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University rejects energy cut plan

by Gina Jeter

A proposal written in the interest of energy conservation to delay registration for spring semester by a maximum of five weeks has been rejected by MTSU officials.

The proposal was submitted to President M.G. Scarlett and the State Board of Regents by Lester Levi, an MTSU math professor.

His suggestion was to delay spring registration for two weeks by omitting spring holidays and moving the calendar forward another week, for three weeks by suspending intersession tem-

porarily or for five weeks by combining both measures.

"Any change in the school calendar would have to be approved by the State Board of Regents," Morris Bass, vice president for finance and administration, said yesterday.

"We have not submitted an official recommendation to the Board to delay spring registration at MTSU and we don't anticipate submitting such a proposal at this time," Bass said.

The president's office has received more information con-

trary to the proposal than that favorable, according to John Hood, Scarlett's administrative assistant.

"We have received climatic data from Dr. Ralph Fullerton indicating that our worst winter weather is often in March and not January," Hood said.

Fullerton is chairman of the department of geography and earth science. His letter to Scarlett also indicates that Tennessee might continue to experience a mild winter.

"Six month forecasts indicate Tennessee will have 60 per cent probability of winter tempera-

tures above the mean," Fullerton said, and temperature statistics for the period 1941-70 show the January mean temperature as 38.3 degrees and as 48.7 degrees for March.

Although his proposal has been rejected, Levi said "everyone should feed in ideas" to conserve energy.

"The ideas that can be acted on without inconveniencing too many people will be; the ones that can't be, won't," he said, "but the more ideas, the better."

"The sooner we use up the resources, the sooner we'll have to take stronger measures."

Housing officials deny requests to vacate dorms

Many students have been denied requests to move out of on-campus residences for spring semester, according to Jim Craig, a housing official.

"Permission to move off campus must be granted by Dec. 14, or the student will be charged rent for the spring semester," Craig said.

The procedure being followed, as stated in the general university housing policies, is: "When a stu-

dent is assigned a room in on-campus housing, the student is obligated to reside in on-campus housing for the remainder of the Academic School Year."

The student's obligation is stated also in the letters confirming his room reservation, in the housing contract and in the school catalog, Craig said.

A student may move off campus without permission, Craig said, but he still will be charged rent for
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Photo by Pete Meadows

Pat Ownby, left, as Beatrice and Chuck Elkins as Silvio deliver their performances in "The Servant of Two Masters," ending its run tonight and tomorrow night at 8 in the Arena Theatre. (For review, see page nine.)

Hiring, rights highlight Scarlett speech

Academic freedom, freedom of the press, hiring of minorities and faculty rights highlighted a speech by President M.G. Scarlett Wednesday before the MTSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Scarlett called academic freedom "essential" to the university and said the status of the president of the university is important in relation to academic freedom.

"The chief officer should have some defense when faced with pressure from high officials," Scarlett said.

"Instances of outside pressure have come to the president's office relative to teachers or people who go to school here," he said.

Scarlett said he had received suggestions about "cleaning out a whole department" and specific orders "to improve the quality of the student newspaper," but he did not give details.

Presidents of Tennessee institutions who try to defend the campus

from such pressures have to remember that they can be fired at any time, he said.

He suggested that Tennessee try a system used in other states of giving the president a contract of four or five years. During those years the president could be dismissed only on the same grounds as a tenured teacher.

"Even football coaches have three-, four- or five-year contracts, but the university president has no such guarantee," Scarlett said.

The president said neither tenured nor non-tenured faculty should be dismissed because of political activity.

"For non-tenured teachers, effectiveness in teaching should be the overwhelming consideration," he said.

He said the tenure policy announced by the State Board of Regents is not new. "Most of it has existed since 1959, when it was adopted by the Board of Edu-

cation," he said.

Suggestions for changes in the policy might be accepted by the regents if they were presented in a "non-hostile" way by faculty from more than one school.

"In the past policies have often been set without input from the administration or the faculty," Scarlett said. "Policies should come up from the grass roots level, not be handed down."

AAUP Chapter President Norman Ferris said the national office of the AAUP has said that serious legal problems could result from the Board of Regents policy that non-tenured teachers should not be given reason when they are not rehired.

"This makes the teacher think that there are reasons that cannot be justified," Tom Vandervort, associate professor of political science, said.

Scarlett said this was part of a growing trend toward legalism in university policy. "We get this

advice very strongly," he said.

He said he did not think the university could ignore the advice of the state attorney general's office.

Members of the campus press have more freedom than persons working on the outside because the latter may be fired if they perform poorly, Scarlett said.

He said community relations efforts could be undercut by the campus press.

He said much of the criticism his office receives about Sidelines comes from individuals who fail to realize that the administration is not responsible for its content or from those "who lack an understanding of a free university."

Scarlett said talk about a laboratory paper had been accompanied by talk about a "fully independent newspaper not responsible to the university."

"I asked for a plan moving toward both, perhaps with a plan for initial financing of the independent paper
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Dorm requests denied

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on-campus housing.

"We have to justify to state auditors for letting students out of a dorm contract," he said. "You can't get out of it just because you don't like living in a dorm."

