

TVA speakers discuss ways to preserve energy

Energy Awareness Week at MTSU, April 2-7, will be highlighted by three speakers from the Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Energy Authority and the Zomeworks Corporation.

Francis Koster, the head of all TVA programs of solar, wind, and biomass renewable sources, is scheduled to speak April 2 in the UC Theatre at 10 a.m. Koster will speak about a pilot program in solarizing the nation planned for the Tennessee Valley. Already 1000 solar water heaters are being installed in Memphis, and Tennessee may soon become the "Solar Hot Spot," according to Koster.

Coordinator for Project Aero-Scan, Deborah Gentry, will speak April 4 at 10 a.m. in the UC Theatre. Her speech will concern the uses of thermography in residential energy conservation, and she will have slides of thermograms showing particular heat loss problems. She will also discuss the remote infrared sensing program in Tennessee.

April 6 is the date that Zomeworks Corporation representative Stephen Baer will speak at 10 a.m. in the UC Theatre. Zomeworks Corporation acts as consultants to individuals, contractors and architects concerning the solar engineering of buildings.

Much of what we hear on television and read in newspapers about solar energy doesn't make sense, according to Baer. The accounting systems used by most people who discuss the questions are quite useless, he said. Baer feels that the government's idea for implementing five-year energy plans is dangerous.

Many other activities are scheduled for Energy Awareness Week, such as exhibits, displays and demonstrations in the LRC simulation lab, which should provide MTSU students, faculty and staff members with helpful ways to conserve energy in the dormitory, home, transportation, and with cutbacks on electricity consumption.

The program was developed by the Environmental Science and Technology Committee and is sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee.

Briefly

Representatives from various organizations in health, physical education, recreation and safety will discuss job opportunities April 3 as a part of HPERS career day.

Career day will last from 1 to 4 p.m. and will be held on the southeast area of Murphy Center's track, where career exhibits will be displayed.

If you've got some spare time on your lunch break April 11, MTSU's noon choir will be performing a variety of songs including "West Side Story" and folk songs at 12:15 in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

The choir gave their first noon performance last year and found that it went over exceptionally well, according to director Cynthia Perkins.

Composed of 50 members, the choir will feature MTSU music instructor Randie Blodgett as special guest soloist.

The performance is free and open to the public.



June McCash, Paul Martin and Sam Ingram during Wednesday's honors symposium. photo by GARY LONG

Honors symposium held

Ingram discusses grades

President Ingram discussed everything from funding to the curriculum of the Honors Program, during an honors symposium Wednesday, but the pass-fail option and grades were the most verbal issues of interest to administrators, teachers and students.

The question and answer session gave Ingram an opportunity to publicly address questions from participants in the honors program.

Ingram said: He would consider approaching the Board of Regents with a request for a cost analysis of the honors program to see if the state would fund the program based on cost.

"We are stuck with an average expenditure per student," he said. "It costs more for a student to take classes under the Honors Program because there's a fewer student-teacher ratio." He added that "he would find out whether the funding formula set up by the State Board of Regents could be changed."

He didn't know if "an honors major would be feasible at this time." June McCash, mediator of the symposium and head of the

honors program, said she felt "MTSU was not ready now for a major sequence," because "the honors program is very diverse."

He would consider evaluating separate courses, where departments were lacking in student interests—such as some minors, to find out if he and the departments felt "we should leave them in or take them out."

That he has "serious reservations about the pass-fail option for the regular student. But I won't say that I won't approve it." Under the measure, he said he felt "students are not given an opportunity throughout the course to see how they are doing the class." Ingram added, "I guess I'm afraid the pass-fail system would not cause the regular student to do more, but less."

The highly motivated student is a different case, said Ingram. "I expect them to do well under either system."

Concerning grades, Ingram said: If a student is unhappy with his grade, he has an obligation to himself to check it out. When a student asked about a university grading scale, Ingram said that the only scale involves the professor as an autonomy figure, who

has the option of personal grading scale.

Ingram noted that the student should know what a professor's standards of grading are at the beginning of the semester, and not find out near, or at the end of the semester.

He and McCash would check into the possibility of getting a seal of recognition placed on diplomas of students graduating from the honors program.

Suggestions for the honors program were given by administration and students at the meeting. Some comments included:

- Testing the pass-fail option among honors program students first to see if the system would work.

- Working to encourage the establishment of more honors courses, and mentioning that a few departments were reluctant to cooperate with the establishment of such courses.

- There may be a problem with the credit hour system of the honors program. Several students felt that the honors courses should be equated with graduate courses, or given more per hour credit, "since they require more time."

- That it is difficult to find and take enough black studies on campus.

- Honors program courses are stimulating to teachers, "a break from regular routine of large classes," and students, most at the meeting saying "they enjoy them more than regular classes."

Ingram concluded the program by saying that he felt very positive toward the honors program and hopes to speak to the group again.

Matlock at MTSU

Diplomat discusses USSR

by Faye Hale

The Soviet Union and its relation to America was the topic of Jack Matlock, diplomat-in-residence at Vanderbilt University, when he spoke here Wednesday.

