

Internship Program Furnishes Student First-Hand Experience

By Wanda Ensor

While so many young people are taking funds and time from their government by boosting the need for law enforcement and riot control squads, there is a program underway here at MTSU which enables responsible young adults to contribute to the government. And this practice, along with the credit hours awarded, make it a very worthwhile program, according to Tom Sparks, Nashville senior.

Sparks is one of the 17 juniors and seniors currently involved in the government internship program sponsored by

the political science department. The semester-long internship features a combination of work and seminars with government agencies.

Participating students work nine hours weekly in close contact with any of several local government agencies. They receive \$225 per semester remittance for the working time and three hours upper division credit for the experience and for attending seminars.

This program offers a really unique opportunity, according to Sparks, because it allows the student to learn about numerous phases of public administration first-hand while materially contributing to the work of the agencies. It's a sort of mutual benefit program tying the university closely with the community it serves.

Students may work in any of several categories under the present internship program. There are class members working with the State Planning Commission, State Department of Revenue, various divisions of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), Tennessee Department of Education, Metro Nashville mayor's office and the Metro Nashville Planning Division office.

Under the supervision of regular government agency workers, the interns do such jobs as researching bills with the public register for the Tennessee legislative council, enforcing sections of the city housing codes, or helping with revenue projects for the state.

In addition to the work duties of the interns, they are involved with a series of seminars with David Grubbs, the MTSU instructor who heads the program. Together, the group goes over what individuals have learned with their different agencies in order to study basic concepts of public administration.

The intern period ends with a banquet where interns, their supervisors and Grubbs got together to discuss their work

during the past semester. In the final analysis the intern will be judged on his individual work habits, his contributions to the agency for which he works and the insights into public administration which he has gained.

"You can learn a great deal of political science and public administration in the classroom—but this can go only to a certain point," Sparks explained. "The internship gives the student a chance to apply in an everyday setting the techniques he has learned in the classroom. For instance, we go out and try to alleviate poor housing conditions instead of just reading about them; we not only hear about problems of cities but we get out and see them first-hand and work in agencies that are trying to bring cities up to the desired level of development."

Unrest, Fear Breed Injustice: John Faulk

In spite of the dreams of America's founding fathers and in spite of the legal bulwarks to protect individual rights, the Supreme Court and the U.S. government can do nothing about preserving our freedoms, John Henry Faulk said here Tuesday.

"If the people of the United States don't make their government work to protect the rights of the individual no agency in the world can," he continued.

Faulk, an American humorist and former CBS entertainer, was a featured speaker for MTSU's Law Day observance.

In sizing up the situation of student unrest today, Faulk advised his audience to look back to the 1950's, "when man's basic freedoms were paralyzed by fears."

Speaking of the McCarthy era and the sweeping fear of "com-

munist infiltration" accompanying it, Faulk called for level-headed action in dealing with minority groups and accusations against them.

Faulk was one of the victims of fear during the early 50s. A regular humorist on the CBS television network, he was blacklisted by "Aware," an organization which pointed out "suspected" pro-communists. In an ensuing law suit, Faulk won \$3.5 million judgment and set a precedent in the interpretation of individual rights.

"Aware's" procedure was to convince television and radio employers to employ its services. They then went over the list of prospective employees and informed the networks of those personalities who "might reflect unfavorably on their public image." And for these services, "Aware" was given a handsome fee, Faulk said.

After Faulk, along with Orson Bean and other officials of the actor's union, openly opposed "Aware" and its policy of blacklisting, the organization hurriedly countered by blacklisting union officials, he added.

The result for him was six years of being virtually unemployable. During that period he obtained jobs both in California and Minnesota. But as the "Aware" list circulated, each of the employers dropped Faulk's show, he said.

The worst thing about the whole situation, Faulk said, was that none of the employers would admit that the "Aware" survey was their reason for refusing a job. And the actors

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ASB Acknowledges Black Student Union

By Michael Goforth

The ASB Screening Committee gave unanimous approval Wednesday to a petition from a group of Negro students seeking university recognition of the new Black Student Union.

Van Martin, president of the ASB, said the committee met for several hours Wednesday to hear representatives of the new organization present the petition and give the reasons behind the formation of the Black Student Union.

The Screening Committee gave a unanimous vote of approval to the Black Student Union's petition since it met with all the requirements set forth in the "Raider Handbook," according to Martin.

The approval of the ASB

places the organization on provisional recognition.

The Faculty Screening Committee will review the petition next, then with their approval it will go to President Scarlett for his final approval or rejection.

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Martin stated that the organization is similar to the CUBE Club. Its purpose, as given by Club, its purpose, as given to the screening committee, is to bring unification to the black students at MTSU.

