went 4-6 against Vandy including a circuit clout in the second game. Sain leads in the team batting department with a .536 average.

The Blue Raiders will face David Lipscomb College tomorrow in a doubleheader in Nashville.

The Raiders next home game will be Thursday afternoon at 2:30 when Tennessee State comes to MTSU.

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Will the WFL be too much of a good thing?

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

A few years ago a high class soap opera called "Peyton Place" was the Wednesday night craze.

The show featured "Love Story" star Ryan O'Neal, and it became so popular that its network rewarded it with another half-hour spot on Thursday night.

As the Nielsen ratings soared, the show was given yet another spot on Friday night. Next, it was shown four times weekly beginning on Monday.

But, as the old saying goes, it was too much of a good thing. Too much exposure eventually caused the cancellation of the show, sending O'Neal to the waiting arms of Ali McGraw.

If you think about it for a minute, one might reason that the same thing could happen to professional football.

When the National Football League was a hard-nosed dozen teams in the late '50s, fans could see a single, tough contest after church each week.

Then, Lamar Hunt and a few others started the American Football League, and that put Curt



Heading for the goal line is former MTSU football player Melvin Daniels. Daniels recently signed to play with Houston of the World Football League. Ed Witherspoon of MTSU has signed to play with Detroit of the WFL.

Gowdy on the tube on NBC.

Before the two leagues merged, it was NFL and CBS, and AFL and NBC. ABC had college ball.

Now, this situation was just great for the armchair quarterback with laces on his Bud can. You could watch college ball on Saturday and catch two pro games on Sunday.

After the merger, it wasn't very long before Howie, Frank and

"Dandy" Don started to light up the nation's living rooms on Monday nights. This was even better for old Armchair Arnold--three straight days of pigskin on the tube.

For those fortunate enough to have UHF on those who could stay up past the late show, Canadian football might be tuned in on occasion.

Now we get to it--the final rub. It's going to be the World Football League coming on your screen starting this summer on Thursday nights for some 20 broadcasts.

Two MTSU players Mel Daniels and Ed Witherspoon, will be given a shot at playing in the WFL. Both will be making more money than most MTSU graduates, and I wish them the best of luck.

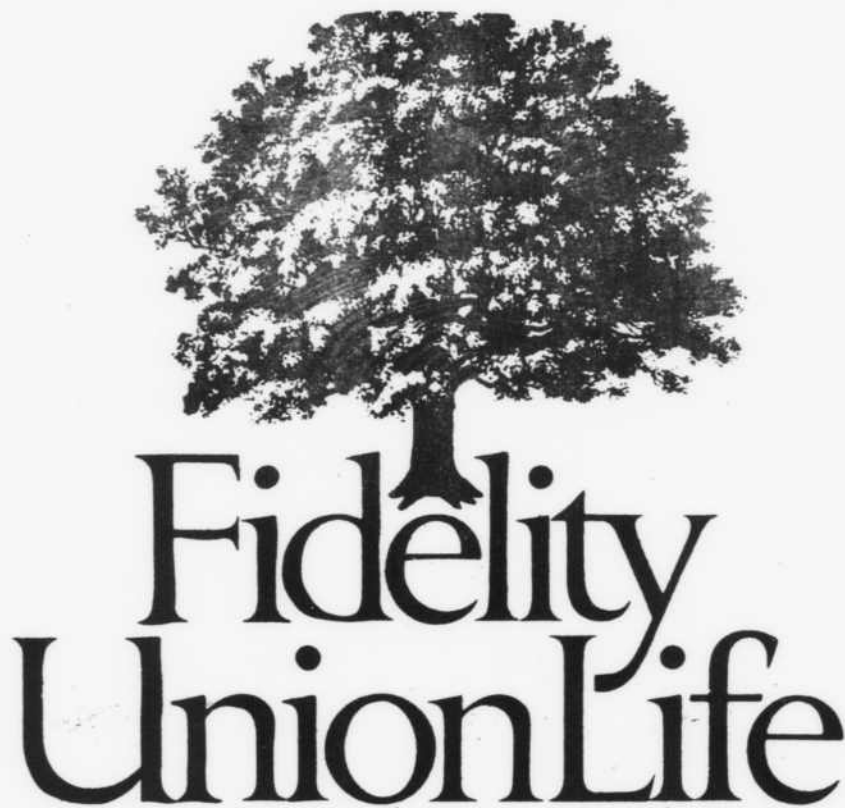
But is the WFL going to be good for football? How much more exposure can football take before it ends up like "Peyton Place"?

I'm in the same boat with the armchair fanatics. I break my neck getting home to see Howard and Company every Monday, but somebody, sometime is going to have to take a realistic look at what's happening with football.

Any businessman will tell you that in mass production some quality is lost. So, what do you want to see--quality or quantity?

A rough road lies ahead for the WFL. I don't think it will last, but, then again, people told Hunt he was crazy more than a decade ago.

Who knows. Only time will tell if pigskin nuts have had "too much of a good thing."



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