Matlock former Deputy Chief of Missions at the United States Embassy in Moscow, told a group of students and faculty that no country was more distorted by generalities than the Soviet Union.

Matlock pointed out generalities that were both true and false including the Soviet Union's aggressiveness and history.

"If we look at the history of the Soviet Union we can see that they are aggressive in that they expanded at the expense of their neighbors," Matlock said, "but we can also see that they are a

Ingram will not choose LRC director this year

by Karen Zimmermann

A director for the LRC will not be selected for the coming year, President Sam Ingram said Wednesday.

"We have a tight budget situation next year and after talking with Dr. Carlton and various faculty and staff members, I feel we need the money more for additional support help rather than a new administrator," Ingram said.

The LRC's management situation will remain essentially as it is now with three separate directors for the three separate sections: graphics, the personalized learning laboratory and media production, answerable to Jack Carlton,

vice president for academic affairs.

The decision, not to hire an administrator specifically for the LRC, will be reviewed at the end of the next school year.

It is in no way a reflection of any of the applicants, Ingram added. "In fact I have not even reviewed any of the candidates. I'm sure they were all well qualified."

The LRC director's position was one of two administrative posts requiring action by Ingram when he assumed the presidency in January. Another position awaiting Ingram's decision is that of the graduate dean, and Ingram said he will be announcing action on that position "soon."

Legislation delayed because house quorum not reached

by Janet Hyatt

Four pieces of legislation already passed by the senate were held up Tuesday when the ASB House of Representatives was unable to attain a quorum.

The low attendance was attributed to spring break by Speaker of the House Mark Floyd. "Our last meeting was a week before spring break and this one was just the week after," Floyd said. "Attendance in class was low. People just haven't recuperated from spring break yet."

No new business was conducted at Tuesday's meeting, the second time this semester a quorum was not reached.

Although no notices of the upcoming meeting were sent to house members, some members confirmed that they had received a phone call informing them of the meeting.

"The fact that no notices were sent out probably played a role in the low attendance, but not a big role, because people were contacted by phone," Floyd said.

The next meeting of the house will be April 10 in joint session with the senate. Floyd urged house members to attend the meeting since the ASB budget for the upcoming year will be reviewed by the house after the joint meeting.

Housing director considering running assignments early

by Angie Galloway

David Bragg, MTSU's new housing director, said the housing office might make the decision to run the on campus students preference forms through the computer at the end of April instead of waiting till July for students to find out their hall assignments.

This would alleviate the problem of students not being happy with their assignments and it would still give them time to make other arrangements for the fall. Bragg said the problems could be worked out on a personal basis instead of working the details out in the mail or by phone.

The preference sheets will be the only way on-campus students may register for housing next year, according to Bragg.

They also are important because of the priority they give on-campus student, Bragg added. The final decision regarding the

housing assignments will be made after the preference sheets are turned in. Deadline for the sheets is noon on April 3.

He also added that the housing office was working on setting up workshops for this summer. Band camps and Girls State are held at MTSU during the summer and Bragg said provisions will be made to house participants.

Bragg was recommended for the position of housing director by Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs. President Sam Ingram approved the recommendation.

Bragg was the assistant dean of students at MTSU and was the director of male residence hall programming in 1974 and was the head resident for H-hall in 1976 and Smith dorm in 1977. He is filling the position vacated by James Craig in January of this year.



Jack Matlock, former U.S. embassy official, discusses USSR.

photo by GARY LONG

peacewanting people."

Matlock also said that while the standard of living in the Soviet Union is low, they are second in gross national product in the world.

When comparing the power of the Soviet Union and the U.S., Matlock said that most people have the wrong impression of the situation.

"The press has implied that the Soviet Union is marching while the U.S. influence is declining," Matlock said. He also said that it was true that the power of the U.S. had declined, but pointed out the Soviet Union power has also declined in relative terms.

Many countries "hate their guts and they know it," Matlock added.

In analysing the relations of the U.S. and the Soviet Union, Mat-

lock said that even though the two are adversaries that doesn't motivate the international hostility.

"It's not so much the political system or the ideology that make us adversaries," Matlock said. "Instead it's that they want to make puppet states for spreading their ideologies by force."

On the subject of nuclear power Matlock pointed out that the two nations being so powerful in that area is what makes the relationship between the two unique.

"We have to be careful not to let the very real rivalry go until we confront each other in a military state, it would be insane," Matlock said.

Matlock also said that the two have several areas where common ground could be covered such as pollution control and medical research.

Hynek speaks on close encounters

by Ken Jobe

Although most people believe in UFO's they are not widely understood by the masses, according to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, one of the world's leading authorities on UFO's.