"Most requests have been denied because the students had no real specific reasons for moving--they just wanted off," Craig said.

"We have to make a decision in each individual case," he said. "But permission to break a housing contract is usually granted when a student is experiencing hardships beyond his control."

Students have been allowed to move off campus in the past when getting married, when needed at

home or when experiencing nervous or mental stress because of dorm life, Craig said.

"About 300 applications to reserve a room for the fall semester were turned down this year," Craig said. "It's not fair to those who had to find other housing or who couldn't come to school because they didn't have a room if we let people move off campus just because they want to."

"Those requesting to move on campus are about equal in number to those requesting to move off," Craig said. "But after you consider those moving out over whom we have no control--those graduating, getting married, flunking out or just not coming back--there would be some empty rooms."

File 13

Persons interested in forming an organization to delineate the rights of any member of the campus community--students, faculty, and non-profession employees--are invited to a meeting in the Grill Monday at 7 p.m.

"Metropolis," a silent German film directed by Fritz Lang, will be shown Monday night at 7:30 in the UC theater, according to Dr. Coy Porter, chairman of the foreign language department.

The semester's third honors forum, "The Role of the University in a Technological Society," will be held from 3:30-4:30 Monday afternoon in the UC Theatre. A panel discussion featuring John Bragg, Roy Clark, Raymond Gibson, Carl Buckner and Hal Christiansen is scheduled.

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The local Omega Psi Phi fraternity chapter will sponsor a dance after the game tomorrow night at the Omega House on Meharry Blvd in Nashville.

Persons interested in applying for the position of assistant poetry editor of Collage should apply immediately to Box 61. Poetry staff members also are needed. Poetry sent to Collage must identify the name and box number of the author.

Members of the MTSU debate team will discuss the energy crisis in a special series of programs to begin Monday on WAMB radio (AM 1190) in Donelson. "Together We Stand" will be a daily feature at 10:30 a.m.

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Scarlett discusses rights

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to make sure it gets off the ground," Scarlett said. "I have received no proposal about how this might be accomplished."

"I have received a recommendation concerning a new Board of Publications that might have better chance at success than the old one," he said.

Asked about faculty responses on a self-study questionnaire indicating that many teachers feel they are not involved in departmental decisions, Scarlett said such decisions should not be made without consultation.

"But authority should lie where responsibility lies," Scarlett said. "Faculty committees should not make final decisions."

"No department head has ever been selected who did not have support of the tenured members of the department," he said.

Scarlett said the university is working on "a number of recommendations" in regard to employment of minorities.

He said Vice President for Finance and Administration Morris Bass and Vice President for Academic Affairs Howard Kirksey were studying discrimination in employment of non-professional and professional personnel.

"I'm unalterably opposed to hiring minority group individuals that are not qualified in order to meet quotas. I don't want to take a step that reduces quality," he said.

Scarlett said qualified blacks often are attracted to better paying jobs in other regions.

"I am aware that women have historically had problems getting experience that allows them to move on to higher positions," Scarlett said.

He said sex should not be a consideration in a department head's decision to release a faculty member.

If it were proved that sex played a major role in such a decision, Scarlett said, "It would not be allowed."

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TEA panel discusses function, needs of state regional universities

by Mauna Midgett

A panel of education leaders discussed "The Function of Regional Universities in Tennessee: Trends, Needs, Prospects" at Monday's meeting of MTSU's Tennessee Education Association chapter.

Panel members were Rutherford County Rep. John Bragg; John Folger, executive secretary of the Higher Education Commission; C. C. Humphreys, chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents; Cavit Chesier, associate executive secretary of the TEA; and MTSU President M. G. Scarlett.

Concerning universities in Tennessee, Scarlett said that "the current distribution makes sense."

"We need to serve this particular region of Tennessee," he said. "We ought to play a role of community service like that of UT."

"But our public service should be limited. Our major contribution is to help students to learn," Scarlett said.

Humphreys said that a regional university "is not just limited to

a certain space of geography, but also serves the needs of people in the geographic area."

The problem of preparing for job shortages now and in the future was discussed by Folger.

"The job shortage for graduates is a real problem," he said. "Job prospects cannot automatically be assumed to be good."

Bragg said that "in the '70s only 20 per cent of jobs will require a college degree as we know it."

"There should be no geographical limit on a university if it has a program that serves everyone," he said. "We have the Tennessee Walking Horse program. Our bounds should be the world in this field."

Concerning the future curriculum, Chesier said that there must be new course offerings catering to adult education, retraining and updating.

"Refresher courses, workshops and short courses should be established to meet these needs," he said.

Campus viewpoints sought

A survey to gauge student opinion toward the proposed merger of Midlander and Collage has been approved by the Interim Board of Publications.

"I think a survey would give students a good opportunity to have their feelings known on the issue of the proposed merger of the two publications," Tim Watson, ASB president and board member, said.

One merger plan under discussion would combine the budgets and roles of Midlander and Collage, with possible publication of a joint issue four times yearly.