The Black Student Union will allow black students to organize their ideas and project their goals and search for black identity, according to Martin.

Donald Cleveland, Shelbyville sophomore, is president and Gerald Edwards, Chattanooga freshman, is vice president of the new organization.

The ASB Screening Committee will next be concerned with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Kappa Epsilon, a religious fraternity, both seeking university recognition.

The recognition of the new Black Student Union by the ASB Screening Committee was one of the first official acts undertaken by Martin and the new ASB administration since their inauguration last Monday.

Campus Thefts Are Decreasing, Goodwin Says

MTSU Security Chief Robert Goodwin stated Tuesday that thefts on campus have decreased tremendously during this semester.

Chief Goodwin attributed this drop in crime on campus to efforts by students, faculty and staff personnel in keeping cars locked, and also to constant patrol by the campus police.

Three officers are at work patrolling the campus at all times, according to Goodwin. Nine officers and a secretary constitute the Security Dept., he added.

The Security Office is open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday according to Goodwin. He stated that the office is open from 7:30 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

Weekday calls to the Security Office from 4:30 p.m. until midnight are handled by the campus switchboard operator who has radio contact with the campus police, said Goodwin.

"We have a lack of communications after midnight on weekdays, Saturdays after noon, and on Sundays," Goodwin stated.

Peters Resigns WMOT Post

Bill Peters, editor of Collage and news director of WMOT-FM, announced yesterday he has resigned his position with the campus radio station.

The resignation became effective May 3, he said.

Peters, a Winchester senior, said he resigned at WMOT due to a conflict of interests between duties at the radio station and the campus magazine.

"Another factor contributing to my resignation was that I wanted to devote more time to my duties as editor of Collage, and also for more study time," Peters said.

Asked if his resignation resulted from recent charges that Collage was not reflective of campus attitude, he replied:

"Certainly the controversy did enter into the decision to resign. But primarily the resignation, in effect, should provide no basis for rumors of news management on my part," he said.

Don Coleman, WMOT newscaster, will follow Peters as interim news director, he said.

Adapted Play

"Look Homeward Angel" Presented in DA Theater

"Look Homeward Angel," the play adapted from the novel by Thomas Wolfe, is presently being presented in the DA Theater.

The play was written by Kettie Fringer and it won her the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Award. The setting is a small southern town in 1916 before the United States entered World War I.

Tommy Gray, publicity chairman for the play, said that the first few scenes established the characters of all the people in the cast. The play focuses around one family and the people they come in contact with.

The father is W.O. Gant and is played by George Clinton, a Chattanooga senior. He is a drunkard and his life's main ambition is to carve a figure of angel out of marble.

Eliza Gant, the mother is portrayed by Phyllis Murphy, Murfreesboro junior, as being possessive and domineering. Her eldest son, Ben, is played by Keith Bronder. Ben's best friend, the only one he can turn to is "Fatty" Bert who is played by Susan Ray, a Nashville senior.

The youngest son, Eugene, is played by Jack Gilpin, a Smyrna senior. His romantic interest is Laura James portrayed by

Andrea Lindsey, a Murfreesboro junior.

According to Gray, Eugene is "the character the play is trying to save. All the rest cannot break away from home; he still has a chance."

Gray went on to say that "the emotions, reactions, and basic characters are timely today. The audience should be able to identify with some of the characters so that the play will have a true and real meaning for everyone."

Tickets will be on sale in the University Center today, tomorrow and for a short time Saturday.

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ASB Has Advanced Theme of Separatism

A group of Negro students here has asked to be recognized as MTSU's first "Black Student Union," and the ASB has given its approval.

To become a recognized campus organization, with subsequent voting rights in the ASB House of Representatives, the group must also be examined by faculty screening committee and finally the university president.

But the organization has cleared its first hurdle in gaining the okay from the ASB screening committee.

It is highly debatable whether the ASB's action was in the best interests of not only the university, but also the general themes of civil rights. We believe it was incorrect for the following reasons.

Regardless of the BSU's stated objectives, the organization will obviously be largely restricted to Negro students. And this is separatism. Social fraternities here have no written restrictions against the Negro, but their membership roles eloquently prove another point.

Separatism is not the means to achieve a harmony and coexistence among the races. The only distinct advantage that the black students might achieve in a Union, then, would be the extra vote in the ASB House.

But it seems that if the black students here have the ability and potential to function within the system--and they do--then why must they alienate themselves and continue to feed the fires that spawn fear? The formation of a Black Student Union would do little else.