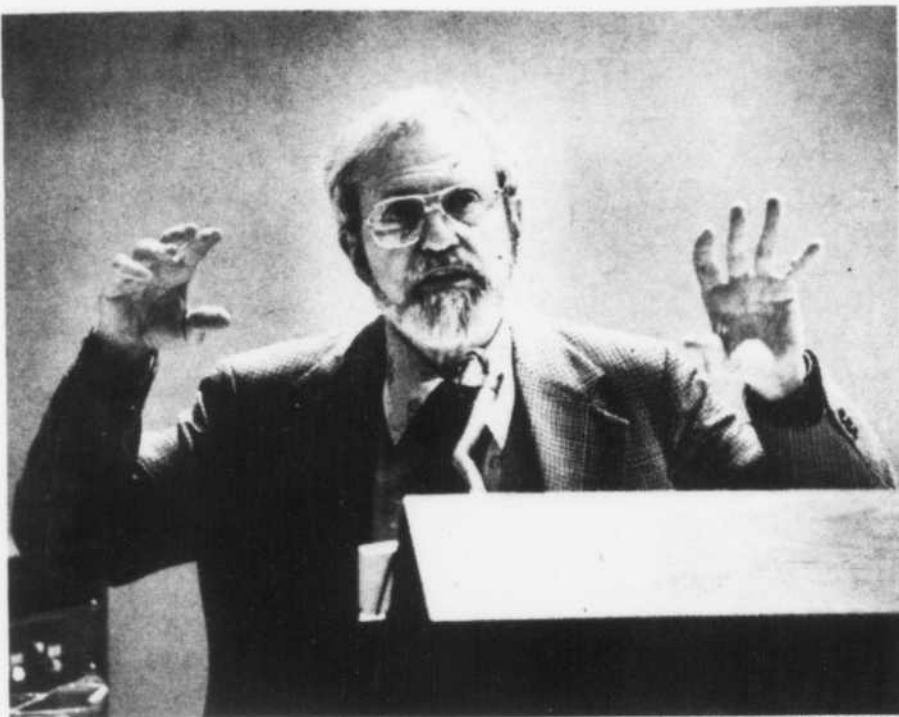
Hynek spoke Tuesday night in the Multi-Media Room of the LRC. His presentation was sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee.

There are many different kinds of UFO's and experiences one can have from them, according to the expert.

Hynek spoke of close encounters of the first, second and third kind as seen in the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" for which he was technical advisor. He said that close encounters can include such things as teleportation, precognition, animal mutilation, solid light, and mental communication.

Hynek also said that UFOs travel in what he termed the "cheshire cat effect." Meaning that instead of going straight from one place to the next, UFO sightings are scattered in no apparent order--like the Cheshire cat in Alice in Wonderland that appeared any where and left only a smile behind.

Hynek has been involved in the study of UFO's for over 30 years. He recently appeared on the "Good Morning, America" television show and has written several books including The UFO Experience, The Hynek Report of UFO's, The Inside Story of Project Bluebook and the introduction to Ray Fowlers' The Andreasson Affair.



UFO expert J. Allen Hynek talked of close encounters Tuesday night. photo by ROBIN RUDD

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Calendar

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Workshop on Parenting Skills: Dept. of Psychology and State Dept. of Education; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., JUB Dining Rooms A and B
Conference: Future Business Leaders of America; 11:30 a.m. JUB Lobby
Dance: Delta Sigma Theta; 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Murphy Center Dance Studio A
SATURDAY
Senior High Solo and Ensemble Festival: Music Dept.; 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., DA Auditorium and SFA
Workshop: Center for Economic Education; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., JUB Dining Room B
Baseball: MTSU vs Western; 1 p.m.

Tennis: MTSU vs Ole Miss; 1:30 p.m.
SUNDAY
Senior Recital: Mark Perry; 8 p.m., UC Theatre
MONDAY
Foster Parent Workshop: Continuing Education; 10 a.m.-noon, UC 313
Environmental Insights Symposium: Ideas and Issues; 10 a.m.-noon, UC Theatre
Baseball: MTSU vs Calvin College; 1 p.m.
Movie: Jesus Christ Superstar; 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre
Quiz Bowl: Residence Hall Programming; 4-8 p.m., UC 318
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Dance marathon part of MD week

by Jeff Ellis

A benefit basketball game Wednesday night served as a prelude to the upcoming muscular dystrophy week in Murfreesboro, April 1-7.

Sponsored by the brothers of Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities, MD Week will feature a variety of events to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, according to Stan DeCoursey, Kappa Sigma coordinator for the effort.

Some \$5000 was raised last year, DeCoursey said, and "we ought to do that well this year, but hopefully we'll do better."

He emphasized that while the events are geared toward competition among MTSU greeks, "We want to get everyone involved in some way."

In addition to the regular fund-raising efforts planned, DeCoursey explained, the coordinators

have established a contest for MTSU greek organizations with the fraternity and sorority contributing the most money to MD receiving trophies.

A benefit basketball double header Wednesday in Alumni Gym pitted the Murfreesboro Jaycees against the WMOT Roundballers with the Jaycees coming out on top. In the nightcap, a squad composed of all-star players from MTSU fraternities defeated the WLAC radio team.

April 1, the fraternities will be collecting donations at roadblocks set up throughout the city from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The official kickoff for the week will be April 2 at 9 p.m. with a party at the Kappa Sigma barn on Maple Street, just behind the fraternity house. Open to everybody, according to DeCoursey, admission is \$2 for men; \$1 for women.