Edward Kimbrell, board chairman and head of the Mass Communications Department, said the

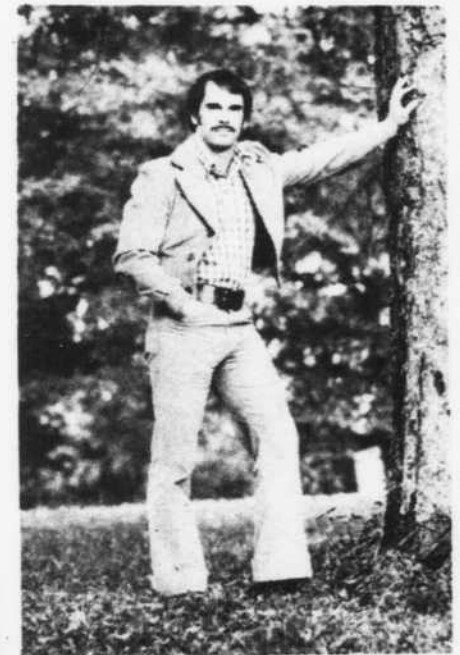
board could only make recommendations concerning any merger to President M.G. Scarlett. He said Scarlett would make the final decision on merger.

"We are seeking out ideas and public opinion on the proposal to combine Midlander and Collage and we do not intend to make any final determination," Kimbrell said.

"The board should consider any future scope and roles of both publications and seek ideas from the administration, faculty and students," he said.

Kimbrell said he had received four letters against the proposal and felt more opinion on the matter should be gathered before the board makes a recommendation.

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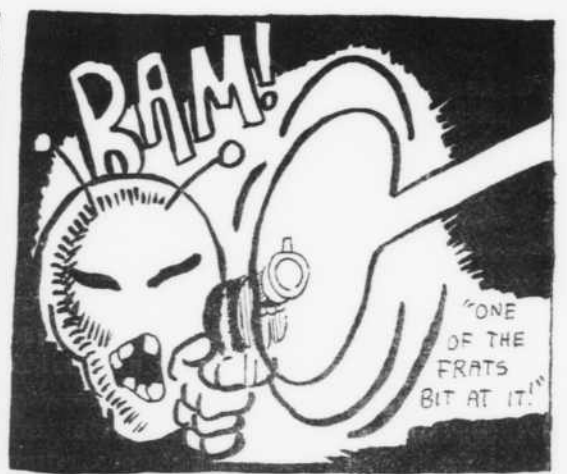
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Royal opposes limitation on police weapon use

Commenting on recent proposals for a law prohibiting police officers from shooting at a suspect unless he is fired upon first, MTSU Security Chief Matthew Royal said yesterday that such a move would be unwise and untimely.

Royal said that a policeman's weapon is a deterrent to violence, and indicated that he has personally been forced to draw his gun to prevent a suspect from stabbing him.

"Any officer will have to use a weapon at some time," he said.

"An officer should know when or when not to use a weapon," Royal said. "Pulling a weapon is one

thing; pulling the trigger is another."

Royal said court rulings and laws that have placed restrictions on police methods have been a handicap in one way, but also have had the beneficial effect of making better, more professional police officers.

He refused to comment on the current controversy over police use of weapons in Nashville that sprung up after Metro police shot and killed a young black man suspected of burglary. He did say, however, that politics were probably involved in the resignation of Metro Police Chief Hugh Mott.

Girls to get locker room

by Eva Boiko

A modification for girls' locker room facilities in Murphy Center will begin "hopefully within a month," according to Bill Smotherman, facilities manager.

The \$4500 project, which provides 1200 box lockers, 200 dressing lockers, 30 shower heads, four toilets, one lavatory and two hair dryers in the women's locker room was approved last month, Smotherman said.

"The maintenance department is doing the job," Smotherman said. "It is a big project and is expected to take quite a while."

The complaints of no dressing facilities for women in the new center was brought to the attention of university officials last year when Sandy Reeves, MTSU student, complained to President M.G. Scarlett about the situation.

The matter was investigated and both the ASB House and Senate passed a locker room resolution

Sept. 20, according to Emily Webb, Speaker of the House.

"There's no place in Murphy Center for girls to lock up books and clothes," Webb said. "So the boys' locker room will be divided giving the women equal dressing room space."

Charles Pigg, campus planner said that original plans for Murphy Center did not include facilities for women's dressing rooms.

"There will be facilities for the women in the renovated basement of the Alumni Memorial Gym when funds can be appropriated," Pigg said.

"All physical education staff members I have talked to agreed that there was a real need for girls' facilities in Murphy Center," Webb said.

"The accomplishment of getting these facilities was a unified effort of both the students who complained and the ASB," Webb said. "I think it'd be a big step forward for the women on campus."

Book thieves warned

by Wayne Hudgens

A rash of book thefts on campus has prompted university officials to take a more strident attitude toward students found guilty of selling books they do not own.

"Several students have reported book thefts to me this semester," Paul Cantrell, associate dean of men, said this week. "It's a big problem now, and everyone should watch for it."

Cantrell said students who are found guilty of stealing books for the purpose of resale to the Blue Raider and University bookstores will be dealt with sternly.