The root of our problem of racial inequity lies deeper than one vote in the student congress. It involves Negro participation in student affairs. Perhaps this can be remedied here by more ASB cabinet appointments for more qualified Negroes. But nevertheless, the problem will not be resolved by race alienation, voluntary or otherwise.

The need for communication and understanding transcends the quest for identity and unity based solely on skin color.

Therefore, in the higher interest of unity among the races, we recommend that the faculty screening committee deny recognition to the Black Student Union.



"DEAR GEN. KY: I DON'T THINK MUCH OF THE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS, EITHER...."

Letters

Campus Reacts to Puckett's Charges

To the Editor:

A Letter to the Students Who Don't Understand the "Puckett Petition"

Many of you may not understand why Mr. Puckett of our Business Administration Department chose to protest the "use of institutional resources

for the publishing of articles in either the student newspaper or the student magazine that are offensive to the majority of the campus family."

I do not speak for Mr. Puckett, but I do think I see his point of view and, in fact, have seen it around me all my life.

To begin with, Mr. Puckett does not understand that Collage is a campus literary magazine, an experimental grounds for the testing of new ideas in short stories and poetry. He sees it instead as a sort of literary Gallup Poll, confining itself to dish-towel homilies, or anything else that will reassure the folks back home that their values and morals are O.K., and the younger generation is adopting them hook-line-and-sinker.

Then, too, you must realize that the entire faculty is not engaged in philosophical speculation on the meaning of life and the search for the most honest and sensible way to live it. No, indeed. Most of the faculty members, Mr. Puckett being no exception, many years ago quit searching for values and honest principles and chose

to accept the ones they found least offensive to the majority of their peers (or bosses). Having chosen a set of values and an accompanying burden of pre-formed opinions on every subject from dress to taxation to international diplomacy, these people, Mr. Puckett probably among them, know what is right, what is wrong, what is good, what is evil, what is pornography, and what is art. These people are usually called "conservatives", presumably be-

cause they insist on the conservation of all of societies' good and evil, conceptions and misconceptions, justices and injustices.

Do not think that I am advocating that all the faculty become speculative philosophers. I do not. Much of the University's business is not concerned with this aspect of education, but with the passing-on of trade school information so that graduates may earn a living. Make no mistake about it; this is a necessary function of the University. A generation of speculative philosophers would be chaos in the business world and disastrous to science and technology. I am a passer-on of scientific information myself, and I'm rather proud of it.

However, I think that the University is also a place for a student (and a faculty member) to reexamine their society, their moral-value heritage, and their necessary interactions with their fellow man, and, if I may borrow a phrase, "to seek a newer world."

Let me close by saying a word to Mr. Puckett couched in a language he can understand: be tolerant of youth's experiments, for their taxes will pay your retirement income.

Roy W. Clark
Assoc. Prof. of Chemistry

To the Editor:

Editor's note: This is an open letter sent to the SIDELINES and addressed "Dear Concerned Faculty Member:"

I think that I can speak for the vast majority of this campus when I applaud your courageous diatribe against the radical element on this campus. Since you are in a position in which you cannot be too specific in your accusations, you could mention only a few of the more blatant attempts to spread communist ideology at M.T.S.U. "Collage" is definitely a communist-inspired publication as evidenced in the article which slurred the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. You might not know that the writer of the poem on the back page of the latest issue, OSCAR, is actually an offshoot of OSCAR which means Organization of Seditious Communists and Radicals. I have also found out that another aspect of communist influence, WMOT, means Militant Organization for Terrorism. Even more frightening is the fact that the administration is becoming infiltrated. Is Scarlet not a strong shade of red?

Joe Jenkins
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John Faulk . . .

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themselves were never allowed to see a copy of the monthly bulletins.

When Coca-Cola Bottling Company officials finally gave a copy of the bulletin to him, Faulk had legal proof and grounds to take his case to court, he said.

One of "Aware's" accusations was that "according to public records he (Faulk) has appeared with known communists and has entertained before them." The report neglected to mention, however, that the in-

cident occurred at a celebration of the United Nations anniversary and the communist with Faulk was Andrei Gromyko.

After the three month trial, Faulk said, the jury surprised him by upping his request for \$2 million to \$3.5 million and ruling in his favor.

"My feelings had been hurt by the accusations of 'Aware,'" Faulk remembered, "but that judgment had an electrifying and soothing effect on my poor spirit!"

"Aware," naturally, never paid off, but disbanded shortly after the trial. Faulk, however, said that he was satisfied that the court system had established that no American may be oppressed by accusations which have not been upheld in a court of law.