April 3 will feature a dunking machine in front of the UC from 9:30 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m. Among the targets for those willing to make a donation to MD will be fraternity and sorority presidents and Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

A party at the Hot Wheels Arena on South Tennessee Boulevard will highlight the fund-raising activities April 4. Next Exit, a Murfreesboro band, will provide the music with plenty of beer promised for the event scheduled to begin at 10 p.m., DeCoursey said. Admission is \$3 men; \$2 women.

Featured at the party will be a hot pants contest with contestants from MTSU sororities and little sister organizations. A \$5 entry fee is required of participants. The winner's sponsoring organization will receive the total entry fees collected to be included in

their contribution to MD, DeCoursey explained. Judges for the contest will be former Blue Raider head basketball coach Jimmy Earle and Norm Wooddell of Nashville's WTVF-channel five.

The Mr. MTSU pageant, sponsored by Chi Omega sorority, is on tap for April 5. Although the event is not sponsored by Kappa Sigma or Sigma Alpha Epsilon, all proceeds will go to MD.

Capping off the week of activities will be a dance marathon set to begin at 8 p.m. in the Cox Memorial Gymnasium on Maple Street across from the Pi Kappa Alpha house. The 24 hour marathon will feature entertainment by WMOT radio with Carlos Clemente on Friday evening, continuing until early Saturday morning. Gary Rivers of WMTS will also be a part of the marathon entertainment. More than 20 couples are expected to dance for MD.



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Anne Holt, anchorperson for Nashville's WNGE channel 2 discussed advantages and disadvantages in the broadcasting field during a communications class taught by Charles Abrams Thursday morning.

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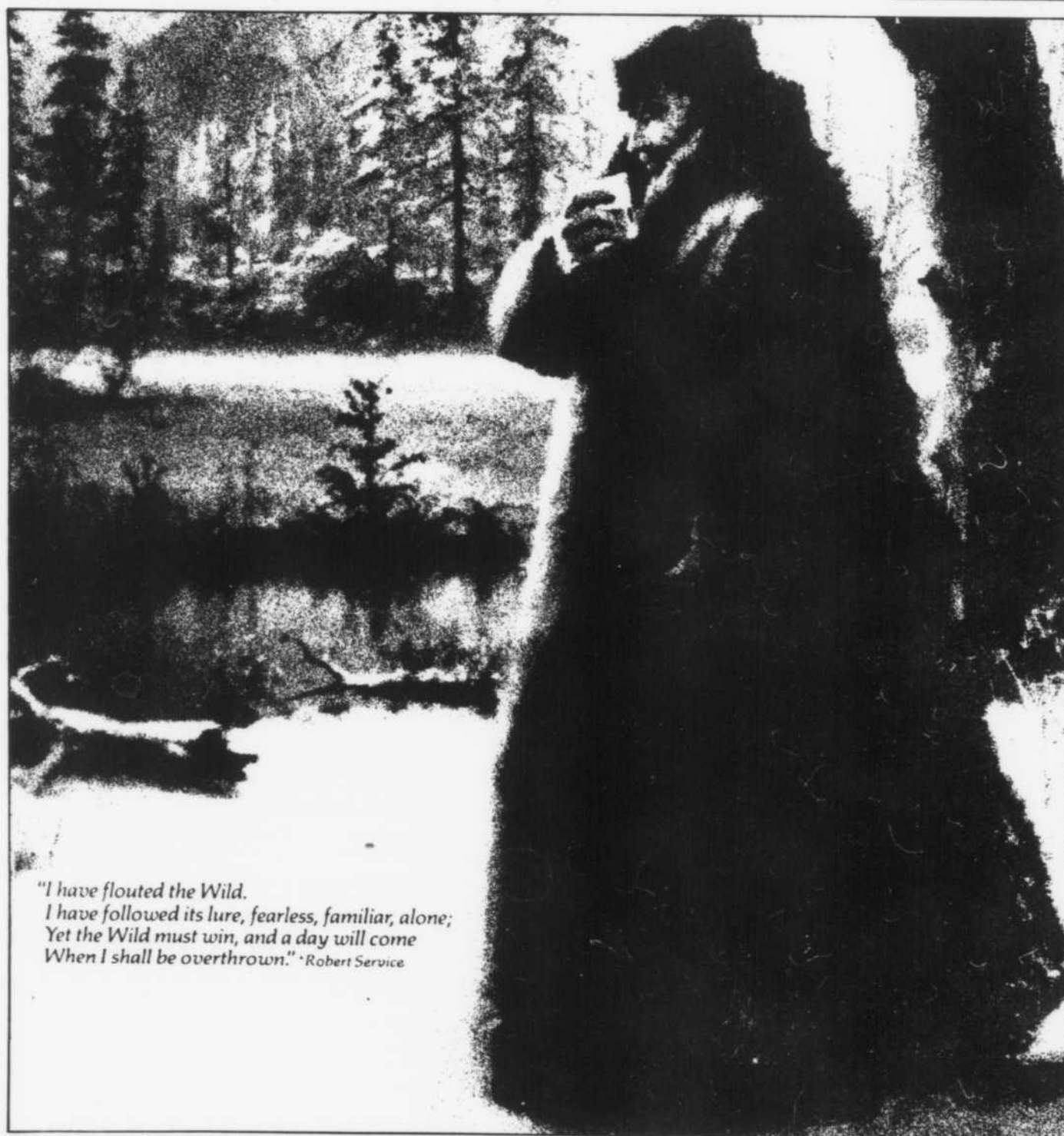
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Newsroom Comment

Abortion legislation leads to protests by teenagers

The Tennessee House of Representatives approved a bill Wednesday requiring parents of teens seeking abortion under the age of 17 to be notified two days in advance of any action.