"Any person found guilty of stealing books must repay the owner the full original price of the book," Cantrell said, adding that students may also be prosecuted criminally for theft in civil courts.

"A student found guilty of theft will also face university action, which may lead to suspension," Cantrell said.

"Some people seem to think that they can get away with something now because of the new bookstore," he said, "but we're receiv-

ing full cooperation from them in an effort to catch the guilty parties."

The dean said students should mark all their texts in some fashion so that they can be readily identified if stolen.

He said anyone who suspects that a book has been stolen should contact managers of the two stores and arrange to go through books bought from students.

"Every book that either store buys back from a student is marked with a voucher number and the name of the student who sold it back," Cantrell said.

"Once a student sells a book, the store has his name—that's how the persons who are stealing books can be found," he said. "It's an almost infallible system."

Cantrell said that once a student has found a re-sold book that was his, it should be reported to his office or to Judy Smith, dean of women.

"We'll try to interview anyone who has had a book stolen and then find out who stole it," Cantrell said.

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Campus community should voice ideas on publications

A proposal to merge the Midlander and Collage and create a new campus publication will not be acted on this semester. The Interim Board of Publications decided yesterday to postpone a decision on the proposal until more reaction could be heard from the university community.

Since the proposal was made, many students have voiced concern that the literary content of Collage would disappear or that the merger would result in one less campus publication open to artistic expressions of students and faculty.

Because the proposal is for a merger of the two publications and not for abolition of either one, these criticisms could be ill conceived. On the other hand, it would be foolish to contend that the proposed merger might not affect the type of material used.

There are many who think that Collage could flourish in its own right if it were appropriated more money. Certainly it is under-funded and could be better if sufficient money were available. The question is whether the quality of the new publication would justify the merging of a successful campus publication such as Collage with a yearbook that is in need of revitalization.

Until answers to these and other questions are found, the Board of Publications will not make a decision. Students and faculty who have opinions on the merger should let them be known.

Readers' views

To the Editor:

Terry Thomas endorsed Lester Levi's energy conservation proposals in the Nov. 27 issue of the Sidelines, but if adopted, the proposal could prove to be comparatively disadvantageous. I hesitate to openly criticize the logic of a student to whom I have given an A on more than one occasion, but those who know Terry realize he is a lovable creature and will take these words kindly.

The Levi-Thomas proposal provides for a delaying of registration for spring semester by three weeks and suspending intersession. First, abolishing intersession in its second year of infancy could be a deathblow to this term. Fully recognizing that many are in favor of this type of infanticide, the term should be given more of a chance. For some students, a failure to get off three hours during intersession may delay their graduation. For others, the chance to engage in some unique educational experiences would be lost.

Secondly, terminating spring semester on May 31 instead of May 10 as scheduled, could bring economic disaster to some students. No longer would our students have a jump on other schools for summer employment. Furthermore, graduating seniors would lose almost a month's earning power as their career launchings would be delayed. It could not be offset by employment during the proposed extended Christmas recess--businessmen have no need for extra employment during the early weeks of January.

Thirdly, if delaying the start of the spring semester is desirable,

we have options in the present system without abolishing our young intersession. Abolish spring holidays (is this desirable?) and you have another week. Another week could be taken off the spring semester without any damage, apparently, as this has already been done to the fall 1972 schedule. Originally scheduled to begin Aug. 21, it now begins Aug. 28; the termination date is still Dec. 20. If the fall semester can be easily shortened, then could not the same thing be done to the spring semester? Thus, the present system would allow the spring semester to begin Jan. 19 and end on the same date as present and still have intersession.

Fourthly, aren't we jumping the gun a little too fast and trying to fill the shoes of the Fearless Forecaster by predicting when our worst days of weather will be? What will be accomplished if we decide to delay the start of school, and we have some of our unseasonably warm weather we've had, and then when our delayed spring semester starts, we have such severe weather that we run out of fuel and we have to shut down. Under these circumstances, the Levi-Thomas proposal might help to abolish not only intersession, but the first half of summer school as well.

Fifthly, it should be pointed out that no disruption in the present schedule would probably be necessary if we could see the adoption of a few more conservation measures around here. For a number of years, we have been subjected to overheated classrooms, often around 80 degrees, but although this has been called to the atten-

tion of people before, there seems to be no concern about correcting present equipment. Electricity could also be saved if we would get in the habit of turning off lights after a class is finished in a classroom. Presently, lights are often still burning in a room long after the class is over. From a long-range planning point of view, the university could shift to a Tuesday-Thursday; Wednesday-Friday schedule of classes during the week, scheduling the Wednesday-Friday classes on the same basis as the Tuesday-Thursday classes. This would allow heating in classroom buildings to be shut down after Saturday classes are finished until Tuesday morning. This would probably necessitate teaching and taking some later classes than we've been used to, but surely it would be more desirable than taking a break each winter to stay home and meditate upon the falling of the snowflakes.

David Walker
Associate Professor of Speech

To the Editor:

Thursday evening (Nov. 22) eight students performed keyboard music by Rachmaninoff. The concert was superb. It is tremendous that these students had this opportunity to perform, for many times there are far too few opportunities.