"The end effect," he said, "was that we all got a new look at the U.S. constitution and the genius of its writers, a genius that protects not only the ideals we cherish but those we loathe also. That's the quality that has made America so great through the years."

ROTC Poll Held Monday

A seven-question student referendum will be held here Monday to discover the true attitude on campus toward the university's program of mandatory ROTC, it was announced yesterday.

Robert E. Lee, chairman of the ROTC study committee, said the vote will be by paper ballot in the University Center post office. Voting hours, he said, will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The ASB election commission will conduct the vote.

Also, all MTSU faculty members will be polled Monday through the campus mail. The faculty questionnaire will contain only one item, however, asking whether the instructor favors the compulsory program.

Lee said the information will be transferred from the paper ballots onto electronic data processing cards and tabulated.

Delta Omicron Holds Musicales

Delta Omicron, Women's Honorary Music Fraternity, will present an open musicale in conjunction with Phi Mu

Alpha, Men's Honorary Music Fraternity, Saturday, May 10, at 3:30 p.m. in Coral Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

The program will consist of performers chosen from closed musicales held monthly during the past year. A reception will

be held afterwards in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building, and the public is invited to attend.

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Cheerleaders To Be Chosen

Tryouts for women interested in being on the MTSU cheerleader squad will begin Monday at 4:30 on the athletic field.

A recent ASB bill changed the requirements and the number for next year's MTSU cheerleader squad. The squad will consist of five men and five women with a minimum ac-

ademic average of 2.00.

These will be elected by popular vote next Thursday in the DA Auditorium.

Monday and Tuesday. Men tryouts were held on May 7, but any male interested in trying out who missed the other session should contact Mrs. Levi, at room 217 Administration Building, or Carole More.



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Winning Just Routine To Patty's Linkmen: Team Drop Six This Year, Place High in Four Tournaments

Something that has become "routine" for MTSU sports is for Coach E. K. Patty's golf team to go unbeaten in dual competition.

The Raider's campaign showed no change this year. MTSU linkmen have rolled over six opponents this season including Chattanooga (twice), Southwestern, Tennessee Wesleyan, Sewanee, and Alabama.

In tournament action, the Raiders have also made a fine showing with second place finishes in the Senior Bowl, and

the Murray Invitational, a high finish in the Palmetto Intercollegiate, and the TIAC.

Patty, who played on the first Blue Raider team in 1939, has established an astonishing record while directing the linkmen. His team won eight Volunteer State Athletic Conference championships before MTSU withdrew from the conference in 1957.

MTSU's current team is captained by Ernie Adcock, a senior from Savannah, Ga. The blond slammer was TIAC low medalist in 1967.

Clay Holloway, a native of Murfreesboro, is the only other senior on the squad. He was also voted the Most Valuable Player in 1968.

Art Kraft, junior from Newnan, Ga., was the recent runner-up in the Murray Invitational.

Mike Whiteside, Columbia junior, has been described as the more steady of the team.

Jeff Riley, from Balboa, Canal Zone, has been a big part of the Raider success this year.

Other members of the team are Gorry Risberg and Joel Perantie, also from the Canal Zone.

Steve Head is the other member of the team, the younger brother of former MTSU great Gary Head.

Representatives Meet Tuesday

A regular meeting of the House of Representatives will be held Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 in room 322 of University Center.

Please send a representative of your club to this meeting. Any club who did not have a representative to the House meetings last year and would like to have your club represented this next school year, please send one of your members to this meeting.

He has directed ten teams to TIAC championships in the last thirteen years. MTSU has been the OVC champs seven of the last nine years and will shoot for its eighth crown in Bowling Green, Ky. on May 16-17.

Probably the most impressive of his coaching credits stand in dual competition. His teams won 57 consecutive dual matches before losing in 1966.

Next outing for the Raiders will be May 9-10 in the Mid-South Classic at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

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Applications Being Taken For Sidelines Top Post

Applications are now being accepted for the posts of editor-in-chief and business manager of the SIDELINES for the fall semester, it was announced yesterday.

Also two persons will be chosen by the university communications committee to fill those positions during the summer semester. Publications schedules for the summer are incomplete, but about three editions of the SIDELINES will be published during each session.

All applications for either position are to be mailed to P.O. 42, campus mail.

Applicants should submit qualifications, classification and any journalistic experience, both on high school and college-level newspapers.

Deadline for submitting ap-

plications is May 15, according to Keel Hunt, editor-in-chief. After they are submitted, he said, the communications committee will select the new editor and business manager.

According to a ruling of the old publications committee, during the fall semester, the two top positions are to be made available to new applicants each semester. Therefore, an editor or business manager applies for one semester at a time, and he may reapply only once.

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