Whereas there are valid points to be made on both sides, I can't help but remember the day many years ago when a friend came to me and said that she was pregnant.

She was just 15, the daughter of upper middle class parents, and in love. She did not regret having sex with her boyfriend, but she said that she was in no position to have a child.

When I asked her if she had told her parents, we had along talk. "It would just kill my mother," she said, explaining that their house had flooded twice in the past six months and her mother was on the edge of a breakdown. I knew her parents to be very understanding, but she could not face them.

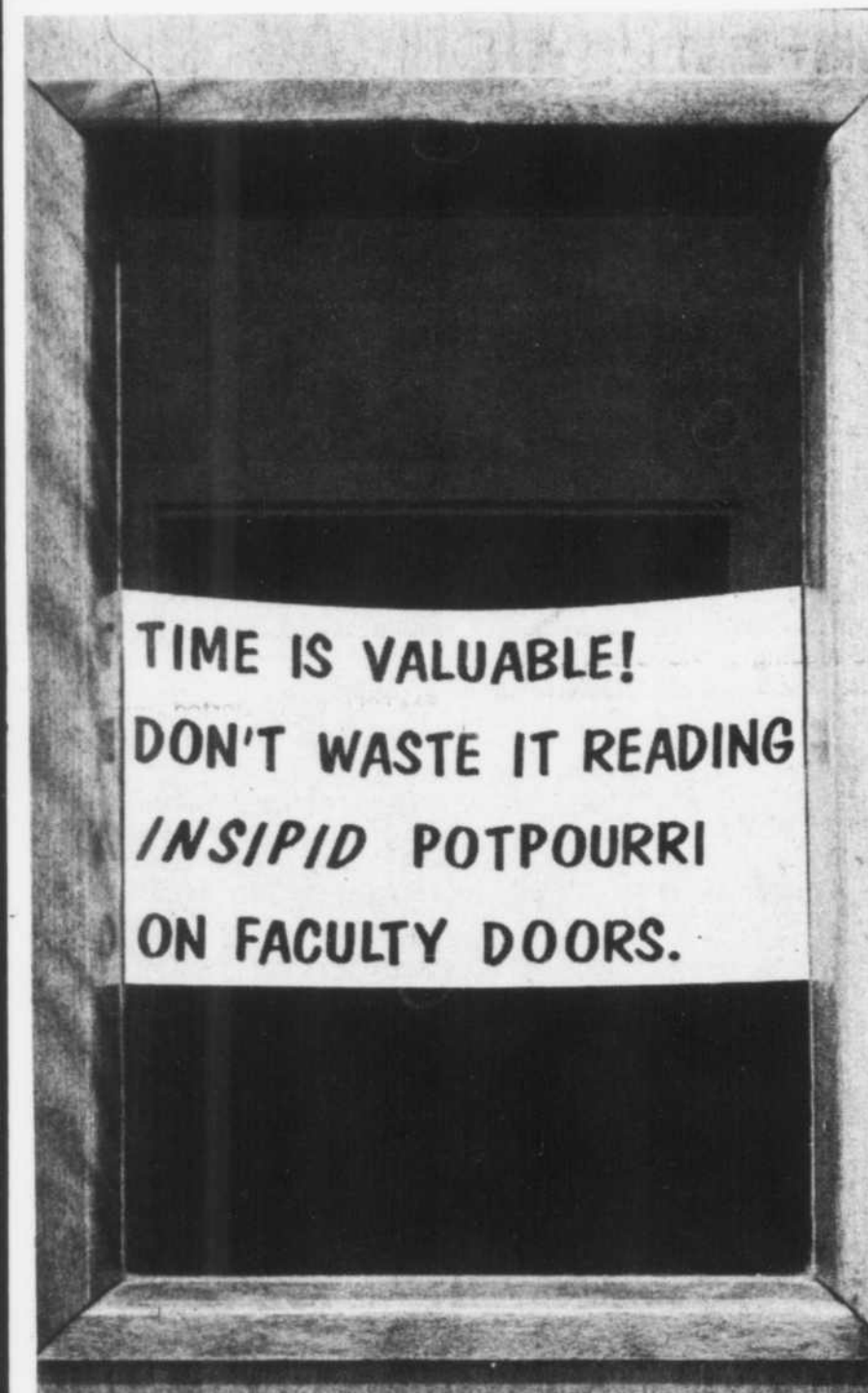
Yet, the abortion was not a step that she had considered lightly. She borrowed some money and had an abortion. We never talked about it again.

Kristie (not her real name) went on to art school and last time that I heard from her she was married and living in the Bahamas.