Fifteen pieces from four Opus numbers were played. I must say the concert was well-organized. The poise, skill and determination of each pianist was evident.

So few people attended the concert. I must draw the conclusion

that this campus is not only lifeless on weekends but also during the week. These young performers are our fellow students--therefore they should have our support and we should show more interest in the events that occur on campus.

For an evening of well-performed keyboard music, I give my thanks to these eight students.

Nancy Youree Duggin
Box 4761

To the Editor:

I would like to take a few lines of your valuable space to congratulate the staff of Collage magazine for winning a second All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press, this one for its 1972-73 issues.

While this recognition certainly represents a "team" victory, it would not have been possible without the unselfish devotion and effort put forth by Associate Editor Connie Dowell.

Dowell, who is no longer at MTSU, spent many hours and struggled under the burden of an unrealistically small budget to design the magazine and carry out the technical aspects of its production. The few who know that appreciate her contributions sincerely.

It was my privilege to have served as adviser to Collage last year. I count that experience among the most meaningful and rewarding of my career in journalism education.

Glen Himebaugh
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Student action urged

Before we swing into this week's rant, let's define some terms: MTSU does not have a student government, it never has, and barring something very strange happening to the Board of Regents, it never will.

A student government "governs." It has the power and authority to "do" things. The regents will not, in the foreseeable future, release

are just plain apathetic.

A few lines ago, I said semi-valid. Neither of these excuses, if examined, stands up.

A student association can be a powerful tool for good. It can be a rallying point, a voice in the administration, an effective lobby with the regents and the state legislature . . . if it has enough support from the MTSU community and enough members whose primary drive is the protection of student rights.

Right now, the ASB has neither. It's a plaything, a toy. Membership is something to have on your record when you apply for grad school. It's a mutual admiration society comprised (mostly) of lackeys and toads who bend and sway at the administration's request.

This is your fault. The people in the ASB were put there with your votes, if you voted, and allowed to remain by your apathy if you didn't.

If you want a group that can do you some good, you're gonna have to do a little work to get it.

Study the ASB; find its faults; if there's anything there that disgusts you, write a letter about it. I'll print it/quote it/give it to Tim Watson, who actually is on your side.

If I don't get any response, I'll have to assume everybody is either happy with the current state of affairs, or considers it hopeless.

Radical Reaction

by Michael Mannon

an ounce of power into the hands of the anarchists, atheists and addicts that (in their eyes) compose any state institution.

A student association is a much better term; it's loose enough to be a working definition of almost anything from a working Nashville lobby to a Quaalude party. It's the term I'll use.

Now, the odds are seven out of eight that you don't deserve a student association of any kind. Only 888 voted on the new constitution; 236 who actually held the ballots in their hands apparently decided that the ASB is less important than trying to elect a homecoming court.

I can think of only two semi-valid reasons for this phenomenon: You're disgusted enough with the MTSU experiments in masturbatory democracy that you figure it really doesn't matter; or you



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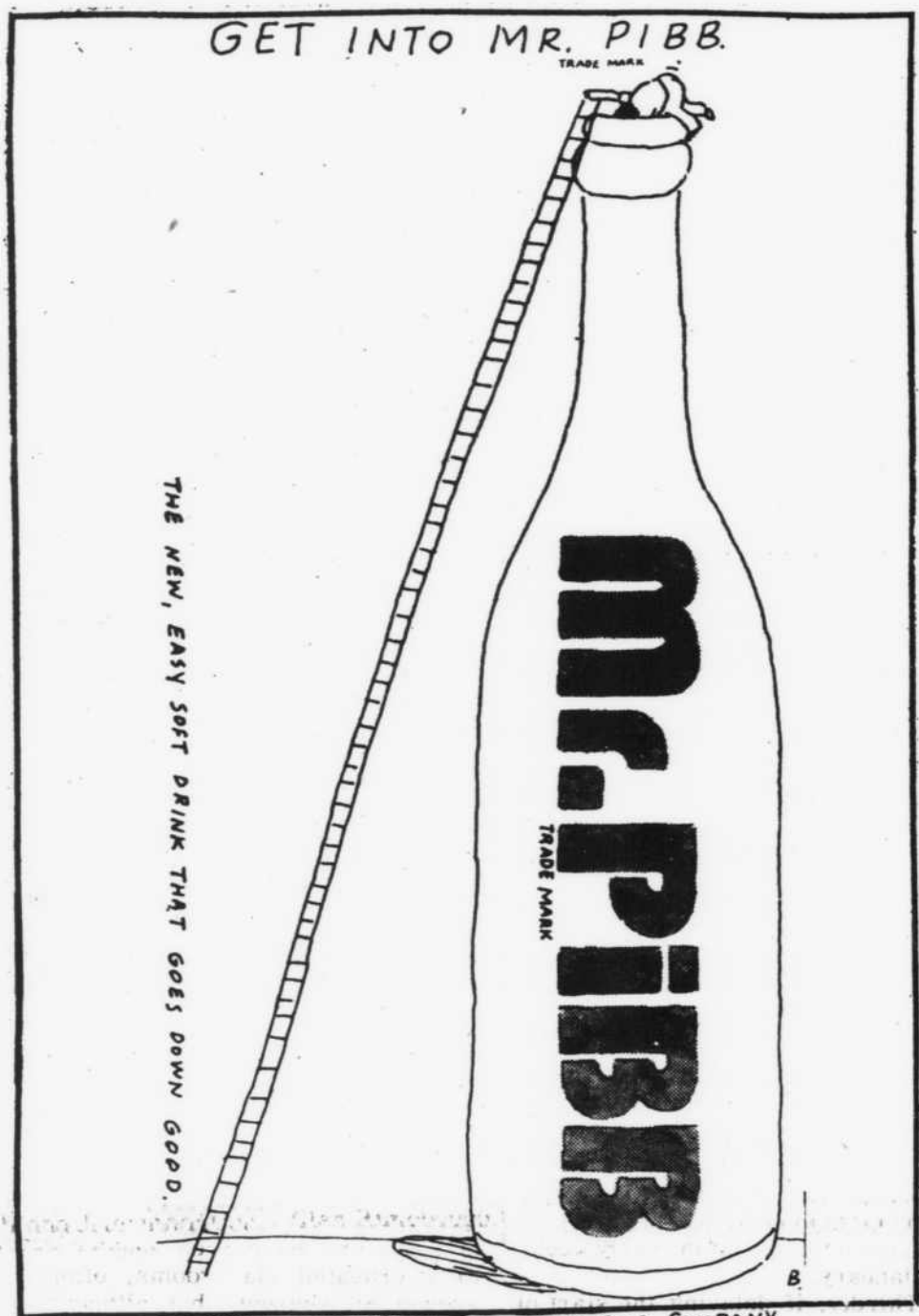
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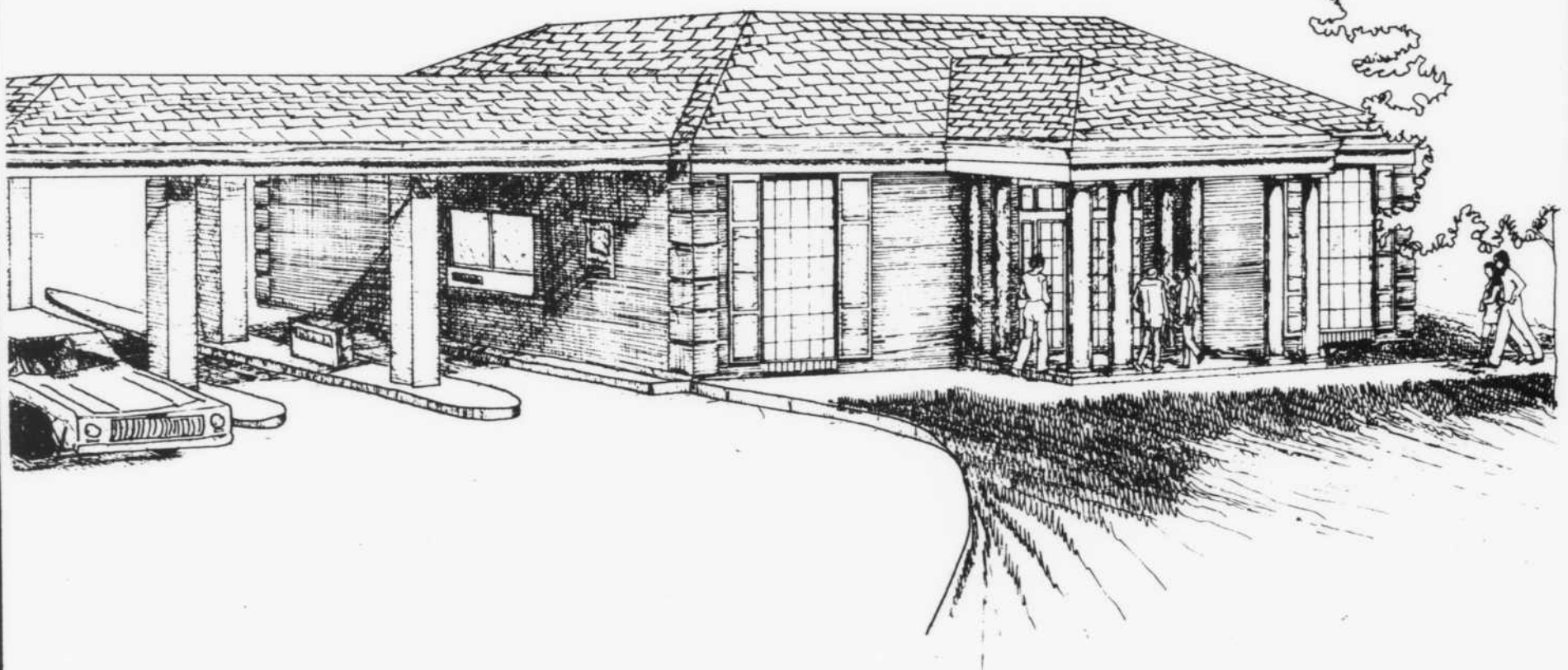
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Play's foolish--just as it was meant to be

Review

by Ronnie Waggoner

I was definitely surprised by the performance I saw here Friday night. The play was "The Servant of Two Masters" by Carlo Goldoni, directed by Anne Petty. Many of the write-ups mentioned that this play was a version of 16th Century commedia dell'arte. I immediately had visions of somebody named Columbine and somebody named Pantaloon bouncing around the stage speling off a bunch of boring jaberwocky. Yes, I was definitely surprised.