From talking to her beforehand, I daresay that Kristie would have gone to any length to keep her parents from finding out. Who knows where Kristie would be now if similar legislation had been in effect.

The legislation has passed the House despite protests from a group of teens and warnings that the act could be a step backwards, to the back-alley days of knitting needles and clothes hangers. We can only hope that the legislators stop to consider the full implications of such an act before final passage.

Et Cetera by Bill Cook



Too late! You've already spend approximately .5 seconds looking at this utterly useless photograph. Don't you have something better to be doing? Obviously Joe Sawyer, associate professor of business education and office management did not--He made the sign.

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To the Editor:

Now that all has been said and done, the election commission as a body would like to respond to the glaring omittance of logical thought processes which occurred in the March 6th editorial written by Janet Hyatt.

Yes, we do admit we are human and can make mistakes. Too bad, you don't.

As for the attack on the decision concerning the size and number of signs allowed in the campaign, we do agree that if there was a possibility that the campus would have been flooded with banners... then again we do agree that hell could freeze over tomorrow too.

Concerning your assumption that we didn't know what information was contained in the electoral act, we would like to ask, "Do you?"

Finally we get to the point of the ASB's credibility. Yes, Janet, it may be low, but if you'd get out of your 'palace' in the SUB, you'd find that *Sidelines* ranks ten points lower.

Furthermore, we'd like to say that your knowledge of the situation was far less than it should have been. It might do you and others at *Sidelines* good to turn around and take a look at yourself, you all might find something beyond the end of your noses.

We could continue, but as your cartoonist put it so aptly--Never mind!

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

There are always two sides to every issue and since Karen Zimmermann has deemed herself to be a god, sitting upon the throne of the first amendment, zinging her lightning bolts (which are yellow, of course) down upon the MTSU campus, it is necessary to correct, or at least present our side of the issue.

First, to correct an editorial made by Zimmermann in her March 27 editorial. She writes "Syler...had a number of people calling...to protest." Everyone called voluntarily.

Secondly, she misrepresented facts when she says that I called her a liar. I simply said that if they changed their mind and came out with an endorsement at this point, that *Sidelines* would have lied to the student body.

This statement was made on the basis of a quote from the February 27 editorial where it reads "Because *Sidelines* has no competition on campus, we will not be endorsing candidates for the election."

The circumstances surrounding this quote did not change during the two weeks from the time it was written to the time when the endorsement was considered.

It was also assumed that I wouldn't have bothered calling if the endorsement had been for me, and yet by her own admission in the previous sentence, she states that she gave me the same answer she gave my opponent--which has nothing concerning who it would support.

Zimmermann also infers that the decision to drop the editorial occurred because production was running late, and tries to place the blame on me.

It should be known, that by the admission of her own editor, Janet Hyatt, the endorsement was already written.

The question should be posed to Zimmermann as to the real reason she dropped the endorsement. Could it be that callers did bring to light facts that were overlooked earlier in the blind rush to write an endorsement?

It should also be questioned as to the definitive difference between the terms 'blanket endorsement' and an 'editorial written and signed by the editors'. Such endorsements written by 'real' papers are done by the editorial staff. Is there really a difference?

Hopefully our attempt to rebut Zimmermann's accusations will keep us from becoming the latest in the long line of editorial victims. Although it is debatable as to whether a rebuttal to needed considering the high regard with which the campus holds *Sidelines* credibility.

In summary, let's give credit where credit is due. The editorial was very biting towards me, but Karen, in your own words, it's small consolation now.

Kent Syler
Box 1

To the Editor:

I sort of doubt that this is the only letter concerned with the recent *Sidelines* article about the KKK interview. But I have a few questions to put to the misled mind of Mr. Henson and anyone who read the article. Before going on, let me set you straight; I am white and I am a male.

Now then, my main feud is with KKK's claim to Christianity. What a farce! Show me where in the Bible it says anything about "white supremacy." I don't want to blow your mind, friend, but Jesus Christ was not white. Furthermore he was a Jew. Your requirement of being a Gentile, a believer in white supremacy and Christianity is nothing more than a contradiction of terms. I would put faith in the late Jim Jones before I would even consider putting my faith in an organization that believed they were superior to their own leader! At the time of Christ, the Jews thought themselves superior and looked down on the Gentiles. But Christ said, "No! You think you are wise and because of this you show your ignorance." Everybody is human and everybody has some gift to offer. You say that you "are opposed to inter-racial marriages--we (you) believe in Christianity." Wait a minute--I didn't get the connection.

Another thing, Mr. Henson "suggests" that the NAACP is funded by the Communists. You had better have more proof than that before you say something like that, especially in an interview.

Last of all, what is all this business of secrecy? Certainly, it couldn't be that you are ashamed of your membership, or that you are afraid of what people say or do if they knew. Probably, the latter or both. Please correct me if I'm wrong, though. But I will tell you this; I am a Christian and I am not going to hide it, because I'm not ashamed of it nor am I afraid of what people say. I'm not perfect--I'm human, but I know where my heart is, and it doesn't contradict itself.

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To the Editor:

Well, another election has come and passed.

We have seen campaign promises, debates, handshaking, possible baby-kissing and most of all, posters.