A quick plot description would be that a bunch of clowns were running about the streets of Venice making fools of themselves until the majority of them end up getting married to one another. Who could ask for a more foolish ending? To investigate the plot much further is a hard thing to attempt, because at times the plot becomes quite involved. In the opening scenes, a young man

named Silvio is to be married to a young girl, Clarice. Clarice was at one time promised to Fredrico Rasponi, who at this point in time is thought to have been killed in a duel, to the best of my recollection. Surprise, surprise, surprise and shazam.

It seems that Fredrico is alive and living in Venice. An innkeeper reveals that this person is not Fredrico but actually is Fredrico's sister, Beatrice Rasponi. It now becomes necessary for Clarice to marry Fredrico (Beatrice) Rasponi, because she was promised to him first.

At this point I would like to say that the mistaken identity element seemed to be helped by the concentration on unisex. This showed up not only in the costumes and makeup, but also in some of the characters' mannerisms. It appeared to be accomplished quite easily by the cast.

To get back to the plot this change of matrimonial plans caused much conflict among the characters. This conflict was

furthered by a mischievous young servant, Truffaldino, who decides to work for two masters. I think any more delving into the plot would be unfair to anyone planning to see the play and an inconvenience to the reader.

There is only one thing I noted that could have been improved. At times Jeff McClean, who played Truffaldino, went a trifle overboard with his facial expressions and mannerisms, which at times had the audience slightly resentful of him. He extricated himself later by his frequent visits with the audi-

ence. This did place him back in good favor with the audience, and I suppose it is safer to overdo a part than to underdo one. A favorite of the audience was Ray Sanderson, who showed how even a bit part, like a waiter, can be played well.

This play is worth seeing, by all means. The material is hilarious and refreshing. It is evident that the casting and directing of the show was excellent. I really enjoyed the play. It was almost as fun watching the audience react as watching the play itself.

'Between Two Worlds' to be staged here

The play "Between Two Worlds" will be presented at 8 p.m. Monday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The play, to be sponsored by the MTSU Fine Arts Student Programming Committee, is a potpourri of comedy and drama from Shakespeare to Le Roi Jones. It will feature Maureen Hurley and Robert Kya-Hill. It was created by Hurley and Ron O'Neal, star of "Superfly."

Hurley, who also produces the

play, is a veteran actress. She made her debut with England's Bristol Old Vic Company, according to the programming committee, and has appeared many times on Broadway and on television in America.

Kya-Hill is a Broadway television and film actor. He has had extensive classical background with the American Shakespeare Festival and with the Champlain Shakespeare Festival, the committee said.

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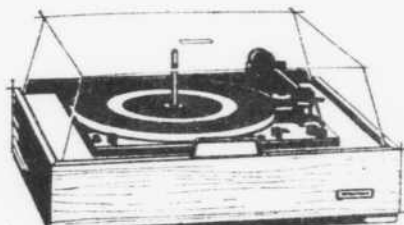
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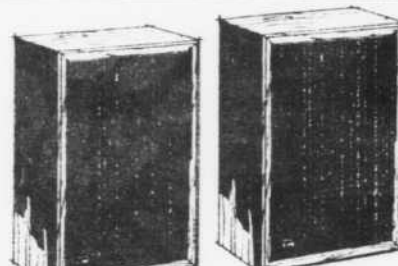
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Raiders grab Tigers by tail tonight

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

Jimmy Earle's Raider round-ballers are going to run with the Tennessee State Tigers tonight in the opening game of the Vanderbilt Invitational Tournament. Coach Earle hopes his squad won't be running for its life.

The Tigers are known for their fast style of play, and Earle indicated the Raiders will have to match TSU's rapid pace to stay in the game.

"We have to stop Leonard Robinson to beat State," Earle said, "and we have to run with them."

Vanderbilt will square off with Nebraska in the second game tonight, a game the Commodores should win handily.

Vandy is coming off a two-game road trip, having defeated Rice and a tough Texas Tech team.

"We played a fine team (Texas Tech)," Commodore skipper Roy Skinner said, "and we came back and beat them. I'm real proud of my players."

The Raiders go into the tourna-

ment with a 1-1 slate. After whipping St. Bernard 108-73 the Big Blue dropped a close one to Northeast Louisiana 87-85.

If the Raiders are able to get past TSU, a lot of people will change their attitudes concerning this year's squad.

The Tigers have been picked third in the national college division rankings, and will carry a 2-6 record into the VIT.

It should be one heck of a tournament. I'd have to pick Vandy and TSU to play in the finals, but a MTSU victory would be delightful.

Hope to see you at 7:00 tonight at Vandy.