Now, granted, the promises and debates are not that bad, I don't mind the handshakes and I'm not the baby that those collegiate politicians kissed, but I do dislike the posters. Those thousands of 8 by 11 leaflets that have affixed themselves to walls and doors, trees and bushes, remind me somewhat of my childhood days up north. It's not snow I'm reminded of, however, it's a "White Election."

As I was making my trek from history to the UC, I noticed over 50 posters for a certain candidate (who shall remain unnamed). It's not the fact that the posters were there, it's the fact that there were so many. It was as if they had fallen miraculously from the sky and landed on anything in their way.

This brings me to the point of this letter: do the politicians win on their campaign promises or the number of posters they hand out.

In the years that I have been at this illustrious university, I have seen the actions of three ASB presidents. During the reign of the first, I was just a freshman and I was ignorant of any political responsibilities I might have. But since then I have followed more closely the promises and provisions of ASB president. From my observations, it appears that there is no election by the student body, it's a popularity race.

So, in order to gain popularity from people who have not seen what you have, or have not done in the senate, the best tactic is to put up that promoter of the politician's name on the campaign poster.

Apparently this tactic has crossed one person's mind, for he has scattered his name, in the form of posters, all over the campus, including the over 50 that are located between the UC and Peck hall. Not only does he have posters in the foliage, he has the unmitigated gall to spell out his name, in what is equivalent to banner signs.

But I am told that you can only have four banner signs and that there is no limit to smaller signs, an obvious election loophole.

Maybe this politician should have included in his campaign promises to litter the university, spend as much on his advertising as possible and carve his name in every possible location on campus I'm sure that he would have fairly won on this promise.

However, what do we have to look forward to in the future?

I see planes dropping leaflets throughout Murfreesboro, megaphones loudly blaring "Vote for Joe Blow" and election parades through the campus and downtown. But it looks like the best way to win is to let the public know who you are and not what you stand for. Then they recognize only your name and not your viewpoint.

It worked for one person.

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downtown

by Tim Downs



Sidelines Sports

Short ranked 5th in nation

by Scott Adams
Sports Editor

When men's tennis player Dale Short decided to come to Middle Tennessee State to further his career, he probably never in his wildest dreams thought that one day he would be ranked in the top ten in the nation.

In matches played through

March 16, Short is ranked number five in the nation, tied with Erick Iskersy of Trinity University and Jeff Etterbeck of the University of Michigan.

This is the first year that individual and team national rankings have been established with the effort under the control of a national beer company.

The standings are based on a system developed and administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association, and are computed via a mathematical formula that awards points to a player based on the level of competition he faces.

Short, who has played in the number one position on the team for the past two seasons, said he found out about the ranking on the way back from the team's trip to South Carolina.

"To say the least, I was surprised," Short said. "We had talked about the standings before the season started but I had kind of forgotten about them."

Blue Raider men's tennis coach Dick LaLance said that it would be "extremely difficult for Short to stay among the nation's best because the season is really just getting started for some teams."

"A lot of the coaches haven't been sending their results in too regularly as of yet," LaLance said. "But as the season gets going better more of them will start responding."

Short lost three matches in the team's recent spring break trip and he said that will probably keep him out of the top ten when the next polls are released.

"I guess I'm in a slump, or something," Short said, "because I've beaten every one of the guys that beat me last week before. But I've been playing tennis ever since I was eight years old and I've learned to accept the ups and downs."

Short will have an excellent chance to stay in the top ten if he fares well against his opponents this weekend when Louisville and Ole Miss roll into town.

"The guys I'll face this weekend are really tough, so if I do well against them, I'm sure it will help me out," he added.

The system by which the players are ranked is a rather complex one, but briefly it states that: A player will receive points each time they win a team singles match against another eligible team. If the player is in the number one singles spot, he will receive six points for the win, if in