Big buildup to go flat?

Junior Varsity Coach Stan Simpson will never starve if he should end his basketball coaching career. He could make it as a comedian easy.

Simpson's latest crack was referring to his squad as "the silicone seven."

"After our win over Volunteer

State," he laughed, "we've been blown up to be something we're not."

Yea Bonner; boo refs!

Senior guard Mason Bonner has been the target of a host of basketball critics since he set foot on the MTSU hardwood.

I don't think there was anyone booing Bonner Tuesday night. If not for his spirited play and hustle, the Raiders might have been blown off the court by Northeast Louisiana.

It's true enough that Bonner is not the best shot in the history of Raider basketball. But it would do some fans well to remember that there are two ends of the court in a basketball contest.

I must say--I was in complete agreement with the majority of fans at Murphy Center Tuesday who were displeased with many of the official's calls. It was a very poorly officiated game to say the least.

Bell gets OVC 'shaft'

It's a crying shame that Raider linebacker Gary Bell got the shaft last week in the All-OVC team voting.

Bell was named on the second team, an unforgivable oversight by the OVC head coaches.

If the All-OVC team had been picked by MTSU's opposing centers and backs, Bell would have been on the first team hands down.

Wilknots take football title

A goal-line stand on the last play of the game enabled the Wilknots to capture the 1973 Intramural Flag Football Championship by 13-12 over the Jocks Wednesday at Horace Jones Field.

The Jocks drew first blood on a 50-yard scamper by halfback Aubrey Bean but failed on the point-after attempt to go out in front 6-0.

The Wilknots struck back and evened the score on a 20-yard pass from quarterback Harry Franks to Gary Melson. Franks hit Roger Cox for the conversion.

A five-yard run by Dan Gibson provided the Wilknots with the winning margin.



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Raider center Tim Sisneros reaches for a rebound during this week's losing battle against the Northeast Louisiana State Indians.

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Indians scalp Raiders with last minute charge

by Scott Elliott

Despite a last minute surge by the Blue Raider basketball team, the Northeast Louisiana Indians handed the Big Blue their first defeat of the season 87-85 Tuesday at Murphy Center.

The Raiders drew first blood on a 20-foot jumper by forward George Sorrell, but the Indians came back to open a 20-12 lead.

However, the Raiders fought back to close the gap to 45-44 at the half.

Eight long-range jump shots by guard Fred Allen kept the Raiders in the thick of things prior to the intermission.

A 20-footer by forward Jimmy Powell, who sat out most of the game in foul trouble, gave the Big Blue the lead after the second half tip-off.

But center Mike Rose and guard Jerry Jingles captured the lead for the Indians with a variety of two-pointers from inside shots and long jumpers.

After center Tim Sisneros tipped a field goal in to make it 75-73 in favor of the Raiders, both squads traded buckets until the score was

knotted at 83-83 with 39 seconds remaining.

A field goal by guard Steve Heiniger stole a Raider pass and passed to Rose, who put the Indians up by four with a lay-up.

Powell hit a 10-footer to bring the Raiders to within two points, but time expired, killing the hopes of MTSU.

"Northeast Louisiana is a fine team," head coach Jimmy Earle said, "they are good shooters."

Earle had special praise for senior guard Mason Bonner, who "played his guts out," according to the Raider mentor.

The Raiders hit 49.4 per cent from the field and 83.3 per cent from the foul line. The Indians managed 43.2 per cent on field goal attempts and 78.6 per cent from the line.

Even though the Big Blue statistically out shot Northeast, they also out fouled the Indians 21-10.

"This ball club will be better by January," Earle said. "We'll be ready for our OVC schedule."



Photo by Tim Hamilton

Wilknots quarterback Harry Franks looks down field for an open receiver as the Jocks' Dan Hicks rushes. The Wilknots won the Intramural championship over the Jocks 13-12.

Jock Shorts

Intramural Director Joe Ruffner has announced the postponement of the Intramural Swim Meet.

The meet will be rescheduled in the spring semester.

Mu Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will hold a car caravan tonight and tomorrow night to the VIT at Vanderbilt. The caravan is scheduled to leave Alumni Memorial Gym at 5:30 this afternoon. Anyone needing a ride or anyone who has a car should

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Raider JV's whip Vol State; Laravie leads attack with 29

by Tom Wood
Asst. Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's Jayvee Squad evened their record at 1-1 Tuesday night with an 84-73 victory over Volunteer State Community College as 6-8 freshman center Greg Laravie netted 29 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Forwards Clint Dennison and Alan Beauchamp helped pace the way as the two scored 17 and 16 points, respectively and combined for 22 rebounds.


MTSU hit on 41.3 per cent of their shots and made 8 of 12 free

throws for 66.7 per cent while out-rebounding Vol State 60-53.

Larry Knight's 22 points and 10 rebounds paced Volunteer State's losing effort, and Jim Morris adding 16 points.

Junior Varsity coach Stan Simpson said, "I hope Laravie slacks off a little or I might just lose him to the varsity."

Laravie has scored 53 points in two games and is averaging 26.5 points per game. He also leads the Raider Junior Varsity in rebounding.



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