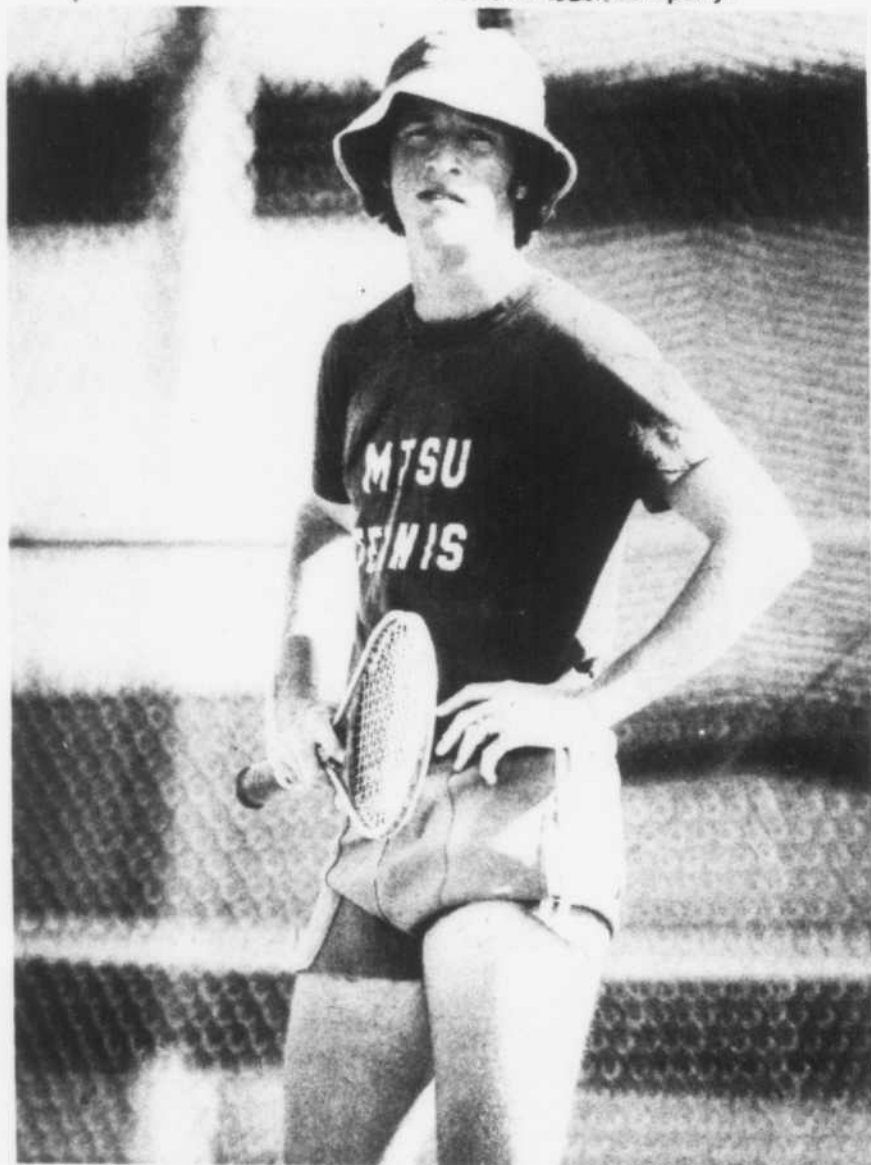


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Blue Raider tennis player Dale Short, has played in the number one singles position for the past two seasons. Short is a junior from Murfreesboro.



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Bill McReynolds [left] of the Pack Attack breaks up a pass intended for Phil Threed of the Hail, Hail, Hail

Stones. The Six Pack Attack downed the Hail, Hail, Hail Stones 22-12 in intramural action yesterday.

the number two spot five points, and so on.

The player's points for a win are multiplied by various numbers, depending on the competitive

level of the match. Point totals are averaged to make sure that no player gains an unfair advantage by playing more matches than others in the poll.

Any player finishing the season

among the top 10 will automatically qualify for a position on the All-America team. Additionally, the poll will be used to help determine player selection and seeding for the NCAA finals.

Begin OVC play Saturday

Raiders go for tournament finals

by Henry Fennell

MTSU split a pair of afternoon games yesterday in the Worth Spring Classic being played in Nashville.

The Raiders dropped a 12-6 decision to Lewis-Clark, before coming back to win a late afternoon game against Aurora. The final score in the Aurora game was 14-7.

MTSU carries a 2-1 tournament record and an overall record of 11-5-1 into tomorrow's action. The Raiders will play a 10 a.m. game against Belmont followed by a 3 p.m. contest with Vanderbilt.

MTSU is in good position to land a spot in the championship game. The Raiders' chief competition for a berth in the finals comes from small college power, Lewis-Clark. Lewis-Clark was 1-1 in tournament play entering a later night game with Trevecca. Aurora, the other team in MTSU's division, is out of the championship picture with an 0-4 tournament mark.

The championship game is set for Saturday at 2 p.m. However, if MTSU makes it to the final game, the championship will be played Sunday at 2 p.m. on Vanderbilt's field.

The Raiders open their 1979 OVC schedule Saturday with a pair of games against Western Kentucky beginning at 1 p.m. on Raider field. The Hilltoppers are led by a couple of big hitters. Junior outfielder Rick Despaux leads the team with a .416 batting average. First baseman Mike Williams provides a lot of the Topper's power. Williams has a club leading 14 RBI's along with three home runs. Western is second in OVC team batting with a .279 average.

OVC baseball is under a new format this year. The conference has dropped the two division system in favor of a single division. The top four finishers in the OVC will play a tournament at the end of the season to decide the

conference's representative in the NCAA tournament. The conference tournament will be held on the campus of the OVC's regular season champion. The format is identical to the one used for basketball in the OVC.

MTSU was third in OVC team batting entering this week's play. Four Raiders were listed among the league's top 15 hitters. Tommy Blankenship ranked fifth with a .390 average; Eric Graves was ninth at .360; Bobby Hines 13th at .340; and Mike Killian 14th at the .333 mark.

MTSU also sported four pitchers with earned run averages below 3.00 at the beginning of the week. Tony Dawkins headed the group with a 1.64 ERA; Tom Wilson was at 1.69; Bill Bratner 1.96; and David Booker's ERA as of Monday was 2.53. Booker leads the OVC in innings pitched. The senior ace has worked 32 innings.

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